



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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30th Sunday of the Year (B) – Sunday 27th October



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 26th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass & Baptism of Baby Glory 10.30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am – Confession 5.30pm – Holy Mass	Rena Kelly RIP Colin Healy RIP
Sunday 27th	St. Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am – Holy Mass 11am – Holy Mass	Alexander Condie RIP For a family in Ireland
Monday 28th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 29th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass	Stephen Merrick & Family Ron Price RIP
Wednesday 30th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass	John Canning RIP Crosse Family
Thursday 31st	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass	For unborn Children
Friday 1st Nov All Saints Day Holy Day of Obligation	St. Margaret's Holy Name St. Margaret's Primary School St. Margaret's	9.30am – Holy Mass 11am – Holy Mass – Children from Holy Name Primary School will be attending 1.30pm – Holy Mass 7pm – Holy Mass	Isabel Turnbull RIP John Canning RIP For Children For Priests
Saturday 2nd All Souls Day	St. Margaret's Holy Name St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 11.30am – Holy Mass 5.30pm – Holy Mass	For all Deceased of the Parish For all Deceased of the Parish Jean Slater RIP

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

Morning Tea – Teas & coffees after 10am Mass in the crypt every Tuesday & Thursday.

Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Saturdays after 10am Mass in St. Margaret's and on request at Holy Name.



Obituaries: Please remember in your prayers:

John Canning; Funeral will take place on Tuesday 5th November at 12pm in Holy Name followed by cremation at Dunfermline Crematorium.

Geraldine McBride; Funeral will take place on Thursday 7th November at 12pm in Holy Name followed by burial at Culross Cemetery.

Margaret McAlpine; Interment will be on Friday 15th November at Culross Cemetery at 11.15am followed by thanksgiving mass at Holy Name at 12pm.

May they rest in peace. Our thoughts & prayers go to the bereaved families and friends.

Introduction to the new Lectionaries

As the Church is introducing new translation of the Lectionaries our Liturgy Group will be holding a briefing session for all of our readers. This will take place on Sat 9th & Sun 10th November after mass in the Lady Chapel in St. Margaret's, and in Holy Name on Sun 10th November after mass. SM Readers please note the amended dates for SM. All readers please save the date.

Sacramental Preparations for Children

Parents who want their children to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation / First Holy Communion / Confirmation next year are requested to register by 15th December 2024. Please contact kayfrizell@gmail.com

'Be an Inspiration to Others'

An initiative from the Faith Formation Group: Do you have a favourite prayer, hymn or quote that has been an inspirational impact on your life? Why don't you share it with our fellow parishioners so that they also may benefit from it. Please forward it to the parish office and these will be shared in the newsletter every week as space allows.

Holy Name RCPS

We are holding a coffee afternoon on Monday 28th October at 2.15pm in the school. Parishioners are warmly invited to join us for a cuppa and a cake!

Thanksgiving Mass

The parish will be celebrating the legacy of the ministry of George Toal in the capacity of the RCIA Coordinator for over the past many years. There will be a thanksgiving mass on Saturday 23rd November at 5.30pm followed by refreshments in the crypt. We would like to thank him for his years of uncompromised dedication and commitment which brought many into the full communion with the Catholic Church.

St. Margaret's Teas & Toast Will resume after the October break on Sun 27th Oct. We look forward to seeing you all again then.

Ladies of the Parish Christmas Meal

Please be advised this is the last week to give your names to Veronica if any ladies wish to attend the Christmas meal at Sweet Chestnut on Wednesday 27 November at 7pm. All ladies welcome.

Ladies Group Craft Night

There will be a craft night on Tue 19th of November 7-9.30pm in the crypt. May Pooley will hold a card making evening – you just need to bring your imagination as cards etc will be provided. Please feel free to bring any other craft you are involved in.

The Big Picture Next session 4 Tues 5th November

St. Margaret's Church Flowers

Our current volunteers who have been involved in the Church Floristry Team for the past 20 years plan to step down after Christmas. If anyone has floristry / flower arranging capabilities and would like to volunteer, please contact the parish office.

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 included 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

For a full list of upcoming events
in the Diocese visit:
www.archedinburgh.org/news-events

Youth Day – Wonder Woman St Margaret!

