



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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16TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)

Sunday 21st July 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 20th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 10.30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am – Confession 5.30pm – Holy Mass	Fr Chris Molly Creaney RIP
Sunday 21st	St. Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am – Holy Mass 11am – Holy Mass	Hugh Gerard Short RIP People of the parish
Monday 22nd		NO MASS	
Tuesday 23rd	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Requiem Mass for Anne Rafferty	Ann Mullarkey RIP
Wednesday 24th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass	Tommy McGowan Jr RIP Moirra Healy RIP
Thursday 25th St. James	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass	Maria Watson RIP
Friday 26th St. Joachim & St. Anne	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass	Sheila Emerson
Saturday 27th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass and Baptism of Edward Tighe 10.30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am – Confession 5.30pm – Holy Mass	Moirra McCrae RIP Kathryn Turner RIP

Livestreaming

All Liturgical Services in this church are livestreamed.

Daily Opening of St. Margaret's Church

The church will now be opened on a daily basis, excluding Mondays, from 9am-4pm, to allow quiet time for personal prayer and reflection.



Obituaries: Please remember in your prayers:

Anne Rafferty – Her funeral will take place on Tuesday 23rd July at 10am at St. Margaret's.

Robina (Ruby) Shields – Her funeral will take place on Wednesday 31st July at 10am at St. Margaret's.

Our thoughts & prayers go to the bereaved families and friends. May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Thanks from the McCormack Family

The family of John McCormack would like to express their thanks to the parishioners of St. Margaret's, the music group & John's fellow pass keepers for their attendance and support at his funeral. Their kind words and prayers helped us at this difficult time.

Sea Sunday

£615.69 was raised last weekend for the special collection for Sea Sunday from St. Margaret's, and £123.76 from Holy Name.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly falls on Sunday 28 July 2024. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's celebration is "Do not cast me off in my old age" – Psalm 71:9. As the Pope says, we should cherish the elderly and recognise that there's no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel and handing down traditions to grandchildren.

On 28th, we will be gratefully remembering our Grandparents in our liturgy to acknowledge the blessings that they have brought into our families and communities. To mark the day, all the grandparents are requested to write their grandchildren's names to be offered during the offertory procession.

Introduction to Centering Prayer – Save the Date

20th August 6pm – 8pm: Prayer as Relationship and The Method of Centering Prayer.

3rd September 6pm – 8pm: Thoughts and the Sacred Word. Both events to take place in the Lady Chapel.

To register interest email hugh@couk.org.uk

New Lectionary

We would like to thank all our sponsors who generously helped us towards raising the funds for new lectionaries. As per the kind wish of the donors we are not publishing their names. However, the figures received over the last few weeks are shown below:

£100, £20, £100, £250, £650, £1000, £20, £250, £650 = £3040.

The target was £1300; the amount raised was £3040; this created a surplus amount of £1740

This excess amount allowed us to purchase other essential liturgical items. Details of these expenses are:

2 sets of new Lectionaries (2 x 4 = 8 books) – £1182 (after the pre publication order was applied)

Books for various liturgical occasions – £360

2 sets of Altar Cloths – £750 (quotation – awaiting finalisation)

At the request of the donor, donation made to Our Lady Immaculate and St Margaret Church, Duns (Fr Isaac's church) – £650

The remaining funds (£100) will be used for liturgical purposes. Many thanks to all our sponsors. Their names will be recorded on the Donor Bookplates in the new Lectionaries.

Lost Property

There is an increasing amount of lost property being collated. Please see our parish Facebook page for the current contents. The Lost Property box is in the altar servers sacristy. If you wish to check the box please contact the office. We will keep the contents for a maximum of 2 months then donate them to a local charity shop.

Craft Fair

The OWG is planning to host a Craft Fair in the crypt on Sunday 8th September from 1.30pm–4.30pm. If anyone in our parish is crafty and wishes to book a table then please contact Estelle on 07926637756 preferably before the end of July. We have several stall holders already booked, including a face painter, so it should be a fabulous afternoon for family fun!

