



# ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

## HOME OF ST. MARGARET'S RELIC

### 27TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)

Sunday 6th October – Final Week of Season of Creation 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  |
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| Saturday 5th      | St. Margaret's                  | 10am – Holy Mass<br>10.30am – Baptism of Baby Brielle<br>10.30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament<br>10.30am – Confession<br><br>5.30pm – Holy Mass                         | Ben Watson<br><br><br><br>Ramsay Kessler RIP                |
| <b>Sunday 6th</b> | St. Margaret's<br><br>Holy Name | 9.30am – Holy Mass<br><br>11am – Holy Mass   | Jean Slater RIP<br><br>Margaret Fotheringham (thanksgiving) |
| Monday 7th        |                                 | NO MASS  |   |
| Tuesday 8th       | Holy Name<br><br>St. Margaret's | 9am – Holy Mass<br><br>10am – Holy Mass  | Elizabeth McGuinness RIP<br><br>John Bird RIP               |
| Wednesday 9th     | Holy Name<br><br>St. Margaret's | 9am – Holy Mass<br><br>10am – Holy Mass  | John McQuillian RIP<br><br>Peter Thomson RIP                |
| Thursday 10th     | St. Margaret's                  | 10am – Requiem Mass of John Monaghan   |   |
| Friday 11th       | St. Margaret's                  | 10am – