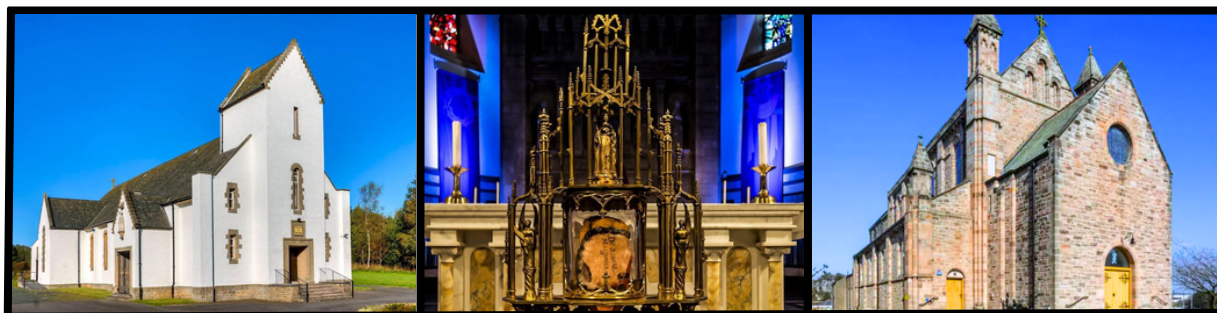




ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B



DATE	TIME	CHURCH	INTENTION
Saturday 10th	10am 10.30am–Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am – Confession 5.30pm	St. Margaret's	Special Intention Hannah Lewis RIP
Sunday 11th	9.30am 11am	St. Margaret's Holy Name	George Reilley RIP Helen Merrick RIP
Monday 12th	NO MASS		
Tuesday 13th	9am 10am	Holy Name St. Margaret's	Tom Wilson RIP Mary McCarron RIP
Wednesday 14th	Ash Wednesday 9.30am 11am 7pm	St. Margaret's Holy Name St. Margaret's	Betty McWilliams (RIP) Helen McCaffrey RIP Ethel Foy RIP
Thursday 15th	10am	St. Margaret's	Vera Thomson RIP
Friday 16th	7am 10am	St. Margaret's	Graham Robertson RIP Charles Burke RIP
Saturday 17th	10am 10.30am–Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am – Confession 5.30pm	St. Margaret's	Cath Antoniewicz 80th Birthday Peter McGuire

Mass Intentions

If you would like a mass to be offered for yourself, family or friends, complete the blank Mass Intention envelopes (for SM in the card stand; for HN on the table at the entrance of the church) and hand these to the Priest. These can also be put through the Presbytery door. Please note mass intentions slots can regularly already be filled, up to a month in advance.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on request at Holy Name & after 10am Mass every Saturday in St. Margaret's.



Sunday Morning Teas & Coffees

Tea and Toast after Sunday Mass in St Margaret's is starting up the first Sunday in Lent! To ensure it continues we need volunteers who can commit to once a month, hopefully less. Please contact Charlotte Macintosh personally or on cjm909@btinternet.com if you want to help out. You may have done this before – please come back – or want to get involved this time round. The 6 weeks that this will be running is a trial and if not enough people come forward we will be unable to sustain running this after the Easter holidays. Thank you

Obituary

Please remember in your prayers Roseanna McGuinness who passed away on 26th January. Her funeral will take place on Wednesday 21st February, 11.45am at Holy Name. Our thoughts and prayers go to the bereaved family & friends. May she rest in peace.

Readers

We are looking for new volunteers readers at weekend masses, especially our Saturday 5.30pm vigil mass. If interested please speak to the priest, our Sacristan Tom, David Hambley or email our parish email address.

World Day of the Sick – 11 February

The World Day of the Sick was introduced by Pope St John Paul II to help us remember to pray for all those who are ill and for their caregivers. He chose this day because it coincides with the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Lourdes being a place of pilgrimage renowned for healing. Please pray for the sick of our parish and the family members, friends and professionals who help them.

