



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B



DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 13th	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass 10.30am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am - Confession 5.30pm - Holy Mass	Fr David Barr RIP James Scott RIP
Sunday 14th	St. Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am - Holy Mass 11am - Holy Mass	Robert Brand RIP Rory Hume RIP
Monday 15th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 16th	Holy Name St. Margaret's St. Margaret's	9am - Holy Mass 10am - Holy Mass 7pm - Sacrament of Confirmation by Archbishop Cushley	Alice Paul RIP Veronica Margaret Merrick RIP
Wednesday 17th	St. Margaret's Holy Name	10am - Holy Mass 12pm - Requiem mass for James Carberry	For the intention of Teresa & Brian Little
Thursday 18th	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass	Special intention
Friday 19th	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass	Leona Barr RIP
Saturday 20th	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass 10.30am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am - Confession 5.30pm - Holy Mass	Tony Iwanikiw RIP Rose Ann & Derek Cant (Golden Wedding Anniversary)

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

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

A Hearty Welcome! If you are just visiting our parish today, we bid you welcome. If this is the first time you have been to Mass for a while, welcome back! We hope our time together unites us in God's love.

PARISH NEWS

Parish Events Calendar

View all events on our online calendar:

<https://stmargaretsdunfermline.co.uk/events-calendar/>



Obituaries

Please remember in your prayers the following parishioners:

James Carberry who passed away on 1st April. His funeral will take place on Wednesday 17th April at 12pm in Holy Name.

The funeral of **Jenny Reid** who passed away recently, will take place on Tuesday 23rd April at 10am in St. Margaret's.

Margaret Walker who passed away on 9th April. Her funeral will take place on Tuesday 30th April at 12pm in Holy Name.

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

Primary 7 Confirmations

Best wishes and prayers to all candidates who will be confirmed in St. Margaret's this Tuesday 16th April at 7pm by Archbishop Leo Cushley.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Next Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. There will be a second collection taken up for the Ecclesiastical Students' Fund.

General Volunteers

It has come to our attention that all general volunteers i.e. not PVG group must register their details with the parish. There are General Volunteer Forms at the back of both churches. If you are a volunteer within the Parish and have not yet completed a form please do so and return your form to Fr Syriac, Rosemary Thomson, Ian McDonald or Colleen Izatt.

Centering Prayer

"Centering Prayer Sessions will continue on Sunday 14th April at the slightly later time of 11.15am. Twenty minutes of Centering Prayer followed by video number three 'What Centering Prayer is Not and What It Is' by Fr Thomas Keating."

One World Group

The One World Group will be holding a breakfast in St. Margaret's crypt after 9:30am mass on Sunday 14th April. This can be a great social occasion. Please come downstairs after mass for bacon rolls, sausage rolls, tea, coffee & juice. Gluten-free rolls are available. There is no fixed charge. Please just leave what you can afford to help Mary's Meals and the other charities supported by the parish One World Group.

The Gift 24

Don't forget this coming Friday (19th) will be the first session of The Gift 2024. No need to register just turn up on the day at no cost! The first session is "The Fathers Loving Plan" where the teachings are relaxed, personal and informative, rooted in the Bible, the Catechism, Evangelii Gaudium, and reflections on the Holy Spirit from Pope Francis. The Session lasts 30 minutes and include testimonies from laity and clergy. What some parishioners said about last years course: "It has deepened my commitment to my faith and the parish"; "refreshed old teachings that had been forgotten"; "Learned more about praying in the Spirit and I liked the Biblical emphasis"; "It was excellent, thought provoking". Want to know more? Contact David on 01383 872739

Tea & Toast

"Dear All, thank you to everyone for their efforts to provide 'Tea and Toast' on the last 6 Sundays. Going forward, we do have some Sundays covered by volunteers. There WILL be Teas/coffees/toast on the following Sunday dates after 9.30am Mass. 21, 28 April, 12, 19 May, 30 June. It's unfortunate that there is not at this time continuous coverage. Dates still available for volunteers are: 5, 26 May, 2, 9, 16 June. Please contact Charlotte Macintosh in person or on cjm909@btinternet.com if you wish to cover any of the remaining dates. To avoid confusion, please only contact me on this so that there is one point of contact. Thank you."