Sick of the Parish

We would like to ask your prayers for **Liz McGuinness, Nan Lomas, John Tonner, Margaret Fotheringham, Jim Cusick, Janet McIlwaine, Julia Kirby, Moira McGuigan, May Reid, Ann Begg & 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.

'World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

To mark this day, Holy Mass will be celebrated at the National Marian Shrine, Carfin, on Sunday 28 July at 3:00pm. The Principal Celebrant will be Bishop John Keenan (Paisley Diocese), who is President of the Bishops' Conference Marriage, Family and Life Commission. The Café will be open for refreshments.



SPOTLIGHT: MUSIC MINISTRY

“He who sings, prays twice.”

St. Augustine

Christians have sung in sacred liturgy since the Church's earliest days. And the Jewish people have sung praise to God, in the context of holy worship, for thousands of years. The Psalms are the record of the liturgical song-prayers of the Jewish people. When we sing in the context of Holy Mass, we join a tradition of sacred worship that goes back to at least the time of King David himself. “Let us come before him with a song of praise,” wrote King David.

Sacred music has a particularly important function within the liturgy of the Catholic Church. In the Vatican II document *Sacrosanctum Concilium* we find these words:

The musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art. The main reason for this pre-eminence is that, as sacred song united to the words, it forms a necessary or integral part of the solemn liturgy. (112)

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal, the Church's guidebook for Holy Mass, reminds Catholics that “great importance should be attached to the use of singing in the celebration of the Mass... every care should be taken that singing by the ministers and the people not be absent in celebrations that occur on Sundays and on Holydays of Obligation.”

When we sing, we experience God's presence in a new way. In 2003, Pope St. John Paul prayed that every Catholic, by “expressing their faith harmoniously and solemnly in song, will experience its richness ever more fully and will abide by the commitment to express its impulses in their daily life.”

**May we sing together – in holy
worship, and our homes
- in praise and thanksgiving for all
that God has given us.**



The Role

The Role of the music Ministry is to enhance liturgical church services through the use of music and song.

Current Members

St. Margaret's

Music - 2 guitarists, 2 organists and 1 bodhran

The music group has been running since the 1980's and over the years has included violins, cellos, keyboards, flutes.

Singers - 2 singers at Vigil Mass and several men and women members at the 9.30 Sunday Service.

Holy Name

Music - 3 guitarists, 2 organists and 1 flute

Singers - 1 vocalist and 1 singer

The musicians run on a week on, week off basis with the contemporary musicians playing one week, alternating with the organists the following week.

Practice

We generally practice when we have new music and in preparation for Christmas, Easter and other special occasions.

New members

Both Singers and Musicians, would be most welcome - enthusiasm being the main qualification.



Please speak to any of us at church or for St. Margaret's phone Elaine McNicoll on 07840 937119 or 01383 733708 and for Holy Name email Colin at colinwhitlock58@gmail.com



PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME	ROLE	CONTACT	WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS
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Colleen Izatt	Parish Admin Asst & Crypt Bookings	Email: priest.stmargaretdunfermline@staned.org.uk Phone: 07706 083493 / 01383 625611	SM £582.12
Colleen Izatt	Parish Newsletter	Email: stmargaretsnews@gmail.com Deadline Friday 10am	Holy Name £232.25
Parish Communications Team	Parish Website & Social Media	Email: stmargaretscomms@gmail.com	These figures do not include monies received via Standing Orders or Direct Debits.

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

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FIRST READING Jeremiah 23:1-6

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them.

Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING Ephesians 2:13-18

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law.

This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God: in his own person he killed the hostility.

Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL Mark 6:30-34

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat.

So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them.

So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 22(23)

The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!
The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord,
I know them and they follow me.
Alleluia!

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.