



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B



DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 6th	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass & Baptism of Bettina Acordi Machado 10.30am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am - Confession 5.30pm - Holy Mass	Margaret Condie RIP Abraham Fogherty RIP
Sunday 7th Divine Mercy Sunday	St. Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am - Holy Mass 11am - Holy Mass	Eleanor Hutchison RIP Crilly & Cusick Family
Monday 8th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 9th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am - Holy Mass 10am - Holy Mass	Special Intention Thomas & Elizabeth Hutton RIP
Wednesday 10th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am - Holy Mass 10am - Holy Mass	Special Intention of Thanks Rita Camilleri & Ann Delicata RIP
Thursday 11th	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass	Our Lady of Fatima
Friday 12th	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass	Catherine Healy RIP
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

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.

HN = Holy Name SM = St. Margaret's

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/>



Obituary

Please remember in your prayers James Michael Carberry who passed away on 1st April. His funeral will take place on Wednesday 17th April at 12pm at Holy Name. Our thoughts and prayers go to the bereaved family & friends. May he rest in peace.

Building Fund

There will be a Building Fund collection this weekend at Mass.

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer Continuing Sessions will pick up again on Sunday 7th April after 9:30 Mass. Twenty minutes of Centering Prayer followed by video two 'The Discipline of Centering Prayer' by Fr Thomas Keating."

Holy Name Teas n Coffees

The next teas n coffees in Holy Name will be on Sunday 7th April 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.

One World Group

The next OWG breakfast is on Sunday 14th April after 9.30am mass in the crypt.

The Gift 2024 - Dates for your Diaries

What parishioners said about The Gift - "It has deepened my commitment to my faith and the parish", "refreshed old teachings that had been forgotten".

Parish Communications Team

The previously named Digital Communications Team has been renamed to the Parish Communications Team. Our original members Alyssa DSouza & Julia Sheriffs, redesigned the Parish website, enhanced our social media presence, & redesigned our weekly newsletter. As they embark on new journeys, we extend our sincere appreciation for their dedication, hard work, and tireless efforts. We wish them the very best of luck and many blessings in their new ventures.

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."

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 parishioners of St. Margaret's and Holy Name to remember in your prayers 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/>

Mass with African & Caribbean Community

The monthly Mass with the African & Caribbean community takes place at St Cuthbert's, 104 Slateford Road, Edinburgh, EH14IPT, on Sunday 7 April at 2pm. All welcome.

VACANCY: Support and Property Administrator

The Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh is seeking to appoint an Administrator to provide support to the Property Director and general administrative support within the Archdiocesan offices. To apply, please send your CV and a cover letter detailing how your skills and experience make you suitable for this role to recruitment@staned.org.uk by Monday 22 April 2024. More details can be found here: <https://archedinburgh.org/vacancy-support-and-property-administrator/>



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

This Sunday (7 April) is Divine Mercy Sunday, a special feast day celebrated on the Sunday after Easter.

It is based on the private revelations of St. Faustina Kowalska, which recommended a particular devotion to the Divine Mercy.

Divine Mercy Sunday is a recent addition to the Church's calendar, and it has links to both private revelation and the Bible.

In 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized St. Faustina and, during the ceremony, he declared:

It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church will be called "Divine Mercy Sunday".

The Divine Mercy image is a depiction of Jesus based on a vision that St. Faustina had in 1931. There have been a number of paintings made of this image. A basic explanation of the image is:

Jesus is shown in most versions as raising his right hand in blessing, and pointing with his left hand on his chest from which flow forth two rays: one red and one white (translucent).

The depictions often contains the message "Jesus, I trust in You!" (Polish: *Jezu ufam Tobie*). The rays streaming out have symbolic meaning: red for the blood of Jesus (which is the Life of Souls), and pale for the water (which justify souls) (from *Diary* - 299). The whole image is symbolic of charity, forgiveness and love of God, referred to as the "Fountain of Mercy". According to the diary of St Faustina, the image is based on her 1931 vision of Jesus.

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is a set of prayers used as part of the Divine Mercy devotion. They are usually said using a standard set of Rosary beads, often at 3 p.m. (the time of Jesus' death), but with a different set of prayers than those used in the Marian Rosary.

The Divine Mercy image depicts Jesus at the moment he appears to the disciples in the Upper Room, after the Resurrection, when he empowers them to forgive or retain sins. This moment is recorded in John 20:19-31, which is the Gospel reading for this Sunday in all three yearly Sunday liturgical cycles (A, B, and C).

This reading is placed on this day because it includes the appearance of Jesus to the Apostle Thomas (in which Jesus invites him to touch his wounds). This event occurred on the eighth day after the Resurrection (John 20:26), and so it is used on the liturgy eight days after Easter. (It also, however, includes the appearance of Jesus to the disciples on Easter evening, a week earlier, in which he empowered them to forgive or retain sins.)



Jesus, I trust in You!

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PARISH CHARITIES

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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.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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER



FIRST READING Acts 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

SECOND READING 1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith.

Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

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 117(118):2-4,15-18,22-24

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'
Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.'

Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.'

Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.



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