Thank You

A big note of thanks to all the volunteers who helped in the 'Big Clean', especially the Fabric Committee and Men's Group. It has been greatly appreciated.

Rite of Election

Let us pray for all those who are attending the Rite of Election at St. Mary's Cathedral next Sunday, 18th February.

Voice of the Laity

We are having another Voice of the Laity meeting on Sunday 25th February after 11am Mass in Holy Name – teas/coffees and cakes will be available. As you know this is your opportunity to discuss any subject related to our faith/church. Looking forward to seeing you there.

World Day of Prayer

Oakley/Carnock Parish Church are hosting this year's World Day of Prayer Service on Friday 1st March at 2pm. The churches of Holy Name, Oakley/Carnock and Saline are involved in the service. We have had good turnouts of Holy Name Parishioners in past years so it would be lovely to see as many parishioners as possible at this service. Parishioners of St Margaret's are also very welcome to attend.

Children's Liturgy

Sacraments for Children not at Catholic school – Registration is on Monday 4th March 5pm in the Crypt.

Holy Name Fun Night

Holy Name are having another Fun Night to be held in The Greyhound Lounge, Oakley, on Tuesday 12th March from 6.30–10pm. As it is near St Patrick's feast day the night will have an Irish theme with Irish Bingo, live music, dancing and Irish karaoke. Refreshments and sandwiches will be provided and all for £10! Tickets will be on sale from next Sunday from Mike or Pietro.

Digital Communications Team

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

The Beginning Experience

The Beginning Experience are holding a weekend for those who find themselves suffering bereavement through divorce, separation or widowhood. The weekend will take place from 5th – 7th April at St. Mary's, Kinnoull, Perth. Completed applications must be returned by 22nd March. For details contact: Louise on 07926 571004 or email: louisep398@gmail.com

'What's On?'

View our Parish events calendar here: <https://stmargaretsdunfermline.co.uk/events-calendar/>



MESSAGE FOR LENT

From Archbishop Leo Cushley

My dear friends,

Ash Wednesday is this week and marks the beginning of Lent. It is a day of fasting and abstinence as we head into six weeks of spiritual preparation for Easter Sunday. I want to offer three things we can do in Lent.

Get your Ashes. Make every effort to get your ashes on Ash Wednesday and embrace this day of prayer and fasting. The ashes signify repentance and death. When the priest places the ashes on your forehead he says: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return". Or he will say: "Repent and believe the Gospel". So, it is a chance to come before God in humility and to say sorry for our sins.

Prioritise prayer. Pope Francis has suspended his busy schedule for the first week of Lent to dedicate himself to private, prayerful spiritual exercises. He is putting prayer first, and we can follow that example. Whether that means getting up a little earlier to spend time with God, or switching off the TV or radio, let us prioritise prayer each day in Lent.

Make sacrifices. Often we resolve to 'give up' something in Lent, such as chocolate, alcohol, caffeine. Done in the right spirit, with an intention to get closer to God, this is a good thing. Let us also make sacrifices for others, to help them, especially when it may be inconvenient to ourselves. That way we can imitate Jesus who sacrificed his life for us all. Please also read the Holy Father's message for Lent at bit.ly/popelent24.

God bless you.

+ Leo

✱ Leo Cushley

Events in the Archdiocese

For a full list of forthcoming events in the Archdiocese visit:
<https://archedinburgh.org/news-events/>

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Lent Video Reflections

Join Canon Hugh White each week in Lent as he reflects on the 'Challenge of the Gospel', in weekly videos posted each Monday morning on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel: bit.ly/ArchYouTube

Stations of the Cross

Join people across the Archdiocese each Monday throughout Lent for our annual Stations of the Cross. It takes place on Zoom at 7:45pm, beginning on 19 February, and lasts around 30 minutes. We will be praying for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Register at bit.ly/lentstations

