



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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17TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)

Sunday 28th 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 27th	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass 10.45am - Baptism of Edward Tighe 10.30am - Confession 5.30pm - Holy Mass	Moirra McCrae RIP Kathryn Turner RIP
Sunday 28th	St. Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am - Holy Mass 11am - Holy Mass	Patricia Ross RIP Liz McGuinness (wellbeing)
Monday 29th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 30th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am - Holy Mass 10am - Holy Mass	Emma Roberts RIP Charles McGiffen RIP (Burial of ashes)
Wednesday 31st	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am - Holy Mass 10am - Requiem Mass for Ruby Shields	For unborn Children
Thursday 1st August	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass	David McPherson RIP
Friday 2nd	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass	Margaret Watters RIP
Saturday 3rd	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass 10.30am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am - Confession 5.30pm - Holy Mass	Myra Boyle RIP Margaret Stewart RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

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.

PARISH NEWS

Parish Events Calendar
View all events on our online calendar:
<https://stmargaretsdunfermline.co.uk/events-calendar/>



Obituaries: Please remember in your prayers:

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.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly falls this 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.

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.

RCIA

The RCIA will begin on Monday 2nd September at 6.30pm in the crypt. Would you please take this invitation to a family member or friend that you know who may be interested in learning the Catholic faith and get into full communion with the church. The welcome is extended to all those who wish to return to the Catholic faith. To enquire further please contact the Parish office: priest.stmargaretdunfermline@staned.org.uk

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

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, and inform us when their names are to be removed from the list.

DEANERY NEWS

Horizons of Hope

On the 4 Wednesdays of August from 7 to 9 p.m. in St Paul's Hall, Warout Road, Glenrothes, there shall be offered this series of workshops produced by the Canadian Bishops' Conference,, exploring our Christian understanding of how to live well until the end of life, and how to support the dying and their families. In the light of proposals to introduce in Scotland assisted suicide/euthanasia, we shall be exploring how palliative care takes a different approach.

Holy Year 2025 – proposed parish pilgrimage (St Mary Magdalene's parish – Glenrothes/Leslie/Falkland)

We have been offered the possibility of accommodation for 40 people at Casa Santa Lucia, a guest house in the centre of Rome between Piazza Venezia and Largo Argentina for the dates 5 to 12 September 2025. If anyone is interested in taking part in this pilgrimage, email parish@stmarymagdalenes.org.uk for a booking form and return to St Paul's, Warout Road, Glenrothes KY7 4ER with a non-refundable deposit of £300 (cheque made out to Alba Tours) by Monday 5 August 2024.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

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

'World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

To mark this day, Holy Mass will be celebrated at the National Marian Shrine, Carfin this 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: THE GIFT

Introduction

We completed the second running of The Gift Life in the Spirit course so it seemed appropriate to share some experiences of the attendees. This course produced by Catholic Faith Exploration (CaFE) is an inspiring and practical series aimed at people of all ages to help them encounter the Holy Spirit and empower them to share their faith.

Attendance

On average there were 10 attendees per session including the helpers. This was a smaller number than last year however the drop off rate was lower. It may well be that Friday is not a good day to run the course as for many people it is the start of the weekend. Friday was the only day that could be found in the Crypt calendar which gave a "clear run" between Easter and Pentecost. In 2023 the Gift was run during Lent and completed after Easter also a change of day was forced upon us due to parish use of the Crypt on Tuesdays. This resulted in the disruption of the flow and so attendance dropped off significantly after Easter. For the majority of attendees the second course was an old friend and when asked several said yes to the Holy Spirit, stepped out in Faith and helped with the smooth running of the sessions. Tasks included refreshments, registration, small group facilitators and prayer ministry.



Feedback

The Cafe style was appreciated as giving a warm comfortable learning environment. At the end of each course attendees were invited to anonymously fill in a questionnaire containing the following questions:

- What do you feel about the Gift?
- What do you think about the speakers and teaching?
- How helpful were the small group sessions?
- What was your experience of the prayer for Baptism in the Holy Spirit?
- What impact will this course have on your faith/church/ mission?
- Would you like to continue meeting?

Without exception over both courses the attendees enjoyed their involvement and found them rewarding. It was noted that the use of subtitles during the videos would be helpful for attendees who are hard of hearing, this feature is currently being incorporated within CaFE courses. The speakers were seen as ranging from too American to excellent but always enjoyable, challenging, enlightening and many other adverbs.

The small group sessions were greatly appreciated as we explored our faith and learnt from each other. Prayer ministry was for most a new experience and approached with some trepidation, however the Holy Spirit always gave peace and all were touched in some way. Impacts sometimes are not seen straight away but many attendees recognised that their faith had been strengthened, renewed, even bloomed and the Bible had become more relevant to them. Again almost without exception attendees had enjoyed the course and social contact so much that they would like to continue meeting. As a result after prayer and meditation a new course is proposed to start after the school holidays.

The future

Another course produced by CaFE & The Bible Society called The Big Picture will be run from August 27th. This is an inspirational Bible course helps people find their place in the Big Picture of Salvation History.

Each course attendee will have their own Book (which includes the DVD) and will be responding to Pope Francis who has said:



"The study of the Bible must be an open door for everyone"
"Never just skim the surface of the Word of God!"



PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Colleen Izatt	Parish Newsletter	Email: stmargaretsnews@gmail.com Deadline Friday 10am	Holy Name £217.02
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 2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear.'

'Give it to the people to eat', Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."'

He served them; they ate and had some left over, as the Lord had said.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God



SECOND READING Ephesians 4:1-6

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together.

There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL John 6:1-15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.'

There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves.

The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 144(145):10-11,15-18

You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Jn 6:63,68

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life;
you have the message of eternal life.
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.