

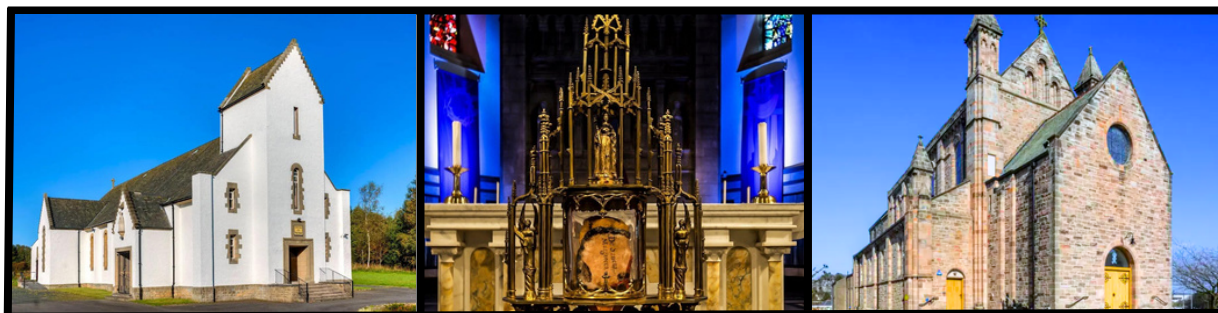


ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B



DATE	TIME	CHURCH	INTENTION
Saturday 13th	5.30pm	St. Margaret's	Noreen McInerney
Sunday 14th	9.30am 11am	St. Margaret's Holy Name	Margaret White RIP Thomas Mould
Monday 15th	Funeral 10am	St. Margaret's	
Tuesday 16th	10am Eucharist Service	St. Margaret's	
Wednesday 17th	NO MASS		
Thursday 18th	10am	St. Margaret's	Deceased members of the Grattan & McGarry Families
Friday 19th	10am Eucharist Service	St. Margaret's	
Saturday 20th	5.30pm	St. Margaret's	Valerie McLarnon RIP

Fr Syriac's Annual Holiday

Fr Syriac is away from the Parish to be with his parents until Friday 2nd February. Fr Peter Kelly will be conducting mass throughout his absence.

For any funeral requests or parish related enquiries please contact Colleen Izatt in Fr Syriac's absence:

priest.stmargaretdunfermline@staned.org.uk | 01383 625611 | 07706 083493

New Parish Contact Email Addresses In Use Now

As per Archdiocese guidelines we now have two new email addresses for our parish contact information, which has replaced our old email address. To submit all parish related emails such as mass intentions, baptism, marriage requests, any administrative issues and any crypt bookings or queries, our new email is:

priest.stmargaretdunfermline@staned.org.uk

To contact Fr Syriac in the instance of confidential matters only, this email is:

frsyriac.palakudiyil@staned.org.uk



Holy Name Steering Group

The next Steering Group meeting is on Wednesday 17th January in Holy Name church at 7pm.

Holy Name SSVP

Please contact Holy Name SSVP Conference if you or someone you know would appreciate a visit for some company and a chat. Looking forward to hearing from you. Contact number is 07709 110706.

One World Group Breakfast

The next One World Group breakfast will be on 28th January after 9:30am mass. We thank the parish for their continued support of our projects. This breakfast is being sponsored by David and Pauline Hambley to mark their 50th Wedding Anniversary. All welcome. Please come if you can.

Fabric Committee

We are recruiting volunteers to assist in the maintenance and upkeep of St. Margaret's Church and the Presbytery. If you are physically able and ideally have a trade skill, please contact Mike Pendlowski or Paddy Mallan.

Garden of Remembrance

As this garden is blessed and the resting place of parishioners, we would kindly ask people to refrain from continuing to place floral tokens in this garden. This will help to maintain the rose beds and continue the reverence of this site. Thank you for your understanding.

Obituaries

Please remember in your prayers Lester Leitch who passed away on 26th December.

His funeral will be held on Monday 15th January, 10am at St. Margaret's.

Please remember in your prayers Charles Burke who passed away on 9th January. Funeral details to follow.

Our thoughts & prayers go to the bereaved families and friends. May they rest in peace.

Ladies of the Parish

The next Ladies Group Steering meeting will be Tuesday 30th January at 7pm in the crypt. This is an opportunity for the ladies of the parish to meet together and plan the year's events. All ladies in the parish are welcome to the meeting and to give their input. Please see our Mission statement on the St Margaret's website. Looking forward to welcoming you.

Catholic Education Mass

There will be a Fife Education Mass on Tuesday 23rd January at 7pm at St Margaret's, with tea and coffee served in the crypt afterwards. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Cushley.

Special Collection - This Weekend

White Flower Appeal 2024-The Society for the Protection of Unborn children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal this weekend. SPUC's vision is for a world where abortion is unthinkable. This year's appeal calls for the Government to end the pills-by-post DIY abortion policy. As well as ending the lives of precious babies, this policy lacks safeguards against illegal late-term abortions, and puts mothers at physical and psychological risk. 86% of GPs are concerned that this scheme leaves women vulnerable to coerced abortion. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers by highlighting this urgent crisis.

Toddler Group

The leader of the Toddler Group is looking for someone to take over the running of the group. Currently it runs on a Friday morning but there is availability to switch to a Tuesday or Thursday instead. Please contact Julie for further information if you are interested: julie@twinklestarschildcare.com

Digital Communications Team

We are looking for new members to join the team to help us out in the new year. If interested please email us: stmargaretscomms@gmail.com

Parish Newsletter

As a parish, we want to share our news with past, current & future parishioners so please feel free to take a copy of the newsletter home with you and pass this on to a family member, a neighbour or anyone unable to come to church anymore. If you'd like to receive the weekly newsletter by email please contact us to be added to the distribution list at: stmargaretsnews@gmail.com

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Job Vacancy

The Archdiocese is looking to recruit a Finance Officer (full-time). The role holder should have accountancy experience with relevant qualifications and training. For details and how to apply visit Job vacancy. Closing date for applications is Friday 26 January.

Calling all Singers and Musicians!

The Archdiocesan Music Day is on Saturday 27 January 2024 at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. It is a free event for those who contribute to the liturgy in their parish through music and/or singing, as well as for anyone interested in finding out more about sacred music. Register at bit.ly/musicday2024



Do you have a new year's resolution? Making your prayer life could be your goal this year, putting God first in everything you do. The book "Praying Our Way Through Life" (as shown below on the right) is a great resource to help guide you through your prayer life. Catechist, George Toal, shares, "[A Love Letter from God](#)" with RCIA candidates each year, and would like to share this with you all:

Dear friends,

As you got up this morning, I watched you, and hoped you would talk to me, even if it was just a few words, asking my opinion or thanking me for something good that happened in your life yesterday.

But I noticed you were busy, trying to find the right outfit to wear. When you ran around the house getting ready, I knew there would be a few minutes for you to stop and say hello, but you were busy.

At one point, you had to wait, fifteen minutes with nothing to do except sit in a chair. Then I saw you spring to your feet. I thought you wanted to talk to me but you ran to the phone and called a friend to get the latest gossip instead.

I waited patiently all day long. With all your activities, I guess you were too busy to say anything to me.

I noticed that before lunch, you looked around, maybe you felt embarrassed to talk to me, that is why you don't bow your head. You glanced three or four tables over and you noticed some of your friends talking to me briefly before they ate, but you didn't.

That's okay. There is still more time left, and I hope that you will talk to me yet. You went home and it seems as if you had lots of things to do.

After a few of them were done, you turned on the TV. I don't know if you like TV or not, just about anything goes there and you spend a lot of time each day in front of it not thinking about anything, just enjoying the show. I waited patiently again as you watched TV and ate your meal, but again you didn't talk to me.

Bedtime I guess you felt too tired. After you said goodnight to your family you plopped into bed and fell asleep in no time. That's okay because you may not realise that I am always here for you. I've got patience, more than you will ever know. I even want to teach you how to be patient with others as well.

I love you so much that I wait everyday for a nod, prayer, or thought or a thankful part of your heart. It is hard to have a one sided conversation.

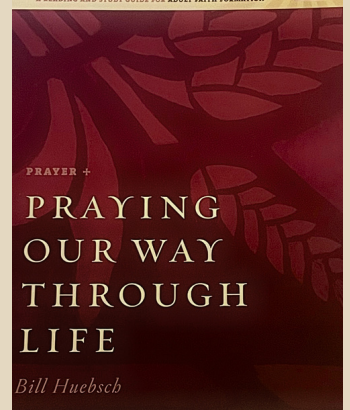
Well, you are getting up once again. And once again I will wait, with nothing but love for you. Hoping that today you will give me some time.

Have a nice day!

**Your friend,
GOD**

**This book is available from
Pauline Book Shop, Glasgow**

Our Catholic Life 7
A READING AND STUDY GUIDE FOR ADULT FAITH FORMATION



A program based on the four parts of
THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
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"Praying our way Through Life"
is a great book that can help
you as your study guide in the
Catholic faith.

To attend RCIA, please contact
either the Parish Priest:
priest.stmargaretndunfermline@staned.org.uk

or George Toal: 01383 728 617

**RCIA classes are Monday's
from 6.30pm in the crypt.**



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Digital Communications Team	Parish Website and Social Media	Email Address stmargaretscomms@gmail.com

PARISH CHARITIES

Society of St. Vincent de Paul		One World Group
St. Margaret's	Holy Name	
Account Name SSVP AE02044	Account Name SSVP AE02040	Account Name St. Margaret's One World Group
Account No 00768139	Account No 13364166	Account No 10191867
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PARISH OFFERTORIES

St. Margaret's	Holy Name
	

SACRAMENTS

Please contact the Parish Priest to arrange Baptisms (at your earliest convenience), Marriages (at least six months in advance), Sacrament of the Sick or Funerals: priest.stmargaretdunfermline@staned.org.uk
 Should you have any questions about the Sacraments, please email: georgetoal@btinternet.com



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