



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B



DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 9th	St. Margaret's St. Margaret's	10am – Mass for the Sick 5.30pm – Holy Mass	Sr Catherine (Birthday)
Sunday 10th	St. Margaret's Holy Name St. Margaret's	9.30am – Holy Mass 11am – Holy Mass 4pm – Stations of the Cross – Men's Group	Patrick Ward RIP Catherine Brodley RIP
Monday 11th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 12th	Holy Name St. Margaret's St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 9.30am – Stations of the Cross 10am – Holy Mass 7pm–8pm – Holy Hour	Catherine Ainslie Mikey (Wellbeing)
Wednesday 13th	Holy Name St. Margaret's St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass 7pm – Lenten Talk & Reconciliation Service	Ann McGuinness RIP David & Mary McPherson RIP
Thursday 14th	St. Margaret's St. Margaret's	10am – Requiem Mass for Janina Winski 7pm – Stations with Evening Prayer	
Friday 15th	St. Margaret's St. Margaret's	7am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass	Fr Chris Margaret & Theresa Dunn
Saturday 16th	St. Margaret's Holy Name St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 11am – Mass for the Sick 5.30pm – Holy Mass	Special Int. (Mrs Collierwood) Margaret Grant RIP

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 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.

Obituary

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 she rest in peace.

Mass for the Sick

There will be Mass for the Sick on Saturday 9th March at 10am in St. Margaret's, and on Saturday 16th March at 11am in Holy Name.

Sick of the Parish

We would like to ask parishioners of St. Margaret's and Holy Name to remember in your prayers Margaret Wilson, Joe Wilson & Anne McPherson during their period of illness.

Voice of the Laity – 25th Feb

A summary of our discussions from our recent Voice of the Laity session held at Holy Name on 25th February are available on the Parish website. We would encourage you to have a wee read.

Holy Name Church

Stations of the Cross from the perspective of Mary the Mother of Jesus on Sunday 17th March at 3.00pm

Holy Name Teas n Coffees

The next teas n coffees in Holy Name will be on Sunday 17th 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.

Centering Prayer Introductory Day – Sunday 17th March

In response to the call from the Second Vatican Council for a renewal of the long tradition of Contemplative Prayer within the Church, Fathers Thomas Keating, Basil Pennington, and William Meninger developed the method now known as Centering Prayer. Inspired by the 14th century mystical work 'The Cloud of Unknowing' it was designed to help Lay people living ordinary lives to develop and deepen their prayer life. During this Introductory Day you will learn the four simple guidelines of Centering Prayer explained within the context of a personal relationship with God. Our Introductory Day will take place in the Lady Chapel; the Day will begin immediately after 9:30 am Mass, and will include opportunities to practice this silent prayer with others, finishing before Stations of the Cross at 4pm. To register interest please send an email to: priest.stmargaretdunfermline@staned.org.uk or hugh_reid2@yahoo.co.uk.

Christian Meditation during Lent

During the solemn season of Lent, Christian Meditation offers us a profound way to deepen our relationship with God, drawing closer to the Divine through the silence and simplicity of contemplative prayer. This practice encourages us to quiet our minds and hearts, making space for the Holy Spirit to speak within us, thus fostering a more intimate experience of God's presence and love. We meditate in person at 63 York Place, Edinburgh EH3 5AD, on Fridays at 7.30 p.m. Afterwards you are welcome for refreshments and to socialize. On Wednesdays at 7 p.m. we meditate online on Zoom and you can join from anywhere. The up-to-date schedule is here: <https://www.meetup.com/Christian-Meditation-Group/events/> Contact info – mobile: 0771 777 2614 Facebook: <http://on.fb.me/1cuO5QJ>

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

Special Collection This Weekend

This weekend there will be a special collection for Papal & Episcopal Charities (including SCIAF) at all Masses. Archbishop Leo Cushley said: "The money you donate is used to support much needed projects for people in need across the world and we pray for all those involved in the charitable works of the Church. Thank you for your generosity in almsgiving during Lent." – Archbishop Leo Cushley.

Pathways of Hope

Learn all about Catholic Social Teaching and Poverty at a special event titled 'Pathways of Hope'. It takes place on Saturday 16 March 10:30am-3:00pm at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Free event. Register at bit.ly/pathwaysofhopeevent

Vacancy

The Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh is seeking to appoint a Chief Operating Officer. Job description and application details are in the news-events section at archedinburgh.org. Closing date for applications is Friday 22 March 2024.

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 on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel: bit.ly/ArchYouTube

Pro-Life Stations of the Cross

Every Monday in Lent at 7:45pm, praying for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. This Monday (11 March) includes a reflection from Fr Michael Carrie (Dunkeld Diocese). Register at <https://bit.ly/lentstations>

Called to be Saints - Youth Day

A day of inspiration, friendship and prayer for S1-S4 pupils. Features talks from guests including Judith Ralston, television presenter. It takes place on Saturday 23 March, midday to 4:00pm at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Register your child for this FREE event at bit.ly/calledtobesaints

Holy Week Webinar

Join Monsignor Patrick Burke, from St Mary's Cathedral, to meditate on the Passion of Christ as written in the Gospel of St John. This Zoom event takes place at 6:00pm on Palm Sunday (24 March) on Zoom. The event is a good way to start Holy Week in a spirit of reflection and to discover insights into Christ's Passion. Register at bit.ly/passionevent2024

Events in the Archdiocese

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

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

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PARISH CHARITIES

Society of St. Vincent de Paul		One World Group
St. Margaret's	Holy Name	
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Account No 00768139	Account No 13364166	Account No 10191867
Sort Code 80 - 06 - 55	Sort Code 80 - 22 - 60	Sort Code 83 - 33 - 00

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

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



FIRST READING

2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord

FIRST READING cont'd

roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:4-10

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

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

Psalms 136(137):1-6

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn3:16

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son:
everyone who believes in him has eternal life.
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned;

but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil.

And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed;

but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'



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
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 7pm SM Stations & Evening Prayer	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 3pm SM Benediction for SSVP Easter Festival
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 Holy Cross	30th Holy Saturday 8pm SM Easter Vigil	31st Easter Sunday 9.30am SM Mass 11am HN Mass

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, 7pm at St. Margaret's. 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.

Mass for the Sick

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Lenten Talk & Reconciliation Service

There will be a Lenten talk & reconciliation service on Wednesday 13th March at 7pm in St. Margaret's, held by Rev Fr Elias, CSSR from Kinnoull. There will be a number of priests in attendance who will be offering individual confessions afterwards.