



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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25TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)

Sunday 22nd September – Season of Creation 2024 – Week 4



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 21st	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 10.30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am – Confession 5.30pm – Holy Mass	Elenor Haggett RIP Maureen Black-wellbeing
Sunday 22nd	St. Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am – Holy Mass 11am – Holy Mass	People of the Parish Albert & Pauline (wellbeing)
Monday 23rd		NO MASS	
Tuesday 24th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass	Tom Lamont Archie MacIntosh RIP
Wednesday 25th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass	Janet Lamont (wellbeing) Maureen Laing (wellbeing)
Thursday 26th	St. Margaret's	10am – Requiem Mass for Ramsay Kessler	
Friday 27th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass	Phamie McGowan RIP
Saturday 28th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 10.30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am – Confession 5.30pm – Holy Mass	For unborn Children Jessie Kelly RIP

Daily Opening of St. Margaret's Church excluding Mondays, 9am–4pm, to allow quiet time for personal prayer and reflection.

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.

Livestreaming – all Liturgical Services in St. Margaret's Church are livestreamed.

PARISH NEWS



Season of Creation 2024

Nature Photography contest

Send in your nature photos, raw file unedited (no people in shot) by 29th Sep. They will be uploaded to Parish website & social media platforms. Include a brief description of what/when/where. You can ask for these to be posted anonymously if you wish.

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 mass on that day. You are welcome to do it on any of the weekends within the season of creation (Sep 21-22, 28-29; Oct 5-6). Please let us know if you are intending to do so.

Sunday 6th October – Thanksgiving mass for the Creation & Blessing of Pets

Bring an image of your pets, printed or on your phone at 9.30am & 11am masses.

Obituary: Please remember in your prayers:

Ramsay Kessler – There will be a funeral mass for Ramsay at St. Margaret's on Thursday 26th September at 10am. Our thoughts & prayers go to the bereaved family and friends. May his soul rest in peace.

Doors Open Days 2024

St. Margaret's is participating in the Doors Open Days this Saturday & Sunday and Holy Name is participating on Sunday.

Ladies Group

There will be a Ladies' Steering Group meeting in the crypt on Tues 24 Sept at 7pm. Every woman in the Parish of St Margaret's and Holy Name is welcome. This meeting is to decide the programme for the coming year. We look forward to welcoming you.

Disabled Parking Bays

A gentle reminder that only persons with a valid Blue Badge are permitted to park in the designated disabled parking bays. Please display your Blue badge at all times in your vehicle whilst parked in the church car park.

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 on or before 30th Sep. Forms can be returned anonymously if you wish.

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 or George Toal on: georgetoal@btinternet.com

The Big Picture

The third session of The Big Picture will be held on Tues 1st Oct in St Margaret's Crypt 6.30pm-8pm. This day is the first Tues of the month and the start of monthly sessions of the course running on the first Tuesday. As we are currently in the Season of Creation this third session will appropriately explore God work "God Saw everything that he had made and indeed it was VERY good!" Genesis 1:31. In the meantime the attendees are "digging" into the scripture passages recommended by the course then at the start of Session 3 we will have the small groups sharing what we have learnt about the mystery of God. If you are now curious about the course why not come along on Tuesday 1st October 18:30 – 20:00 for session 3. Contact David on 01383 872739 or dhambleyuk@yahoo.co.uk for your own copy of "The Big Picture" workbook/journal/DVD and catch up with Sessions 1&2. "Taste and see the Lord is good" Psalm 34:8

Sick of the Parish

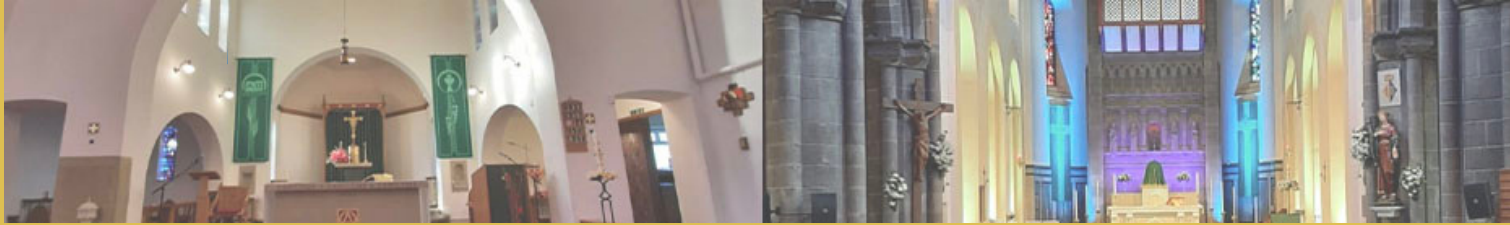
We would like to ask your prayers for **Janet Lamont, Margaret McPherson, Anne Donaldson, Nan Lomas, John Tonner, Margaret Fotheringham, Jim Cusick, Janet McIlwaine, Moira McGuigan, May Reid, Ann Begg, Esther Wren and Margaret & Joe Wilson** during their period of illness. If you would like to add a family member to be remembered in the bidding prayers, please complete the form which are at the back of the church, and inform us when their names are to be removed from the list.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

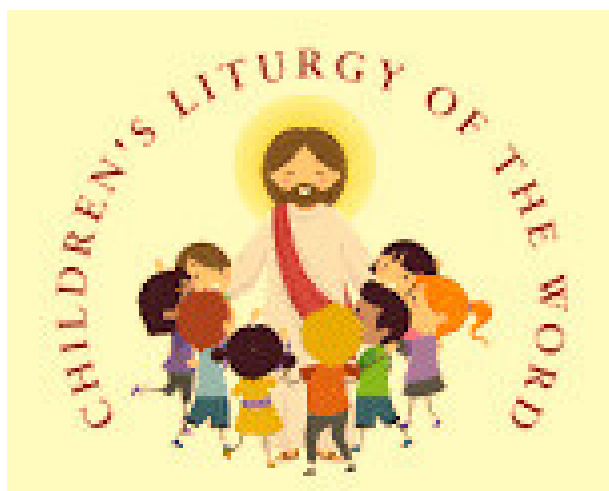
Events in the Archdiocese
For a full list of forthcoming events
in the Archdiocese visit:
<https://archedinburgh.org/news-events/>

Raise the Roof concert

Barbara Dickson will appear with Nick Holland at a special concert in St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, EH1 3JD, at 7:30pm on Thursday 3 October 2024. The concert is to raise funds for the roof appeal at the Cathedral. Register at bit.ly/raisetherooftshow



SPOTLIGHT: CHILDREN'S LITURGY



WHAT IS THE CATHOLIC LITURGY FOR CHILDREN

Primary 1 – 7 children

Children's Liturgy of the word is the children, along with the leaders, leaving the congregation to celebrate the Sunday Gospel in an age appropriate way. Using Prayers, Songs and Readings to their level of understanding.

At the beginning of Mass Father Syriac will ask one of the children to come forward and receive the book of God's Word. We then make our way to the Crypt where we begin by Making the Sign of the Cross – a sign of the love God has for each and every one of us. We light the candles – a sign that represents the light of God in our lives.

We welcome the Gospel and listen to the word of God. We then discuss the reading using open questions, to encourage the children to say what they have understood from the Word of God. Time permitting we will then do an activity.

We end with a prayer, and will ask two children to lead the Offertory Procession. All other children will return to their seats/family in the Church.

WHEN ARE WE ON:

Children's Liturgy takes place **twice** every four weeks in the Crypt. We will re commence on Sunday 29th September 2024 at the 9.30am Mass. This will be increased during Advent and Lent and we will give notice of this through the newsletter.

Our aim would be to increase this if we have more volunteers.

WHAT THE LITURGY MEANS TO US :

"It is wonderful to support the children on their Faith Journey and makes me reflective on my own faith".