The Archdiocese is hosting a youth day for p4-p7 children at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on Saturday 16 November, 11:00am to 3:00pm, to coincide with the Feast of St Margaret. Includes games, talks and activities, concluding with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Leo. Register at bit.ly/youthdaymargaret

'BE AN INSPIRATION TO OTHERS'

Parishioners' space to share inspirational quotes & prayers

Footprints

One night I had a dream. I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord, and across the sky flashed scenes from my life. For each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonged to me, and the other to the Lord.

When the last scene of my life flashed before us, I looked back at the footprints in the sand. I noticed that many times along the path of my life, there was only one set of footprints. I also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in my life. This really bothered me, and I questioned the Lord about it.

"Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you would walk with me all the way; but I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why in times when I needed you the most, you should leave me.

The Lord replied, "My precious, precious child. I love you, and I would never, never leave you during your times of trial and suffering. When you saw only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you.



The Cross In My Pocket

I carry a cross in my pocket,
A simple reminder to me
Of the fact that I am a Christian,
No matter where I may be.

This little cross isn't magic,
Nor is it a good luck charm.
It isn't meant to protect me
From every physical harm.

It's not for identification
For all the world to see.
It's simply an understanding
Between my Saviour and me.

When I put my hand in my pocket
To bring out a coin or a key,
The cross is there to remind me
Of the price He paid for me.

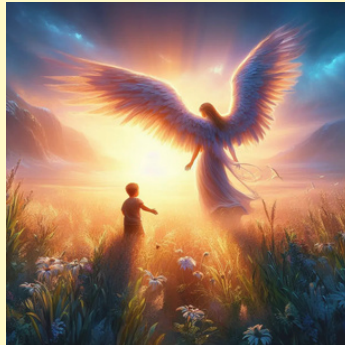
It reminds me too, to be thankful
For my blessings every day,
And to strive to serve Him better
In all that I do or say.

It's also a daily reminder
Of the peace and comfort I share
With all who know my Master
And give themselves to His care.

So, I carry a cross in my pocket
Reminding none but me
That Jesus Christ is Lord of my life,
If only I'll let Him be.

Angel of God

Angel of God, my guardian dear,
to whom God's love, commits me here,
ever this day, be at my side,
to light and guard, to rule and guide.
Amen.



The Serenity Prayer

God grant me the Serenity
to accept the things I cannot change...
Courage to change the things I can
and Wisdom to know the difference...





O, most Beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel

O, most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel,
Fruit of the Vine, splendorous of Heaven.
Blessed Mother of the Son of God,
Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this my necessity.
O, Star of the Sea, help me and show herein you are my mother.
O, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and earth,
I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart
to succour me in my necessity.
There are none that can withstand your power,
O, show me here you are my mother.
O, Mary, conceived without sin,
pray for us who have recourse to Thee.
Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands. Amen.

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PARISH & CHARITY BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS ACCOUNT NAME, SORT CODE & ACCOUNT NO			SM - TOTAL WEEKLY OFFERTORY: 12th/13th Oct	HN - TOTAL MONTHLY OFFERTORY: 13/8- 10/9/24
'St Margaret's R C Church' 80-06-55 - 00720303 	'The Holy Name Parish' 83-33-00 - 00176355 		Offertory £782.33 (Excl. SO/DD)	SO/DD £1074.24 Offertory £970.24
'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 the parish office.	

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 2024

St. Margaret's Parish Building Fund - 1st Sunday of every month

24th Nov - Bishops' Conference Catholic Education	Christmas Season - Diocesan Crib (Care Fund)	
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 <p>Transform your living space Ronan 078111 29689</p>  <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">FINE DESIGNS ARCHITECTURE</p>	 <p>vizzini Bathrooms Bedrooms Kitchens</p> <p>www.vizzini.co.uk 01383 624 888 Dunfermline, KY11 4RA</p>
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SCRIPTURE READINGS

30TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)



FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:7-9

The Lord says this: Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout: 'The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel!'

See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here.

They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING Hebrews 5:1-6

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people.

No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: *You are my son, today I have become your father*, and in another text: *You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever*.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL Mark 10:46-52

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road.

When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.'

So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 125(126)

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

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.

