



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B
WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY
Sunday 12th May 2024



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.

DATE	CHURCH	TIME & LITURGICAL SERVICE	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 11th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass & Baptism of Theo Monaghan 10.30am – Confession 5.30pm – Holy Mass	Margaret Bull Mary Stark RIP
Sunday 12th	St. Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am – Holy Mass 11am – Holy Mass	Margaret Gilchrist RIP Mary Canning RIP
Monday 13th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 14th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Communion Service 10am – Communion Service	
Wednesday 15th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Communion Service NO MASS	
Thursday 16th	St. Margaret's	10am – Communion Service	
Friday 17th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass	Special Intention
Saturday 18th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 10.30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am – Confession 5.30pm – Holy Mass	Mr Longin Winski RIP Margaret McDonald RIP

SMA Fathers Mission Appeal

This weekend the SMA Fathers will be making a Mission Appeal. As in previous years, please generously support their missions in Africa.

Easter Break

Fr Syriac will be away from Sat 11th after 10am mass until Thur 16th May for his Easter break.



Offertory Cash Collection Counters

We are looking for volunteers from St Margaret's to help count and bank the weekend cash collections after 9.30am Mass in the crypt. We want to build a team and start a rota so that volunteers don't have to be there every week. We will take you through the process which on average takes 30 to 40 minutes starting from Sunday 26th May. If you can help please send an Email to Colleen our Parish Admin Assistant at priest.stmargaretdunfermline@staned.org.uk and come down to the crypt on the 26th or any Sunday thereafter. Thank You.

The Chosen

The Faith Formation Group in St Margaret's and Holy Name are answering Pope Francis' request that each of us should try this year to read at least one of the Gospels in its entirety by ourselves. The Chosen' TV series aims to encourage this in its mission statement too. It is already a global phenomenon and has begun filming of Series 5! We are having a screening in the crypt followed by reflection and discussion on Wednesday 29th May at 7.15pm. To register interest contact teresa@little.myzen.co.uk or just turn up. All are welcome!

Eucharistic Ministers

Recommissioning of current & commissioning of new eucharistic ministers of both St. Margaret's and Holy Name will take place on Sunday 2nd June during 9.30am and 11am mass. Please save the date.

Special collection – World Communications Day

Sunday 12 May is World Communications Day and a special collection will take place next week at all Masses for the apostolate of communications. Please see the pastoral letter from Bishop Joseph Toal (Motherwell Diocese) who is the President of the National Communications Commission of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland which can be found on the back of the Readings insert sheet.

Fire Safety Training for Volunteers (27th/28th May)

Invitations have been sent to St Margaret Parish Volunteers to attend a 2 hour Fire Safety Training session on 27th or 28th May. The session is also available to any other Parishioners who may be interested; please see the Poster in the Entrance Porch and contact Colleen Izatt if you wish to attend.

The Gift 24: Fridays 18:30 – 20:30 in St Margaret's Crypt

This week SESSION 4 UNWRAPPING GOD'S GIFT: How easy do you find owning up to the things you do wrong? What preparation do you need to receive more of the Holy Spirit in your life? – We will be exploring these questions leading up to Session 5 ENCOUNTERING GOD'S SPIRIT when we unwrap "The Gift of the Holy Spirit" we received at Baptism. We pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit into our lives every day. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says "The knowledge of faith is possible only in the Holy Spirit: to be in touch with Christ we must first have been touched by the Holy Spirit".

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 & a blether. 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. Please contact me on: cjm909@btinternet.com Thank you.

St. Margaret's Pilgrimage – Save the Date

Gather in faith and thanksgiving to celebrate Scotland's patron saint in Dunfermline on Sunday 23 June 2024. The procession to St Margaret's Church takes place from the Glen Gates in Bridge Street to the Church at 2:00pm, followed by Mass at 3:00pm. Ecumenical Prayers at the tomb of St Margaret at Dunfermline Abbey is at 12:30pm. All welcome. No registration required.

Sick of the Parish

We would like to ask your prayers for **Janet McIlwaine, Cathie Fern, Tom McGiven, Julia Kirby, Mrs McGuigan, Ruby Sheilds, May Reid, Maureen Japp, Ann Begg, Bert Adams & Esther Wren** 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.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Events in the Archdiocese

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

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

Treasuring the Gift – Sacred Scripture Reflection Day

The translation of the Bible that we hear at Mass is changing this Advent. The Archdiocese has organised a day of prayer, study and discussion to learn more about this and to reflect on the gift of the word of God for the Church. Treasuring the Gift takes place on Saturday 8 June 10:00am–3:00pm at The Gillis Centre, Edinburgh. Register at bit.ly/treasuringthegift



SPOTLIGHT: SAFEGUARDING

**Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator: St Margaret's: Rosemary Thompson – rosemary.thompson@staned.org.uk
Holy Name: Ian McDonald – ian.mcdonald@staned.org.uk**

Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator

The role of the PSC is to ensure that all church volunteers have completed the necessary forms, both for the church and Disclosure Scotland, where applicable and have completed any mandatory Safeguarding training. The PSC is available for all volunteers and communicates with the Safeguarding team in Edinburgh on a regular basis.