Sick of the Parish

We would like to ask parishioners of St. Margaret's and Holy Name to remember in your prayers **Maureen Japp, Ann Begg, Albert Adams, 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.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Events in the Archdiocese

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

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

Assisted Pilgrims for Lourdes

Do you know someone who is ill or infirm and would enjoy the opportunity to experience a life-changing trip to Lourdes? The Archdiocese is seeking Assisted Pilgrims to join them on the pilgrimage in July. They will receive 24hr support from the brilliant doctors, nurses and volunteers in the Medical/Helper Team and stay in specially equipped accommodation. It will be an unforgettable week with a full spiritual and social programme. Please contact Bernadette on 0131 441 1939 or visit www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes24



SPOTLIGHT: BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Why was the group set up

Fr Syriac had identified a need within the parish for follow up support to bereaved families.

With this in mind it was decided to form a small bereavement group to assess the response to this service. The group was set up towards the end of November 2023.

Who are we

At present we are a small group consisting of Kathie Whyte, Mike Robertson and Marianne Ellis. We hope that others may be interested in joining the group once we have a clearer picture of how the service is developing.

What do we do

At present we contact bereaved families on behalf of the Church. We clarify who we are and following some initial conversation, offer to visit the families if they wish us to do so, either at that time or at a later time to suit them.

We offer a listening / befriending visit and hope we can help people in some small way at this difficult time in their lives. In line with all safeguarding regulations we visit in pairs.

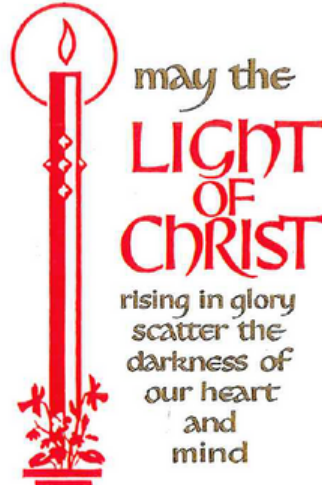
Plans for 2024

We plan to contact bereaved families to offer to visit them on behalf of the Church or to have a chat should they prefer to do so.

We plan to arrange a Mass and Candle Lighting Service for the bereaved each November.

New Members

Anyone who is interested in joining this group should contact Fr Syriac in the first instance and will require to be fully compliant with the safeguarding regulations.



Parish Book of Remembrance

The names of the deceased are entered into the parish Book of Remembrance annually by Helen Doherty, one of our parishioners.

The Book of Remembrance is taken to the altar during the Mass for the Bereaved.

Many thanks are extended to Helen for her meritorious service over the past years.

Mass for the Bereaved

Our first Mass for the Bereaved was held on 2nd November 2023. We contacted all of the families who had been bereaved in the past year to ensure that they were aware of the service as some of the families did not belong to our parish or live locally.

At the mass the names of those who had died between January 2023 to November 2023 were called out and family & friends were invited to come forward and light a candle in honour of their deceased family member.

Following this the whole parish community were invited to come forward to light candles in honour of their loved ones.

There was a very good response from the families we contacted directly and from the parish in general.



If you wish to contact our Bereavement Group, please phone 01383 625611 or speak to any of the group members.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Colleen Izatt	Parish Admin Assistant & Crypt Bookings	<p>Email Address priest.stmargaretdunfermline@staned.org.uk</p> <p>Phone Number: 07706083493 / 01383 625611</p>
	Parish Newsletter Deadline Friday 10am	<p>Email Address stmargaretsnews@gmail.com</p>
Parish Communications Team	Parish Website and Social Media	<p>Email Address stmargaretscomms@gmail.com</p>

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
Sort Code 80 - 06 - 55	Sort Code 80 - 22 - 60	Sort Code 83 - 33 - 00

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


Prayer Requests

There is a prayer request box in the Lady Chapel for anyone wishing to add their private and confidential prayer requests. Once a month these will be carried to the altar during mass.



