



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B

Sunday 28th April 2024



DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 27th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 10.30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am – Confession 5.30pm – Holy Mass	Cissie & James Farrell For the return to the Faith of all lapsed Catholics
Sunday 28th	St. Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am – Holy Mass 11am – Holy Mass	Angela Margaret Buchan RIP Tom & Betty Mould
Monday 29th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 30th	St. Margaret's Holy Name	10am 12pm – Funeral Mass of Margaret Walker	For unborn Children
Wednesday 1st May	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass	Dr Edward Kilmurray RIP Betty Rodden RIP
Thursday 2nd	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass	Molly Melville RIP
Friday 3rd Feast of Ss Philip and James	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass	Hugh Macleod RIP
Saturday 4th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 10.30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am – Confession 5.30pm – Holy Mass	Jenny Reid RIP Bernard Moran (wellbeing)

Mass Intentions

Thank you to those who have promptly responded to the request to send the mass intentions and for your understanding and patience. If you are yet to forward the details please do it as early as possible as we are updating the mass schedules for the coming months.

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.



Obituary

Please remember in your prayers **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 the bereaved family & friends. May she rest in peace.

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.

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.

Men's Group

There will be a Men's Group Meeting on Thursday 2nd May starting at 7:30pm in the Crypt. All men of the Parish are welcome to attend.

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer Sessions will continue on Sunday 28th April after 9:30 Mass. Twenty minutes of Centering Prayer followed by video number five 'The Method of Centering Prayer part I' by Fr Thomas Keating.

The Gift 24

The Gift Session 2: The Joy of the Gospel, who is Jesus for you and what difference does he make in your life? Each Session of the course is self contained so feel free to come even if you did not make the first one.

Tea & Toast

Thank you to the volunteers this term who have made it possible to provide this social aspect to our Sunday mornings. The following Sundays are now all available for you to come down to the Crypt and have a cuppa and a blether. 28 April, 5, 12, 19, 26 May, 16, 30 June. Sundays 2, 9, 23 June have special events taking place so watch out for announcements in the newsletter. As you know, we want to firmly re-establish this opportunity to meet informally. Please consider volunteering a Sunday next term to this end. Please contact me on: cjm909@btinternet.com Thank you.

Holy Name Teas n Coffees

The next teas n coffees in Holy Name will be on Sunday 5th May and thereafter every second week. Please come and join us for a chat and fabulous baking.

Toddler Group

The leader is looking for someone to take over running the group. Currently it runs on a Friday morning but there is availability to switch to a Tuesday or Thursday instead. Please contact Julie for further information if you are interested: julie@twinklestarschildcare.com

SSVP

Please contact Holy Name SSVP Conference if you or someone you know would appreciate a visit for some company and a chat. Looking forward to hearing from you. Contact No is 07709 110706.

SMPGA (St. Margaret's Parish Golf Association) 2024

This years golf outing will be held on Sunday 2nd June at Pitreavie Golf Club. Cost is approx £40, to include coffee/tea and hot rolls, round of golf, and 2 course golfers tea/meal afterward. First tee-time will be around 12 noon tbc nearer the time. Please advise your interest to attend to Francis McNicoll by email: francis_mcnicoll@yahoo.co.uk

Sick of the Parish

We would like to ask your prayers for Tom McGiven, Julia Kirby, Mrs McGuigan, Ruby Sheilds, May Reid, Maureen Japp, Ann Begg, Bert 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 bidding prayers, please complete the form which can be found at the back of the church.

Parish Events Calendar

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Feedback/Comments

We are always open to receive ideas/thoughts/comments regarding how we celebrate our Faith in our Parish. For that reason, we will for a trial period, offer an opportunity for Parishioners to share their thoughts. A feedback form is available at the rear of the church (at both Holy Name and St Margaret's). The form can be submitted anonymously. However, if you wish to be contacted regarding your submission please complete the relevant contact details on the form. Please insert your completed form in the envelope provided. Post your envelope in the dedicated Feedback/Comments box.

Parish Newsletter

As a parish, we want to share our news with past, current & future parishioners so please feel free to take a copy of the newsletter home with you and pass this on to a family member, a neighbour or anyone unable to come to church anymore. If you'd like to receive the weekly newsletter by email please contact us to be added to the distribution list at: stmargaretsnews@gmail.com

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Events in the Archdiocese

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

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

Assisted Suicide – Called to Care, Not to Kill

Please contact your MSP today to stop assisted suicide becoming legal in Scotland. Guidance on contacting your MSPs is available at www.rcpolitics.org/assistedsuicide or email office@rcpolitics.org for more info.

Youth Day for p4-p7

Parents! If you have a child(ren) aged p4-p7 why not sign them up for A Day with Mary at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on Saturday 11 May 2024? It takes place from 11:00am to 3:00pm and is a chance for children to learn more about the Blessed Virgin in her month of May, while enjoying games and activities with kids from across the Archdiocese. Register at <https://bit.ly/daywithmary2024>

Marriage Counselling

If you are concerned about your relationship and feel as a couple that you are unable to reach a conclusion alone, it is likely that you will benefit from marriage counselling. The Archdiocese has an arrangement with a qualified Catholic marriage counsellor who may be able to help you. For information or advice or to arrange counselling sessions please email in confidence marriage.counsellor@staned.org.uk or phone 07511928621 (Please note that counselling fees apply).

Synod

The Archdiocesan Synodal Team invites you to Spiritual Conversation, an event at Ss John Cantius & Nicholas in Broxburn, on Saturday 4 May at 10:30am. Registration and details at <https://bit.ly/archsynod>

Mass for Married & Engaged couples

The annual Mass for Married and Engaged Couples is at 7:15pm on Wednesday 29 May 2024 at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. Come and celebrate the gift of marriage, renew your commitment and receive God's blessing upon your love. Requests for special invitations for couples celebrating significant anniversaries can be made at vemarriage@staned.org.uk or by calling 0131 334 1693.

Funding to Study Theology

SAAS funding is available 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 takes place on Wednesday 29 May (6-7pm) for prospective students. Register now at <https://bit.ly/theologywebinar>

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

Salamanca

St Mary's Parish in Stirling invites people from across the Archdiocese to join them on pilgrimage to Salamanca, Spain, from 12-19 October 2024. Includes trips to Avilla and Segovia, staying at the Royal Scots College (twin rooms only). Contact: admin.stmarystirling@staned.org.uk or 01786 473749.


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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.stmargaretedunfermline@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

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FIRST READING Acts 9:26–31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.

Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

SECOND READING 1 John 3:18–24

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these:
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given 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 21(22):26–28,30–32

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 15:4,5

Alleluia, alleluia!
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 15:1–8

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more.

You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'