



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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23RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)

Sunday 8th September – Season of Creation 2024 – Week 2



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 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
Sunday 8th Vocations Awareness Week	St. Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am – Holy Mass 11am – Holy Mass	People of the Parish Luke O'Donnell RIP
Monday 9th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 10th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass 10.30am – Novena of St. Margaret	John & Isabella McQuillian Archie MacIntosh RIP
Wednesday 11th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass 10.30am – Novena of St. Margaret	Eamon Brolly RIP Maureen Laing (wellbeing)
Thursday 12th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 10.30am – Novena of St. Margaret	James Winch (wellbeing)
Friday 13th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 10.30am – Novena of St. Margaret	Myra Boyle RIP
Saturday 14th The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 10.30am – Novena of St. Margaret 10.30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am – Confession 5.30pm – Holy Mass	Fr John Twist S.J (Retirement) Patrick Doherty (Paddy) RIP

Novena of St. Margaret

The Novena of St. Margaret will be held every month from the 10th to 18th after morning mass at St. Margaret's.

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



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 6 weekends within the season of creation (Aug31-Sep1, Sep7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 28-29; Oct5-6). Please let us know if you are intending to do so.

CRAFT FAYRE Sunday 8th September 1.30- 4.30pm

Craft Fayre, hosted by the One World Group this afternoon 1.30-4.30pm in the crypt. Good quality crafters and facepainting available. Please support this event.

Doors Open Days 2024

St. Margaret's are participating in the Doors Open Days for the next 3 weekends & Holy Name are participating on Sun 22nd Sep.

The Big Picture

Session 2 of The Big Picture is in St Margaret's Crypt on Tuesday 10th Sept 6.30-8pm. In this session entitled "God" we will be introduced to our God of Love and Surprises. Each participant has their own DVD so if you missed Session 1 you can catch up at home.

Ladies Group

There will be a Ladies' Steering Group meeting in the crypt on Tuesday 24 September 2024 starting 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.

Parish Golf Outing

Congratulations to Paul Healy, the winner of the Parish golf competition on Sun 1 Sept. Paul triumphed over a strong field of 12 keen golfers who all enjoyed a cool, dry day and a fine Bill O' Fayre at Pitreavie golf club. Thanks to all for donation of prizes which were shared out to all. See you all next year.

Catholic Families for Life

Newsletter from the National Commission for Marriage, Family and Life - latest version can be found at www.marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk

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

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 are at the back of the church, and inform us when their names are to be removed from the list.

Vocations Awareness Week

Vocations Awareness Week begins this Sunday and it is a chance for us to pray for those considering the priesthood or religious life, that they may hear God's call and respond with joyful hearts. We pray especially for Gerard Holden and Matthew McCafferty, seminarians of the Archdiocese, as well as for priests across the Archdiocese who are giving their life in service of the Church. If you want to explore the priesthood or religious life, have a chat with the Archdiocesan Vocations Director Monsignor Patrick Burke on 01334 472 856 (vocations@staned.org.uk) or Sister Mirjam Hugens, Director for Religious Vocations, on 0131 623 8902, (religiousvocations@staned.org.uk). More at: <https://archedinburgh.org/vocations/>



SPOTLIGHT: EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC)

The Second Vatican Council, with its Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity, states that it is essential to the nature of the Church to have the major involvement of the laity in the evangelizing mission of the Church. The introduction of lay men and lay women as Special Ministers of Communion now carries forward this tradition of lay involvement. Yes, the Church in its wisdom and pastoral concern, clearly makes provision for trained, approved, and commissioned lay men and women to assist the priest as EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION.

As part of this overall movement to make the Church the family, to encourage more and more Catholics to be active in their church, and to make the Sunday Mass more of a celebration of the family of God, the Church thus permitted and encouraged the introduction of the practice of EMHC. In 1973 Pope Paul VI issued an Instruction which permitted men and women to assist in the distribution of Holy Communion. In this way, he was reviving a custom and tradition of the early Christian Church.

Two main situations were given by the Church in the Instruction on Facilitating Sacramental Eucharistic Communion in Particular Circumstances:

1. **During Mass:** because of the size of the congregation
2. **Outside Mass:** when the number of the sick and housebound, especially in hospitals and similar institutions, requires many ministers.

The commissioning of lay ministers will enable the gift of the Eucharist to be brought to the sick, the aged, the infirm in their homes/hospitals on Sundays or other days.