"I feel privileged to help our children on their Faith Journey. It's a two way learning experience".

"Being a part of a wonderful team, supporting the children in our Parish to become closer to God".

"I enjoy being with the children and helping them understand the Gospel and learning what it means to them".

CHILDRENS LITURGY TEAM:

Kay, Kirsty, Sarah, Assumpta and Lorna. We all hold the relevant PVG required.

If you are interested in joining the team please contact Father Syriac in person or by email. You would be very welcome.

Email address:

priest.stmargaretsdunfermline@staned.org.uk



"Catechism helps you to know your friend Jesus better and to know his big family, which is the Church."

Pope Francis to the children

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Fr. Syriac Palakudiyil Parish Administrator frsyriac.palakudiyil@staned.org.uk Phone: 01383 625611	Parish Communications Team Website & Social Media stmargaretscomms@gmail.com	Sacraments Please Contact the Parish office to make an appointment with Fr Syriac to arrange: Baptisms, Marriages (6 months notice reqd), Funerals, Sacrament of the Sick or visits to the Housebound/Hospital.
Colleen Izatt Parish Admin Asst & Crypt Bookings priest.stmargaretdunfermline@staned.org.uk Phone: 07706 083493 / 01383 625611	Parish Newsletter Deadline Friday 10am stmargaretsnews@gmail.com	

PARISH & CHARITY BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS ACCOUNT NAME, SORT CODE & ACCOUNT NO			WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS Date: 14th / 15th Sept (Does not include SO or DD)	
'St Margaret's R C Church' 80-06-55 - 00720303 	'The Holy Name Parish' 83-33-00 - 00176355 		SM Sun 15th Only - £391.09	Holy Name
'St. Margaret's One World Group' 83-33-00 - 10191867	SM 'SSVP AE02044' 80-06-55 - 00768139	HN 'SSVP AE02040' 80-22-60 - 13364166	GIFT AID If you are a tax payer and want to enrol your name for Gift Aid please contact us on the parish email address.	

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS		
St. Margaret's Parish Building Fund - 1st Sunday of every month		
20th Oct - <u>National</u> Missio	24th Nov - <u>Bishops' Conference</u> Catholic Education	Christmas Season - <u>Diocesan</u> Crib (Care Fund)

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

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FIRST READING Wisdom 2:12,17-20

The godless say to themselves:
'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.

'Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING James 3:16-4:3

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

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GOSPEL Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 53(54):3-6,8

The Lord upholds my life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
anyone who follows me will have the light of 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.

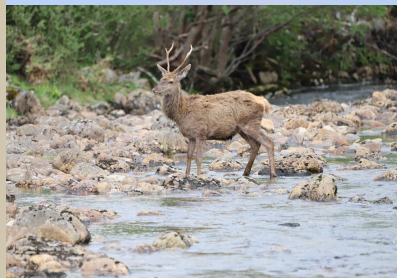




SEASON OF CREATION PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST 2024



"IT IS NOT ENOUGH, HOWEVER, TO THINK OF DIFFERENT SPECIES MERELY AS POTENTIAL "RESOURCES" TO BE EXPLOITED, WHILE OVERLOOKING THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE VALUE IN THEMSELVES. EACH YEAR SEES THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THOUSANDS OF PLANT AND ANIMAL SPECIES WHICH WE WILL NEVER KNOW, WHICH OUR CHILDREN WILL NEVER SEE, BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN LOST FOR EVER. THE GREAT MAJORITY BECOME EXTINCT FOR REASONS RELATED TO HUMAN ACTIVITY. BECAUSE OF US, THOUSANDS OF SPECIES WILL NO LONGER GIVE GLORY TO GOD BY THEIR VERY EXISTENCE, NOR CONVEY THEIR MESSAGE TO US. WE HAVE NO SUCH RIGHT.



POPE FRANCIS (LAUDATO SI' 33)