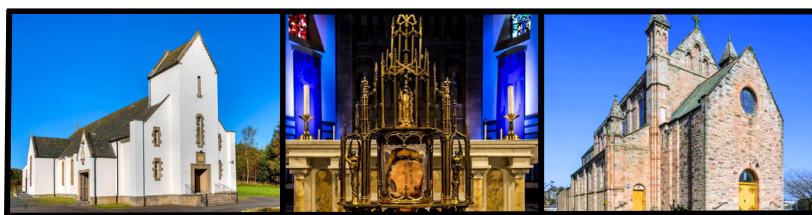




ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B
Sunday 5th 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 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)
Sunday 5th	St. Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am – Holy Mass 11am – Holy Mass	Monsignor Charles Hendry Tom & Betty Mould
Monday 6th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 7th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass	Marie Visocctti RIP Christopher (Joe) Evans
Wednesday 8th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass	Our Lady of Fatima Maureen Black (wellbeing)
Thursday 9th Ascension Thurs Holy Day of Obligation	Holy Name St. Margaret's St. Margaret's	9.30am – Holy Mass 11am – Holy Mass 7pm – Holy Mass	Gerard Cooney RIP Margaret Sunnie RIP Our Lady of Lourdes
Friday 10th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 10.30am – Novena to St. Margaret	May Greig RIP
Saturday 11th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass & Baptism of Theo Monaghan 10.30am – Novena to St. Margaret 10.30am – Confession 5.30pm – Holy Mass	Margaret Bull Mary Stark RIP

Novena of St. Margaret

The Novena of St. Margaret will be held every month from the 10th to 18th.

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.



Obituary

Please remember in your prayers James (Jim) Delaney of Townhill who passed away on Sunday 14th April. Our thoughts and prayers go to the bereaved family & friends. May he rest in peace.

Building Fund

There will be a special collection for the Building Fund this weekend.

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.

Centering Prayer

The last of the continuing Sessions of Centering Prayer will take place on Sunday 5th May after 9:30 am Mass in the Lady Chapel. Twenty minutes of Centering Prayer followed by the video 'The Method of Centering Prayer II' by Fr Thomas Keating.

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

This week SESSION 3 THE GIFT OF THE SPIRIT, what is your experience of the Holy Spirit and how would an increase in the fruits of the Holy Spirit help you in your life? You maybe have never asked these questions before so come along and see if session 3 will help you answer them. Each Session of the course is self contained so feel free to come even if you did not make the first two.

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

St. Margaret's Pilgrimage – Save the Date

We look forward to welcoming people from across the Archdiocese for the annual St Margaret's Pilgrimage on **Sunday 23 June 2024**.

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.

Sick of the Parish

We would like to ask your prayers for **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/>

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>

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>

Funding for Teachers

Are you a teacher considering studying for the Catholic Teacher's Certificate to teach Religious Education? The Archdiocese will pay half the cost of this course for 20 teachers working in our Archdiocese. For an application form please email kay.leslie@staned.org.uk



SPOTLIGHT: LADIES GROUP

Ladies' group St Margaret's and Holy Name RC Parish 2024

Our Mission Statement

"Our mission is to provide social, spiritual and other events as occasions for all the Ladies of the Parish to gather together, in support, in friendship and in love."

This means that we have few 'set' or even 'regular' meetings. A steering group, to which all women in the Parish are invited, takes place around 3 to 4 times a year. At these meetings, we discuss potential activities in which the women in the Parish may become involved. Whoever has the idea, runs the activity. For further information, please contact Charlotte Macintosh on:

cjm909@btinternet.com or watch the bulletin for events involving the ladies of the Parish. Thank you.

Background to how the group began

Who: any woman who is part of the St Margaret's and Holy Name family.

When: the present iteration of a women's group in St Margaret's has been running for approximately 16 years. However, in living memory there has been a women's group running in St Margaret's for at least 50 years in some shape or other. Groups form and adjourn according to circumstances and need with each generation of women in the Parish.