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READINGS

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



FIRST READING

Acts 3:13-15,17-19

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

SECOND READING

1 John 2:1-5

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.



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 4:2,4,7,9

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us.
Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 24:35-48

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!'

In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet.

Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.'

He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'



EVENTS

One World Group Breakfast

Sunday 14th April - After 9.30am mass



The One World Group will be holding a breakfast in St. Margaret's crypt on Sunday 14th April.

This can be a great social occasion. Please come downstairs after mass for bacon rolls, sausage rolls, tea, coffee & juice. Gluten-free rolls available.

There is no fixed charge. Please just leave what you can afford to help Mary's Meals and the other charities supported by the parish One World Group.



the GIFT a life in the Spirit course

An inspiring and practical series aimed at people of all ages to help you encounter the Holy Spirit and explore your faith. Delivered cafe style with light refreshments, video talks, small groups and an optional book. Contact 01383 872739 David.

MARY'S MEALS - PRAY IN MAY

PRAY IN MAY



Mary's Meals provides school meals to over 2.4 million children every day.

During the month of May, dedicated to Our Lady, we invite you to join us in praying for the hungry children who rely on our life-changing school meals, and for all the children and families around the world who live in poverty.

We pray particularly for families facing extreme food insecurity and hunger in Ethiopia.

CRISIS IN ETHIOPIA

The situation in Ethiopia is serious. Please donate what you can today.

marysmeals.org.uk

We are hosting a special online session where our founder Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow will share more about this under-reported crisis on Tuesday the 16th of April at 7pm.

Find out more at: [Charity events](#) | [Mary's Meals UK](#) (marysmeals.org.uk)

Please visit www.marysmeals.org.uk to access our Pray in May resources and find out more about our Crisis in Ethiopia appeal.



Prayer calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Pray for families struggling in Ethiopia due to drought	2 Watch From Hunger to Hope	3 10p equals 1 Mary's Meal. Collect 10ps at your church to give to Mary's Meals	4 Pray together for the children eating Mary's Meals in South Sudan
5 Pray for children in Ecuador enjoying their nutritious Mary's Meals	6 Share Epeot's story - Epeot's story can be found in our stories from communities resource	7 Pray for the children we feed in Zambia	8 Donate to Mary's Meals Crisis In Ethiopia appeal to help feed desperately hungry children	9 Pray for children we serve in Benin	10 Pray together for the families and communities we serve in Haiti	11 Tell friends or family about Mary's Meals
12 Pray for the volunteers who make our work possible in India	13 Pray for children and their families who have faced conflict in Syria	14 Share Anastasia's story - Anastasia's story can be found in our stories from communities resource	15 Consider asking a Mary's Meals volunteer to host a talk at your church	16 Keep the children in Kenya in your prayers	17 Collect 10ps at your church to give to Mary's Meals	18 Pray for the children we feed in Yemen
19 Pentecost Sunday Share our prayer resources with your Church community	20 Share Sanjit's story - Sanjit's story can be found in our stories from communities resource	21 Consider volunteering with Mary's Meals, visit our website to find out more	22 Pray for communities we support in Liberia	23 If you can, consider donating £3 to Mary's Meals to feed a hungry child in need	24 Pray for children we feed in Madagascar	25 Invite friends' round to watch Love Reaches Everywhere together
26 Pray for the tens of thousands of volunteers who prepare and serve Mary's Meals in Malawi	27 Pray for the children we help in Zimbabwe	28 If you can, share the Mary's Meals mission on your social media platform	29 Pray for the children receiving Mary's Meals in Niger	30 Pray for children and their families who have faced conflict in Lebanon	31 Thanks for all your prayers this month. Look at how you're helping us to serve children around the world: Food Changes the Story	