



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B



DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS INTENTION
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 Collerwood) Margaret Grant RIP
Sunday 17th St. Patrick's Day	St. Margaret's Holy Name St. Margaret's	9.30am – Holy Mass 11am – Holy Mass 3pm – Stations of the Cross 4pm – Stations of the Cross – Eucharistic Ministers	Margaret Gilchrist RIP Patrick Brolly RIP
Monday 18th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 19th Feast of St. Joseph	Holy Name St. Margaret's St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 9.30am – Stations of the Cross 10am – Holy Mass 7pm–8pm – Holy Hour	Etta McLeod RIP Wellbeing (Mikey)
Wednesday 20th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 9.30am – Stations of the Cross 10am – Holy Mass	Bill MacKie RIP Catherine Crum RIP
Thursday 21st	St. Margaret's St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 7pm – Stations with Evening Prayer	Helen Stainhorp RIP
Friday 22nd	St. Margaret's St. Margaret's	7am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass	Our Lady of Fatima Kathleen Corrigan (Gibbons) RIP
Saturday 23rd	St. Margaret's St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 10.30am Exposition 10.30am Reconciliation 5.30pm – Holy Mass	David Kelly RIP John Dunkerley RIP



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.

Obituary

Please remember in your prayers Mary Collinbourne who passed away on 13th March. Her funeral will take place on Friday 5th April with Requiem mass at 10am 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 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 Esther Wren, Margaret Wilson, Joe Wilson & Anne McPherson during their period of illness. If you would like to add a family member to be remembered in the parishioners prayers, please complete the form which can be found at the back of the church.

Holy Name Fun Night

Many thanks to all those who made Holy Name's Fun Night a great success. £570 was raised! Particular mention must go to Colin and friends who provided the music, and those who made up the buffet. Roll on the next one!



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.

Stations of the Cross from the Perspective of Mary

Holy Name will be hosting Stations of the Cross from the perspective of Mary the Mother of Jesus on Sunday 17th March at 3.00pm

Fife Bus

Fife Bus, Fife Council's Demand Responsive Transport Service (DRT), provides door-to-door transport for people who are unable to access mainstream public transport and will also assist with your seatbelt if needed. Transport is available Mon – Sun (excl Tues) 8am–530pm. Contact them on 03451 55 11 88 where the friendly staff will talk you through the process and let you know if you qualify. Registrations will be accepted between 11am and 2pm.

Good Friday – Liturgy of the Lord's Passion & Stations of the Cross

This year the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion will be held in Holy Name, Oakley at 3pm and it will be followed by the Stations of the Cross in the garden. There will be Veneration of the Holy Cross in the evening at 7pm in St. Margaret's. For those attending the 3pm Good Friday service in Holy Name, there is additional parking in the carpark of Holy Name Primary School – just 5 mins from the church. Parishioners may consider using Fife Bus to travel to Holy Name for the Good Friday service.

Parking at St. Margaret's

Please refrain from parking in front of the church as it may cause delay to service vehicles in case of an emergency.

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.



PARISH NEWS cont'd

Fire Risk Assessment

A Fire Risk Assessment was recently completed at St Margaret's by a Diocesan appointed specialist. We are pleased to report that we have all the correct systems in place. We were praised for the level of oversight and risk mitigation we have in place. Fire Warden training is something we do need to implement, which we will complete in the near future. Special thanks to Mike Pendlowski and Paddy Mallan for their diligence and commitment to maintain our Fire Alarm, CCTV and Intruder Alarm systems.

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.

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. There are limited printed copies available at the back of the church.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Funding support to Study Theology

The Archdiocese can confirm that SAAS funding is available from April for all Scottish students taking the MA in Applied Catholic Theology course 2024/25. The course is offered by St Mary's University in partnership with the Archdiocese at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh. To register/enquire visit <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/applied-catholic-theology>. A webinar will be hosted by the Archdiocese on Wednesday 29 May (6-7pm) for prospective students. Details to follow shortly.

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.

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 (18 March) includes a reflection from Fr Michael Carrie (Dunkeld Diocese). Register at <https://bit.ly/lentstations>

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) and 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

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

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. Saturday 23 March, midday to 4:00pm at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Register your child at bit.ly/calledtobesaints

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 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

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT



FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:31-34

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel (and the House of Judah), but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

SECOND READING Hebrews 5:7-9

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.



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 50(51):3-4,12-15

A pure heart create for me, O God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn12:26

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!
Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, there also will my servant be.
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

GOSPEL John 12:20-33

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say:

Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder;

others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.



LENT LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Please keep an eye on the weekly newsletter for any changes

HN = Holy Name
SM = St. Margaret's

TUESDAY 19th	WEDNESDAY 20th	THURSDAY 21st	FRIDAY 22nd	SATURDAY 23rd	SUNDAY 24th <i>Palm Sunday</i>
9am HN Mass 9.30am HN Stations of the Cross 10am SM Mass 7pm-8pm SM Holy Hour	9am HN Mass 9.30am HN Stations of the Cross 10am SM Mass	10am SM Mass 7pm SM Stations & Evening Prayer	7am SM Mass 10am SM Mass	10am SM Mass 10.30am Exposition 10.30am Reconciliation 5.30pm SM Mass	9.30am SM Mass 11am HN Mass 3pm SM Benediction for SSVP Easter Festival

MONDAY 25th	TUESDAY 26th	WEDNESDAY 27th	THURSDAY 28th <i>Holy Thursday</i>	FRIDAY 29th <i>Good Friday</i>	SATURDAY 30th <i>Holy Saturday</i>	SUNDAY 31st <i>Easter Sunday</i>
10am SM Mass	9am HN Mass 9.30am HN Stations of the Cross 10am SM Mass 7pm-8pm SM Holy Hour	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	10am SM Mass 7pm SM Mass	3pm HN Liturgy of the Lord's Passion followed by Stations of the Cross in the garden 7pm SM Veneration of the Holy Cross	8pm SM Easter Vigil	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

There will be Mass for the Sick on Saturday 16th March at 11am in Holy Name.

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.