



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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PENTECOST – YEAR B

Sunday 19th 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 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
Sunday 19th Pentecost	St. Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am – Holy Mass 11am – Holy Mass	Carrie Toman RIP Graham Phillips
Monday 20th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 21st	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass	Mary Canning RIP Mick McHale RIP
Wednesday 22nd	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass	Mary Canning RIP Crosse Family
Thursday 23rd	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass	Special intention
Friday 24th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass	Fr Syriac's Parents
Saturday 25th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass & Baptisms of Aaron & Asher Black 10.30am – Confession 5.30pm – Holy Mass	Neil Sinclair RIP Allan and Sada Macdonald RIP

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 legibility, please print your intention in block capitals. Please note mass intentions slots can regularly already be filled, up to a month in advance.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Sacraments

Please contact our Parish Admin Assistant Colleen Izatt to make an appointment with Fr Syriac to arrange Baptisms, Marriages (six months notice required), Sacrament of the Sick and Funerals.



Special collection – World Communications Day

This weekend there will be a second collection at all Masses to support the apostolate of communications.

RCIA

During 9.30am mass on Sunday Peter Terrell from RCIA will be receiving his First Holy communion. Congratulations & prayers to him.

Thankyou

The SMA Fathers would like to pass on their gratitude and appreciation to all the parishioners for their warm welcome, generosity and prayers. £528.97 was donated last weekend for their annual mission appeal.

SCIAF would also like to pass on their thanks. From their 'WEE BOX' appeal £254.42 was donated

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

This week the culmination of our journey to SESSION 5: ENCOUNTERING GOD'S SPIRIT. This Friday we unwrap "The Gift of the Holy Spirit" we received at Baptism and pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit into our lives every day. Pope Francis said "Let me ask you a question; do you pray to the Holy Spirit every day? My guess is you don't – well you must!".

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. 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.

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.

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 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 Saturday 1st June during 5.30pm mass and on Sunday 2nd June during 9.30am and 11am mass. Please save the date.

Ladies' Beetle Drive

This will be held on Tuesday 4 June 2024 in the crypt, 7pm–9pm. All women in the Parish are invited along. Please bring your own snacks and beverages. See you there.

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.

Events in the Archdiocese

For a full list of forthcoming events in the Archdiocese visit: <https://archedinburgh.org/news-events/>



SPOTLIGHT: READERS MINISTRY

The Ministry of a Reader

It is important to realise that whilst reading at mass the reader is actually participating in the Liturgy of the mass in the same way as the Priest, Servers, Eucharistic ministers and Music Ministries. It is therefore a privilege to read at mass because you are not just reading a story from a book but proclaiming the Word of God as part of the Liturgy of the Word before the Mass moves into the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

It is therefore beholden on a Reader to prepare for this privilege with prayer leading to an understanding of the text which will be offered to the congregation.

The Practicalities of being a Reader

Some readers are experienced public speakers so need little or no training. If a person does not have that confidence some training is needed. Most people need to learn the choreography of the Mass to enable them to know the timing of their approach to the Lectern and link in with the Cantor if there is one. Most new readers are surprised that although they may have been celebrating Mass for years they do not know when a reader "goes up"!

Old testament names are a common worry for new readers so some guidance is helpful. The Prayers of the Faithful are a particular challenge as they cannot be prepared at home unlike the Bible readings. It is necessary for the reader to check the prayers before mass begins particularly for none British names. This time at the Lectern is also valuable to check where on the page your reading is.

As the reader is proclaiming the Word of God to the Congregation in a large space, clarity of speech, voice projection and use of the microphone are important. The latter skill is particularly important at St Margaret's due to the acoustics of the building. There is no such problem at Holy Name as it is a smaller space.



The Reader Groups

The Parish of St Margaret's consists of two churches each with their own history and Liturgical requirements. There is a Vigil Mass on Saturday at 17:30 and 9:30am Mass at St. Margaret's (SM) and the Mass at Holy Name (HN) is 11:00am. To service these masses there are three reader groups, two at SM and one at HN. Each church has a convenor who draws up and administers a rota which results in a person reading generally once every four to six weeks. The rotas are planned for approximately 3 months in advance taking into account any dates unsuitable to individuals because of holidays etc. Last minute swaps are usually easily arranged as the groups have each others contact details. There are currently 11 readers at HN and 20 at SM.

There are slight differences in the way readers work at the masses due to the history of each reader group. For example at the SM Vigil Mass one reader is responsible for First and Second reading, the Psalm if no Cantor is available and the Prayers of the Faithful. The 9:30am and 11:00am have two readers sharing out the duties. There is a shortage of readers (particularly men) at the SM Vigil mass so on major feasts like Easter when a lot more readers are needed the Vigil and 9:30am pools are combined.

It would be good to extend this combined pool to HN readers so that they can contribute to the Major Feast days.

The Future

Readers do not go on for ever so there is a constant need for new readers to step out in faith and join the Reading Ministry. If after reading this piece you feel called to offer your service please contact the convenor for the particular mass you wish to attend to discuss further and give it a try.

The Convenors are Vigil David Hambley, 9:30am Carole McGuirr, 11:00am Barbara Whitlock. Alternatively Fr Syriac as first stop.



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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 & CHARITY BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

BANK ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT NAME	ACCOUNT NO	SORT CODE	OFFERTORIES
St. Margaret's	St Margaret's R C Church	00720303	80 - 06 - 55	SM 
Holy Name	The Holy Name Parish	00176355	83-33-00	
SSVP St. Margaret's	SSVP AE02044	00768139	80 - 06 - 55	HN 
SSVP Holy Name	SSVP AE02040	13364166	80 - 22 - 60	
One World Group	St. Margaret's One World Group	10191867	83-33-00	

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

PENTECOST (B)



FIRST READING Acts 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language?

Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 103(104):1,24,29-31,34

*Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew
the face of the earth.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 20:19-23

In the evening of 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



Pentecost

The Spirit of Unity

On this beautiful day of Pentecost God lets his Spirit bring together again all that has been divided: our own selves, so often broken and ripped apart, our Church and its communities, nations. The Spirit unites in their diversity masters and servants, rich and poor, free people and those enslaved in any way, citizens and strangers, people of every race and tongue and colour.

All of us are called to hear in our own language the marvels God is doing among us. Wonder at all this, rejoice and celebrate the feast of the Spirit.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit from Pope Francis

"Holy Spirit, make my heart open to the word of God, make my heart open to goodness, make my heart open to the beauty of God every day."