Estelle Holligan, Coordinator of the EMHC says:

"I attend mass at St. Margaret's on a Wednesday morning and receive the Blessed Sacrament from the priest after Communion. I then go directly to the hospital. I ask the patient if they wish to receive Holy Communion. Usually they do, but if they just want a prayer or someone to listen to them then that is also perfectly acceptable. If they want to receive Holy Communion, then I normally partially shut the curtains to allow a degree of privacy. There is a short, but spiritual, service to prepare for Holy Communion. This can be shortened further if required depending on the patient's needs. If relatives are present, I invite them to take part in the service if they wish. I have had very positive responses from the patients that I have visited. Receiving Christ in the Eucharist brings them some peace and comfort and they know that they are still part of the Catholic Community even when they can't attend mass, which is SO important"

Who can be an EMHC?

The person appointed to be an EMHC is necessarily to be duly instructed and should distinguish himself or herself by his or her Christian life, faith, and morals. Let him or her strive to be worthy of this great office; let him or her cultivate devotion to the Holy Eucharist and show him or herself as an example to the other faithful by his or her piety and reverence for this most Holy sacrament of the altar.

Those who are selected, therefore, should demonstrate a mature Christian lifestyle which is characterized by faith, charity, prayerfulness, good moral character, service and stability. Their lives should reflect both love for the Eucharist and the desire to serve Christ in others. They should be practicing Catholics who are actively involved in the sacramental life of the Church.

In principle EMHC are commissioned for service within their Parish alone. To serve outside the bounds of their parish (even for a single event) they must be commissioned by the Parish Priest of the respective Parish. It is standard practice that EMHC generally serves term of three years with the possibility of a renewal of service in increments of three years.

The Second Vatican Council declared that the Holy Eucharist is the centre and summit of the life of the Church. It means therefore that there is nothing that happens in the Church which is more important than the Holy Eucharist. That is why everything concerning the Holy Eucharist must be considered of utmost importance. Becoming an EMHC is not a privilege, rather, it is a call and a mission with greater commitment.

CURRENT EMHC NO.S

CHURCH - SM-18 EMHC, HN-13 EMHC

HOSPITAL - SM-1 EMHC

HOMES / CARE HOMES - SM-7 EMHC, HN-2 EMHC

Our 7 EMHC at St. Margaret's currently visit 30 parishioners and our 2 EMHC at Holy Name visit 5 parishioners, on a weekly or fortnightly basis.

If you know of any Catholic patient in Queen Margaret Hospital, or a housebound in the parish who may like to receive Holy Communion, then please contact: priest.stmargaretdunfermline@staned.org.uk



Prayer of the Eucharist Ministers

Heavenly Father, we thank you for calling us to serve you and your people in our communities as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. You know that we could never be worthy of such an exalted honour. Help us to be less unworthy by remaining free from sin. Let us nourish your people with the witness of our lives as we feed them with the Body of Christ. Grant your strength and holiness to all your Special Ministers and make them worthy to bring Christ to others. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS	Date: 31st August / 1st Sep	SM £1114.66 Offertory & Building Fund	Holy Name	SM 	HN 
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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

St Margaret's R C Church 80-06-55 00720303	The Holy Name Parish 83-33-00 00176355	SSVP AE02044 80-06-55 00768139	SSVP AE02040 80-22-60 13364166	St. Margaret's One World Group 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

23RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)



FIRST READING Isaiah 35:4-7

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.
Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the
lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues
of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes
in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the
scorched earth becomes a lake, the
parched land springs of water.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING James 2:1-5

My brothers, do not try to combine
faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified
Lord, with the making of distinctions
between classes of people. Now
suppose a man comes into your
synagogue, beautifully dressed and
with a gold ring on, and at the
same time a poor man comes in, in
shabby clothes, and you take
notice of the well-dressed man,
and say, 'Come this way to the best
seats'; then you tell the poor man,
'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on
the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you
see that you have used two
different standards in your mind,
and turned yourselves into judges,
and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was
those who are poor according to
the world that God chose, to be rich
in faith and to be the heirs to the
kingdom which he promised to
those who love him.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL Mark 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre,
Jesus went by way of Sidon towards
the Sea of Galilee, right through the
Decapolis region. And they brought
him a deaf man who had an
impediment in his speech; and they
asked him to lay his hand on him. He
took him aside in private, away from
the crowd, put his fingers into the
man's ears and touched his tongue
with spittle. Then looking up to heaven
he sighed; and he said to him,
'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And
his ears were opened, and the
ligament of his tongue was loosened
and he spoke clearly. And Jesus
ordered them to tell no one about it,
but the more he insisted, the more
widely they published it. Their
admiration was unbounded. 'He has
done all things well,' they said 'he
makes the deaf hear and the dumb
speak.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 145(146):7-10

*My soul, give praise to the
Lord.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 1S3:9, Jn6:68

Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
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
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- Rosyth Men's Shed
- Cake Ness
- Fancy Faces Face Painting
- Alice & Daisy arts & crafts



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