Retreat for Young Adults

The ARISE retreat on Saturday 24 February is for 16-35 year-olds across Scotland to gather for a day of faith, fun and friendship at St Albert's Chaplaincy, George Square, Edinburgh. The day includes Mass, Adoration, talks, small group discussion, opportunities for Confession and more. Tickets £15 which includes lunch & dinner. Register at <https://www.youth2000.org/events/Edinburgh>

Day for Catechists

If you are involved with RCIA, children's liturgy, sacramental preparation or any other catechist role, please register for the Archdiocesan Day for Catechists at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on Saturday 9 March from 10:30am-3:00pm. While the day is aimed at Catechists, all are welcome. Visit <https://bit.ly/dayforcatechists>

Jubilee 2025

The Holy Father has announced that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee. The theme is Pilgrims of Hope. For more information, visit the official website <https://www.giubileo-2025.it/en>. A Facebook page has been set up that will highlight resources and events in Scotland - search 'Holy Year Scotland 2025'. To help us prepare, the Holy Father has established 2024 as a Year of Prayer dedicated "to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer, prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church, prayer in the world". Resources will be available soon.



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St. Margaret's	Holy Name	
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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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READINGS

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FIRST READING Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

The unclean man must live outside the camp

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean."

As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Take me for your model, as I take Christ

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God.

Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

THE NICENE ("Niceno-Constantinopolitan") Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 31(32):1-2,5,11

You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf.Ep1:17,18

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope
his call holds for us.
Alleluia!

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GOSPEL Mark 1:40-45

The leprosy left the man at once, and he was cured

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured.

Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.'

The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him..



LENT LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Please keep an eye on the weekly newsletter for any changes

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
13th 9am HN 10am SM	14th Ash Wednesday 9.30am SM 11am HN 7pm SM	15th 10am SM	16th Day of Prayer 7am SM 10am SM	17th 10am SM 10.30am Exposition 10.30am Reconciliation 5.30pm SM	18th 1st Sunday of Lent 9.30am SM 11am HN 3pm SM Stations
20th 9am HN 10am SM 7pm-8pm SM Holy Hour	21st 9am HN 10am SM	22nd 10am SM 7pm SM Stations & Evening Prayer	23rd 7am SM 10am SM	24th 10am SM 10.30am Exposition 10.30am Reconciliation 5.30pm SM	25th 2nd Sunday of Lent 9.30am SM Family Mass 11am HN 3pm SM Stations
27th 9am HN 10am SM 7pm-8pm SM Holy Hour	28th 9am HN 10am SM	29th 10am SM 7pm SM Stations & Evening Prayer	1st March 7am SM 10am SM	2nd 10am SM 10.30am Exposition 10.30am Reconciliation 5.30pm SM	3rd 3rd Sunday of Lent 9.30am SM 11am HN 3pm SM Stations
5th 9am HN 10am SM 7pm-8pm SM Holy Hour	6th 9am HN 10am SM	7th 10am SM 7pm SM Stations & Evening Prayer	8th 7am SM 10am SM	9th 10am SM Mass for the Sick 5.30pm SM	10th 4th Sunday of Lent 9.30am SM 11am HN 3pm SM Stations
12th 9am HN 10am SM 7pm-8pm SM Holy Hour	13th 9am HN 10am SM 7pm SM Lenten Talk & Reconciliation Service	14th 10am SM	15th 7am SM 10am SM	16th 10am SM 11am HN Mass for the Sick 5.30pm SM	17th 5th Sunday of Lent St. Patrick's Day 9.30am SM 11am HN 3pm SM Stations
19th 9am HN 10am SM 7pm-8pm SM Holy Hour	20th 9am HN 10am SM	21st 10am SM 7pm SM Stations & Evening Prayer	22nd 7am SM 10am SM	23rd 10am SM 10.30am Exposition 10.30am Reconciliation 5.30pm SM	24th Palm Sunday 9.30am SM 11am HN