



# ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

## HOME OF ST. MARGARET'S RELIC

### 22ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)

Sunday 1st September 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 31st	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass 10.30am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am - Confession  5.30pm - Holy Mass	Alice Payne (80th Birthday)  Tony Cascarino wellbeing
<b>Sunday 1st Sept</b> World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation	St. Margaret's  Holy Name	9.30am - Holy Mass  11am - Holy Mass	Thanksgiving Mass (Fr Syriac)  Mary Canning RIP
Monday 2nd		NO MASS	
Tuesday 3rd	Holy Name  St. Margaret's	9am - Holy Mass  10am - Holy Mass	Elizabeth McGuinness RIP  Stephen Mathew RIP
Wednesday 4th	Holy Name  St. Margaret's	9am - Holy Mass  10am - Funeral Mass of Leo Maloco	Tommy McGowan
Thursday 5th	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass	Margaret (wellbeing)
Friday 6th	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass	Archie MacIntosh RIP
Saturday 7th	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass 10.30am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am - Confession  5.30pm - Holy Mass	John McQuillian RIP  Paddy Doherty 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.

#### 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



## **Obituary: Please remember in your prayers:**

**Leo Maloco** – There will be a funeral mass for Leo Maloco on Wednesday 4th September at 10am at St. Margaret's. Our thoughts & prayers go to the bereaved family and friends. May his soul rest in peace.

## **Building Fund**

The monthly collection for the building fund will take place this weekend.

## **Feedback on the Ministry of Fr Syriac**

As Fr Syriac has completed 3 years of ministry at St. Margaret's he would like to hear feedback from you. There are feedback forms at the back of the church, which can be returned in the feedback box or posted to the presbytery. Forms can be returned anonymously if you wish.

## **Parish Golf Outing**

The Parish Golf Outing will take place this Sunday, 1 Sept, at Pitreavie Golf Club. Please arrive at 12pm for coffee & bacon rolls. Golfers tea after the round. Cost is £40 for non members of Pitreavie and £30 for members. Donations for prizes will be greatly appreciated. Francis McNicoll – 07749 731 259.

## **Introduction to Centering Prayer – Save the Date**

Lady Chapel – 3rd Sept 6pm–8pm: Thoughts and the Sacred Word. To register interest email [hugh@couk.org.uk](mailto:hugh@couk.org.uk)

## **Men's Group**

There will be a Men's Group Meeting on Thursday 5th September in the Crypt starting at 7.30pm. All men of the Parish are welcome to attend.

## **One World Group CRAFT FAYRE on Sunday 8th September 1.30– 4.30pm in the Crypt**

Please support this event hosted by the OWG. A number of excellent crafters have taken tables to show off their high quality products – see flyer for details. There is also a Tombola and tea coffee and filled rolls will be available

## **Holy Name Teas n Coffees**

Teas n coffees each Sunday after 11am Mass. Hope to see you there.

## **RCIA**

The RCIA will start soon. 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 also to all those who wish to return to the Catholic faith. To enquire further, please contact the Parish office: [priest.stmargaretdunfermline@staned.org.uk](mailto:priest.stmargaretdunfermline@staned.org.uk) or George Toal on: [georgetoal@btinternet.com](mailto:georgetoal@btinternet.com)

## **The Big Picture**

On Tuesday 27th a group of enquiring parishioners of St Margaret's assembled in The Crypt for the first session of The Big Picture. An introductory video to the course then a second entitled 'Know your way around the Bible' were shown. These videos although intended for those new to Bible study always teach something new. After a comfort break the final video of the evening "The Plan" showed how the Bible points to God's plan for your salvation via the Old and New Testaments. Armed with their own copy of "The Big Picture" workbook/journal and DVD the attendees are now "digging" into scripture passages recommended by the course. At the next session we shall be in small groups, sharing what we have learnt from our digging. If you are now curious about the course why not come along on Tuesday 10th September 6.30pm–8pm for session 2 entitled God. Each participant has their own DVD so if they miss a session or wish to re-watch a session you also could catch up with Session 1. Come on give it a go "Taste and see the Lord is good" Psalm 34:8

## **Sick of the Parish**

We would like to ask your prayers for **Margaret McPherson, Anne Donaldson, Nan Lomas, John Tonner, Margaret Fotheringham, Jim Cusick, Janet McIlwaine, Moira McGuigan, May Reid, Ann Begg, Esther Wren and Margaret & Joe Wilson** 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.

# ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

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

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

## **Season of Creation**

This Sunday (1 September) is World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. A Season of Creation conference takes place at St Margaret's, Drip Road, Stirling, FK8 1ES, on Saturday 7 September from 10am–3pm. Register at [www.tinyurl.com/46wmt9ah](http://www.tinyurl.com/46wmt9ah). A separate online event will take place on Thursday 19 September with Fr Joshtrom Kureethadam at 7pm. Register at <https://bit.ly/hopeactcreation>. Both events are hosted by the Bishops' Conference of Scotland's Care of Creation Office.