OUR SAFEGUARDING CULTURE OF CARE

"What we now call safeguarding – how we keep all, especially children and vulnerable adults safe within our Catholic community – comes from the very heart of God's love made incarnate in his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." (IN GOD'S IMAGE V2)

THE CORE MESSAGE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH ON SAFEGUARDING

We regard as our paramount concern the safety of children and vulnerable adults. This Safeguarding message must be clearly and regularly communicated.

We demonstrate zero tolerance of abuse. We report all allegations of abuse to the statutory authorities. We show compassion for all who have suffered experience of abuse. We acknowledge and learn from our past failings. We open our Safeguarding procedures to independent scrutiny. We provide training and support for all who are responsible for Safeguarding. Together, we commit to continuous improvement in our Safeguarding practice. [In Gods Image V2](#)

THE SCOTTISH CATHOLIC SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS AGENCY

This agency promotes and regulates consistent compliance with the national Safeguarding standards and plans for continuous improvement in Safeguarding practice. www.scssa.org.uk

PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE GROUPS OR PVG SCHEME

The PVG Scheme is managed by Disclosure Scotland and is intended to ensure that everyone working with children, young people and protected adults have been vetted to make sure that they are suitable for such work. Who is a protected adult? This is an individual aged 16 or over with particular needs and who is in receipt of a type of care, support or Welfare Service.

SAFE RECRUITMENT OF VOLUNTEERS

Tier 1: regulated roles – Children's liturgy, Children's catechist group, supervision of altar servers, Eucharistic ministers visiting hospitals, care homes or private homes, some SSVP volunteers visiting care homes.

Safe recruitment for Tier 1 requires a completed church application form, 2 independent references, ID verification (3 forms 1 must be photo), successful application for PVG membership and completion of mandatory Safeguarding training (new induction part 1). A letter of approval from the Diocese will then be issued confirming that all stages of safe recruitment have been met.

SAFE RECRUITMENT OF VOLUNTEERS cont'd

It must be stressed that any volunteer must NOT partake in a Tier 1 role without having completed all the above!

PVGs are renewed every 5 years and Disclosure Scotland will contact volunteers by email to carry out their own ID verification once a new application or renewal has been received.

Tier 2: regulated roles – RCIA (adults), Bereavement group & some SSVP roles.

Tier 2 membership has evolved due to changes in Legislation and it has been decided that a role no longer requires membership of the PVG scheme. However, Tier 2 volunteers still must complete a Church application form, provide 2 independent references and provide ID verification (3 forms 1 photo) and complete mandatory Safeguarding training (new induction part 1). A letter of approval will then be issued confirming that all stages of safe recruitment have been met.

GENERAL VOLUNTEERS

All other volunteer roles – Eucharistic ministers on the altar, music groups, church cleaners, flower arrangers, pass keepers, the Bonnie Brew or any other volunteer role.

If any volunteer is unsure about which group they belong to, it is important that they ask the parish Safeguarding co-ordinator (Rosemary Thompson, St Margaret's and Ian McDonald, Holy Name). All volunteers in this group must complete the general volunteer form which can be obtained from the Parish Priest, PSC or the Parish Secretary.

WHAT TO DO IF SOMEONE REPORTS A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN OR ALLEGATION

LISTEN – Listen carefully. Take the person seriously. Acknowledge concerns or allegations of abuse.

RESPOND – Ensure the immediate safety of any child or vulnerable adult involved. In an emergency where someone is at risk, call the Police or Social Work.

RECORD – Make a note of what has been said, heard or seen. **DO NOT INVESTIGATE.**

REFER – Pass on all information to the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor in Edinburgh who will then refer any allegation to the Police. scott.mackenzie@staned.org.uk

If you are unsure what to do contact your Parish PSC or Parish Priest.

IN GOD'S IMAGE V2 has been published to explain and to direct the approach to Safeguarding that is to be practised at every level of the Catholic Church in Scotland. It is an instruction from the Church to direct those responsible for managing Safeguarding arrangements in our Parish on how to comply with national Safeguarding standards. Each Parish must submit an annual safeguarding audit to the Diocese. It is also in accord with the direction of POPE FRANCIS for Episcopal Conferences to strengthen their Safeguarding guidelines so that they are understood to be "rules and not simply indications".

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Mass Intentions

If you would like a mass to be offered, complete a Mass Intention envelope (for SM in the card stand; for HN on the table at the entrance of the church) and either hand it to the Priest or put through the Presbytery door. For eligibility, please print your intention in block capitals. Please note mass intentions slots can regularly already be filled, up to a month in advance.

Sacraments

Please contact Colleen Izatt to make an appointment with Fr Syriac to arrange Baptisms (at your earliest convenience), Marriages (six months notice is required), Sacrament of the Sick or Funerals, or if you should have any questions about the Sacraments,



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Is available on Saturdays after 10am Mass in St. Margaret's and on request at Holy Name.

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.

