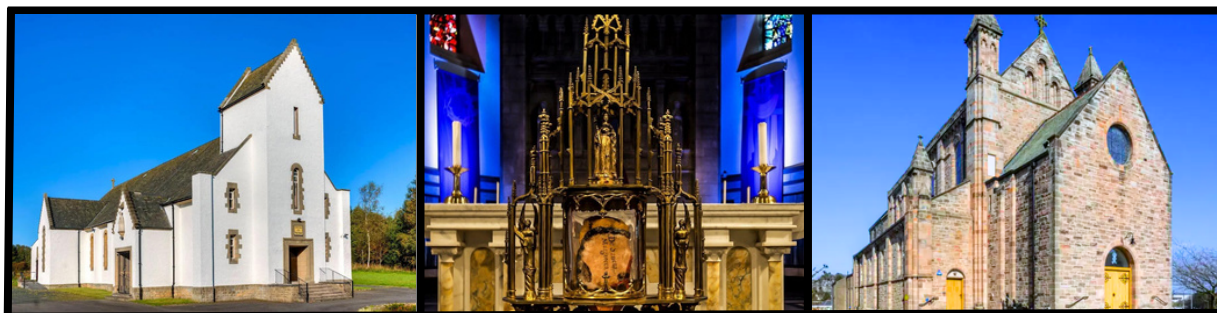




ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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2ND SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B



DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 24th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 10.30am–Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am – Confession	Margaret Gilchrist RIP
	St. Margaret's	5.30pm – Holy Mass	Graham Robertson
Sunday 25th	St. Margaret's	9.30am – Holy Mass	Kevin Minogue
	Holy Name	11am – Holy Mass	James Watson RIP
	St. Margaret's	4pm – Stations of the Cross – Ladies Group	
Monday 26th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 27th	Holy Name	9am – Holy Mass 9.30am – Stations of the Cross	Danny & Vera Black RIP
	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass	For Unborn Children
	St. Margaret's	7pm–8pm – Holy Hour	
Wednesday 28th	Holy Name	9am – Holy Mass 9.30am – Stations of the Cross	Brian Moore RIP
	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass	James Scullion RIP
Thursday 29th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass	Betty Brand RIP
	St. Margaret's	7pm – Stations with Evening Prayer	
Friday 1st March	St. Margaret's	7am – Holy Mass	Anne O'Neill RIP
	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass	Etta MacLeod RIP
Saturday 2nd	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 10.30am–Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am – Confession	Helen Greig RIP
	St. Margaret's	5.30pm – Holy Mass	Elizabeth Walker

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.



Sunday Morning Teas & Coffees

Tea and Toast after Sunday Mass in St Margaret's started 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

Obituaries

Please remember in your prayers Patricia Garner Winship who passed away 8th February. Her funeral will take place on Wednesday 6th March, 10am at St. Margaret's.

Please remember in your prayers Janina Winski who passed away on 20th February. Her funeral will take place on Thursday 14th March at St. Margaret's.

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

Holy Hour - Every Tuesday 7pm at St. Margaret's during Lent

In relation to Pope Francis designating 2024 as a Year of Prayer, during Lent we are holding Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Hour) on every Tuesday evening. It is meant to give us an opportunity to deepen our prayer life and the intimacy with Jesus. Even if you do not have time to stay for the whole hour, pop in even for 10-15 minutes. Please bring your children/grandchildren along.

VOICE of the LAITY

Our next Voice of the Laity session will be held at Holy Name this Sunday 25th February, following 11am Mass. Refreshments will be provided. All Parishioners are encouraged to come along and join in the conversation. Voice of the Laity is an opportunity to continue our conversations that commenced, when composing our input to the Synod on Synodality. Voice of the Laity is an informal setting to allow Parishioners to discuss any topic relevant to our Parish and our Faith. Everyone is welcome, please come along and enjoy the blether.

World Day of Prayer - Oakley

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.

World Day of Prayer - Dunfermline

This years World Day Of Prayer will be held in Dunfermline Abbey on Friday 1st March at 2pm.

Children's Service & Craft will be held on Saturday 2nd March at 2pm-3pm in St. Ninians.

Holy Name Teas n Coffees

The next teas n coffees in Holy Name will be on Sunday 3rd March and thereafter every second week.

Please come and join us for a chat and fabulous baking. Please note the teas n coffees will not be on Easter Sunday.

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.





LENT & HOLY WEEK LITURGICAL CALENDAR

The dates, times, and locations of liturgical services for Lent and Holy Week for both St Margaret's and Holy Name were finalised recently by the parish Liturgy Group. The issue of having one priest serving two churches within the parish, and ensuring fairness for both congregations, proved difficult in planning the Easter Triduum.