## SPOTLIGHT: SEASON OF CREATION 2024

Today we begin the Season of Creation, which runs from September 1 to October 4 and is a time for Christians to unite in praying and acting together to care for our common home. Today is also the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, which Pope Francis established in August 2015.

*"The future generation will never forgive us if we miss the opportunity to protect our common home.*

*We have inherited a garden;  
we must not leave a desert for our children!"*

**Pope Francis**

### Theme and Logo for 2024

Each year there is a particular theme and for 2024 it is To Hope and Act With Creation, and the symbol is The first fruits of hope, inspired by Romans 8:19-25

In 2015 Pope Francis issued his encyclical *Laudato Si'*: Care for Our Common Home, that invited the Churches, religions and all people of good will, to recognise the reality of climate change and take radical action to care for our fragile planetary home before it became too late. He warned of the dangers of minimising or denying the scientific evidence and thereby failing to take the bold decisions required.

The biblical image pictures the Earth as a Mother, groaning as in childbirth (Rom 8:22). Saint Francis of Assisi understood this when he referred to the Earth as our sister and our mother in his Cantic of Creatures. The times we live in show that we are not relating to the Earth as a gift from our Creator, but rather as a resource to be used. "Creation is groaning" because of our selfishness and our unsustainable actions that harm her. Along with our Sister, Mother Earth, creatures of all kinds, including humans, cry out because of our destructive actions causing climate crisis, loss of biodiversity, and human suffering as well as Creation's suffering.

The Christian family unites for this worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. It is a special season where we celebrate God as Creator and acknowledge Creation as the divine continuing act that summons us as collaborators to love and care for the gift of all that is created. As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common call to care for Creation. We are co-creatures and part of all that God has made. Our well-being is interwoven with the well-being of the Earth.

### Our Parish response

#### 1. Pray with and for creation

- A. Include a prayer of thankfulness for creation, and that we will protect our common home, in our daily prayers.
- B. "Pray with the news" or incorporate people impacted by climate or ecological issues into our daily prayer.
- C. Pray outside in the Garden, or go for a meditative nature walk to appreciate the gift of creation.
- D. Each week there will be dedicated bidding prayers for creation.



#### 2. Nature Photography contest

Send us your nature photos that reveals the beauty and wonder of the creation, (with no people in the shot). It should be a RAW file with no editing applied. It should be captured by the contestant or one of her/his family members. Send the image on or before Sunday 29th September. All images will be uploaded on our parish website as and when they are received. Kindly send us a brief description about the picture: when it was taken, where it is, and who captured it. By forwarding this details you will be giving us a presumed permission to upload these details on our website together with the image you have sent us. Or rather, if you want to be anonymous, please indicate this when you send the picture. A team of experts will be evaluating the pictures and the best one will be awarded.

#### 3. Place a plant/produce in front of the Altar

Bring a plant or a produce as a token of your gratitude for everything that you have received from God as the Creator. You may take the plant/ produce back after the mass on that day. You are welcome to do it on any of the 6 weekends within the season of creation (Aug.31-Sep.1, Sep.7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 28-29; Oct.5-6). Please let us know if you are intending to do so.

#### 4. Lighting of Creation Candle

Different age groups will be represented in each week.

#### 5. Thanksgiving mass for the Creation and Blessing of pets on Sunday 6th October



Bring an image of your pets, printed or on phone at masses (9.30am & 11am) on 6th October.



## PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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**Presbytery & Parish Office Address:** St. Margaret's Presbytery, 4 Viewfield Terrace, Dunfermline, KY12 7HZ

<b>WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>Date:</b> 24th / 25th August	<b>SM</b> £796.30	<b>Holy Name</b>	<b>SM</b>		<b>HN</b>	
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These figures do not include monies received via Standing Orders or Direct Debits.

## PARISH & CHARITY BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

ACCOUNT NAME, SORT CODE & ACCOUNT NO

<b>St Margaret's R C Church</b> 80-06-55 00720303	<b>The Holy Name Parish</b> 83-33-00 00176355	<b>SSVP AE02044</b> 80-06-55 00768139	<b>SSVP AE02040</b> 80-22-60 13364166	<b>St. Margaret's One World Group</b> 83-33-00 - 10191867
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### 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 or visit to the housebound and Funerals.

### Livestreaming

All Liturgical Services in St. Margaret's Church are livestreamed.

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# SCRIPTURE READINGS

## 22ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)



### FIRST READING

**Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8**

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding.

When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### SECOND READING

**James 1:17-18,21-22,27**

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL

**Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23**

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves.

There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
**Psalms 14(15):2-5**

***The just will live in the presence of the Lord.***

**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.



# CRAFT FAYRE

In aid of St Margaret's One World Group

**Sunday 8th September**  
**1:30 - 4:30pm**

St Margaret's RC Church  
East Port, Dunfermline, KY12 7JB



## **Various stalls including:**

- Sweet Scents by Deborah
- Amati Jewellery
- LDW & KGL Glass
- Rosyth Men's Shed
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