Why: the present group was formed after an all-women social evening in someone's house. Everyone enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere and the idea to have a 'Ladies' group was born. It is well documented that same sex groups (male or female) fulfil needs in their participants not fully met in mixed group situations. That is not to say there is no requirement for mixed group activities. It simply means that sometimes women are more comfortable with other women.

What we do at meetings

In general, we 'run' two types of meetings: Steering Group (or planning meeting) – see our mission statement above, Any woman of the Parish can attend a meeting and suggest an activity. The only office bearer we have is the Treasurer, so do not worry that you will be asked to go on the 'committee' – there isn't one. This meeting is usually held in St Margaret's crypt and around 10 people attend. What we do ask is that, with help, you run the activity you suggest; our second type of meeting. This could be anything.

This year's programme so far

Sun 25 Feb – Teas and Toast after Mass. Stations of the Cross in the afternoon. Both hosted by the Ladies Group.

Sun 10 March – Readings at Lenten mass. Ladies hosting.

Tues 4 June – Beetle Drive. This will run from 7pm–9pm in the Crypt. Please come along and support this and have a good time as well. If you have a female friend who wants to come along with you (to this or any of our events), she will be very welcome. Further details will be in the bulletin nearer the time.

Tues 24 Sep – Steering Group. This is an opportunity for any woman in the Parish to come along and suggest activities for the coming months. We will entertain any idea and give help if required to arrange.

Tues 19 Nov – Card making. This event will run in the Crypt from 7pm–9pm. It was a great success last year and we look forward to learning new skills – or more likely re-learning the ones we forgot from last year. Keep an eye on the bulletin nearer the time.

Sometime in December – it is hoped to have a visit to the Pantomime as our Christmas activity this year, if possible. Keep an eye out in the bulletin.

We have had 'hat fitting', ceramic café, theatre visits, Christmas parties, walks, Pilates, book groups etc If you want to do it, organise it and see who comes along. We don't worry about numbers, we just want to gather together women with similar interests in what we are doing at a given time. This type of meeting can gather in anything from 4 people – 30 people depending on the interest of the activity. Some of them do happen in the Crypt, e.g. card making, talks of various kinds, and others take place outwith, e.g. theatre, cinema etc. During Advent and Lent we make an extra effort to provide opportunities to be involved in our spiritual lives though these opportunities are not limited to these times of year.

Do you 'sign' up?

No is the simplest way to answer that. Sometimes people don't come to the Steering group at all but are happy to come to any events that are running. The converse is also true.

Is there anything expected of anyone attending?

Practically, we ask, if you can, that you bring £1 to each meeting held in the crypt. (Hence our need for a Treasurer!) This money is used to subsidise outings, we are aware that not everyone can afford to go out for meals or go on trips without financial help and we do not want to exclude people because of that. Each year, we also donate money to our parish St Vincent de Paul group to give to a family in need at Christmas. A donation is also given to the Parish Priest at that time.

We would also expect that you come with a willingness to participate in the meeting/event as much as possible. We realise that it can be difficult for some women to speak up and we hope to provide a comfortable environment for them to do so. Their input is invaluable.

Anything you would say to encourage others to come along

We would like to think that we are a welcoming group. I can imagine that from the outside it sometimes looks like a clique as it seems to be the same folk running it all the time. That is often because we are all there is! It definitely isn't because we don't want to see new people walk through the doors and get involved. Participation can be minimal, no pressure is applied! Come and see.

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

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.

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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PARISH CHARITIES

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)



FIRST READING

Acts 10:25–26,34–35,44–48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God.

Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 John 4:7–10

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

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

Psalms 97(98):1–4

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 15:9–17

Jesus said to his disciples:

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. 'I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name.

What I command you is to love one another.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



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SUNDAY 23 JUNE 2024

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celebrate Scotland's patron saint*

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