PARISH OFFERTORIES

St. Margaret's	Holy Name
	

PARISH BANK DETAILS

Parish Bank Account Details	
St. Margaret's	Holy Name
A/c Name St Margaret's R C Church	A/c Name The Holy Name Parish
A/c No 00720303	A/c No 00176355
Sort Code 80 - 06 - 55	Sort code 83-33-00

PARISH CHARITIES

Society of St. Vincent de Paul		One World Group
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A/c Name SSVP AE02044	A/c Name SSVP AE02040	A/c Name St. Margaret's One World Group
A/c No 00768139	A/c No 13364166	A/c No 10191867
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SCRIPTURE READINGS

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)



FIRST READING Acts 1:15–17,20–26

One day Peter stood up to speak to the brothers – there were about a hundred and twenty persons in the congregation: ‘Brothers, the passage of scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit, speaking through David, foretells the fate of Judas, who offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus – after having been one of our number and actually sharing this ministry of ours. Now in the Book of Psalms it says: Let someone else take his office.

‘We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling round with us, someone who was with us right from the time when John was baptising until the day when he was taken up from us – and he can act with us as a witness to his resurrection.’

Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias, they prayed, ‘Lord, you can read everyone’s heart; show us therefore which of these two you have chosen to take over this ministry and apostolate, which Judas abandoned to go to his proper place.’ They then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve apostles.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING 1 John 4:11–16

My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another. No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us.

We can know that we are living in him and he is living in us because he lets us share his Spirit. We ourselves saw and we testify that the Father sent his Son as saviour of the world.

If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him, and he in God. We ourselves have known and put our faith in God’s love towards ourselves. God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Jn14:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;
I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 17:11–19

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: ‘Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us.

While I was with them, I kept those you had given me true to your name. I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost, and this was to fulfil the scriptures. But now I am coming to you and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full.

I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them, because they belong to the world no more than I belong to the world. I am not asking you to remove them from the world, but to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world.

Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth.’

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



World Communications Day – Pastoral letter

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In his message for World Communications Day 2024, Pope Francis has focused on the theme: *Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart: Towards a Fully Human Communication*.

The theme is closely linked to the Pope's message for World Day of Peace, which was devoted to the development of systems of artificial intelligence (AI).

AI is "radically affecting the world of information and communication, and through it, certain foundations of life in society," says the Pope in his Communications Day message, adding that "these changes affect everyone".

So, the Pope asks, "how can we remain fully human and guide this cultural transformation to serve a good purpose?"

In answering this question, the Holy Father notes that "at this time in history, which risks becoming rich in technology and poor in humanity, our reflections must begin with the human heart".

He recalls that, in the Bible, the heart is seen as the place of freedom and decision-making, "symbolising integrity and unity, while also engaging our emotions, desires, and dreams". But, he continues, the heart is, above all, "the inward place of our encounter with God."

He adds: "Wisdom of the heart, then, is the virtue that enables us to integrate the whole and its parts, our decisions and their consequences, our nobility and our vulnerability, our past and our future, our individuality and our membership within a larger community."

The Holy Father goes on to stress that such wisdom cannot be sought from machines. Although the term "artificial intelligence" has replaced the term "machine learning," he said, "the very use of the word 'intelligence' can prove misleading".

The Pope explained that it is not enough to be able to store data, like machines do, but that this data must be made sense of, and "human beings alone" are capable of this. "Depending on the inclination of the heart, everything within our reach becomes either an opportunity or a threat."

He notes that the technology of simulation behind AI algorithms can be useful in certain specific fields.

However, he adds, the use of AI becomes "perverse when it distorts our relationship with others and with reality".

In fact, it is extremely important to know that in the wrong hands, such tools could lead to "disturbing scenarios." Artificial Intelligence must be regulated, asserts Pope Francis, acknowledging that, as in every human context, "regulation is, of itself, not sufficient".

Pope Francis then invites everyone to grow together, "in humanity and as humanity," recalling that we are all challenged to make a qualitative leap in order to become "a complex, multiethnic, pluralistic, multireligious, and multicultural society."

In Scotland at the present time there is much debate about the use of smartphones in schools and a growing concern that overdependence on them may hamper the development of our young people.

This debate reflects the concern of the Holy Father who warns that "information cannot be separated from living relationships". He explains that relationships involve the body and an immersion into the real world, but that they also involve human experiences, "compassion, and sharing".

Bringing his message for World Communications Day to a close, Pope Francis recalls that "it is up to us to decide whether we will become fodder for algorithms or will nourish our hearts with that freedom without which we cannot grow in wisdom." Only together, he concludes, can we increase our capacity for discernment and vigilance and for seeing things in the light of their fulfilment.

Pope Francis then prays that humanity may never lose its bearings and that the wisdom present before all modern technology may return to us. Wisdom, says the Pope, can help us "to put systems of artificial intelligence at the service of a fully human communication".

In echoing the prayer of the Pope I hope that as a Catholic community we too will use all forms of modern communication in the service of compassion and the promotion of the values of the Gospels.

Bishop Joseph Toal

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