Parishioners should note the following key arrangements:

- Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday will be celebrated in St Margaret's at 7pm.
- The Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion will be at 3pm in Holy Name. There will be a Veneration of the Holy Cross service in St. Margaret's at 7 pm on the same evening.
- The Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday will be celebrated in St Margaret's at 8pm.
- On the Easter Day Holy Mass at St Margaret's at 9.30am and Holy Name at 11am.

The liturgy at each of the Triduum services will be supported by parishioners from both St Margaret's and Holy Name.

The detailed liturgical calendar is printed with the bulletin.

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

Pro-Life Stations of the Cross

Every Monday in Lent, praying for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. This Monday (26 February), includes a reflection from Sister Roseann Reddy, Sister of the Gospel of Life. Register at <https://bit.ly/lenstations>

Job vacancy

The Archdiocese is looking to recruit an Estates Surveyor (full-time). The role holder should have significant property related experience and ideally be RICS qualified. For details and how to apply visit archedinburgh.org/vacancy-estates-surveyor-2/. Closing date for applications is Friday 1 March.

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>

Remembering Service

A service for those who have suffered the loss of a child, from the beginning of pregnancy onwards, together with those who wish to come in love and support, to have time in quiet surroundings to fully recognise their loss and help with healing. Sunday 3 March, 5:00pm at St John the Baptist RC Church, Edinburgh. Ecumenical and open to all.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024

The Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 5-12 July 2024. To find out more visit <https://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes24>

Events in the Archdiocese

For a full list of forthcoming events in the Archdiocese visit:

<https://archedinburgh.org/news-events/>



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St. Margaret's	Holy Name	
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Account No 00768139	Account No 13364166	Account No 10191867
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PARISH OFFERTORIES

St. Margaret's	Holy Name
	

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



FIRST READING

Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

FIRST READING cont'd

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

SECOND READING

Romans 8:31-34

God did not spare his own Son

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

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 115(116):10,15-19

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt17:5

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:
'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-10

This is my Son, the Beloved

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened.

And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

Second Sunday of Lent





LENT LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Please keep an eye on the weekly newsletter for any changes

HN = Holy Name
SM = St. Margaret's

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
27th 9am HN Mass 9.30am HN Stations of the Cross 10am SM Mass 7pm-8pm SM Holy Hour	28th 9am HN Mass 9.30am HN Stations of the Cross 10am SM Mass	29th 10am SM Mass 7pm SM Stations & Evening Prayer	1st March 7am SM Mass 10am SM Mass	2nd 10am SM Mass 10.30am Exposition 10.30am Reconciliation 5.30pm SM Mass	3rd 3rd Sunday of Lent 9.30am SM Mass 11am HN Mass 4pm SM Stations SSVP
5th 9am HN Mass 9.30am HN Stations of the Cross 10am SM Mass 7pm-8pm SM Holy Hour	6th 9am HN Mass 9.30am HN Stations of the Cross 10am SM Mass	7th 10am SM Mass 7pm SM Stations & Evening Prayer	8th 7am SM Mass 10am SM Mass	9th 10am SM Mass for the Sick 5.30pm SM Mass	10th 4th Sunday of Lent 9.30am SM Mass 11am HN Mass 4pm SM Stations Men's Group
12th 9am HN Mass 9.30am HN Stations of the Cross 10am SM Mass 7pm-8pm SM Holy Hour	13th 9am HN Mass 10am SM Mass 7pm SM Lenten Talk & Reconciliation Service	14th 10am SM Mass	15th 7am SM Mass 10am SM Mass	16th 10am SM Mass 11am HN Mass for the Sick 5.30pm SM Mass	17th 5th Sunday of Lent St. Patrick's Day 9.30am SM Mass 11am HN Mass 3pm HN Stations of the Cross 4pm SM Stations Eucharistic Ministers
19th 9am HN Mass 9.30am HN Stations of the Cross 10am SM Mass 7pm-8pm SM Holy Hour	20th 9am HN Mass 9.30am HN Stations of the Cross 10am SM Mass	21st 10am SM Mass 7pm SM Stations & Evening Prayer	22nd 7am SM Mass 10am SM Mass	23rd 10am SM Mass 10.30am Exposition 10.30am Reconciliation 5.30pm SM Mass	24th Palm Sunday 9.30am SM Mass 11am HN Mass
26th 9am HN Mass 9.30am HN Stations of the Cross 10am SM Mass 7pm-8pm SM Holy Hour	27th 9am HN Mass 9.30am HN Stations of the Cross 10am SM Mass 6.30pm SM SM P.S. Stations of the Cross in Action	28th Holy Thursday 10am SM Mass 7pm SM Mass	29th Good Friday 3pm HN Liturgy of the Lord's Passion followed by Stations of the Cross 7pm SM Veneration of the Cross	30th Holy Saturday 8pm SM Easter Vigil	31st Easter Sunday 9.30am SM Mass 11am HN Mass