November – Month of Remembrance

November 1: All Saints' Day

On Friday 1st November, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, a celebration honouring all men and women who have entered Heaven. While this includes every soul in Heaven, the focus is particularly on those who led extraordinarily holy lives on earth and that the Church has canonized as saints. These individuals witnessed to their faith in God in a variety of ways: through deep prayer and mystical union, through enduring martyrdom or other forms of religious persecution, and through acts of service, such as caring for the needy or teaching the faith. Some saints were powerful preachers or miracle workers. Others were leaders, some lived in obscurity, and still others experienced exile or made significant personal sacrifices for their faith. In various ways, these saints glorified God during their lifetimes.

The Celebration of all saints has its roots in the earliest days of the Church. Even in the New Testament times, martyrs were honoured by the community of believers, beginning with the deacon Saint Stephen, the first martyr. In 844, Pope Gregory IV extended the November 1 celebration to the entire Church. In 1484, Pope Sixtus IV made November 1 a holy day of obligation for the entire Church.

Honouring the saints becomes an invitation to each one of us on earth to strive after the holiness the saints attained. The saints give us an example; their lives are a "how to" book in holiness. The lives of the saints should be studied and pondered so that we can learn from their example. We must also remember that, from Heaven, the saints become powerful intercessors for us on earth.

NB. Being a Holy Day of obligation, we have 4 masses on that day. For the details please see the front page of the Newsletter.

Our Parish's Response

Memorial Pebbles

White pebbles and permanent markers will be available at the entrance of the church. You may pick up a pebble and inscribe the name/names of your deceased ones irrespective of their parish or denomination or any other specifications, and drop it in the designated basket which will be located at the altar steps. These will be placed in the Memorial garden towards the end of November.



The Book of Remembrance

The Book of Remembrance which contains the name of the Deceased of the Parish will be carried in the Offertory procession on Sundays in November.

Holy Mass and Candle Service for the Deceased

A sacred time to remember and pray for our deceased, especially those who passed away between November 2023 to November 2024 and light a candle for them in front of the altar. All will get the opportunity to light a candle for their beloved ones. This service will be held on Thursday 7th of November 7pm at St Margaret's and Sunday 17th November at 11am at Holy Name.

Remembrance Sunday

On Sunday 10th November we will commemorate the great sacrifice of those who have lost their lives in war. They will be remembered during the mass and a poppy wreath will be laid at the altar steps.

November 2: All Soul's Day

As we commemorate All Soul's Day on Saturday 2nd November, we turn our eyes to those men and women who have gone before us in death but died before being fully purified of effects of sin. The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains it this way: "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned." (#1030–31).

This commemoration is a call to prayer for those who have died and are being purified in final preparation for their entrance into the Beatific Vision. By praying for those in Purgatory, we are assured that God lavishes upon them all that they need for the complete purification of their souls.

This commemoration also reminds us of the importance of our ongoing deepening conversion. We are all called to be saints. Ideally, our central focus in life is to become a living saint and not wait to be fully purified in Purgatory. Becoming a saint today means we continuously seek God's mercy, confess our sins, receive forgiveness, and then change our lives completely. This is not a small task!

When personal sanctity is a person's exclusive mission, every other part of that person's life falls into place. Virtues grow, love for family and friends increases, duties are perfectly fulfilled, and God is fully glorified.

Therefore as we pray for those who have died, pray also for our own soul and ponder how fervently we seek to become transformed into a living saint. Though the journey to divine union is not a quick and easy one, it is a journey well worth it.

NB. There will be an extra mass at Holy Name at 11.30am.

Parish Retreat

A day for spiritual 'recharging'

Saturday 16th November

**A time for you to recharge,
and deepen your relationship with God
Reflecting on the spiritual riches of St Margaret,
trying new ways of prayer, being with the community**

Led by the Ignatian Spirituality Centre, Glasgow.

Large group, small group and individual reflection.

A choice of small group experiences to choose from:

- Praying with scripture
- Using imagination in our spiritual lives
- Encountering God within – what our inner lives reveal

The retreat will be at St. Margaret's starting with mass at 10am then run from 10.30am–1pm.

The programme will be repeated in the afternoon 3pm–5.30pm.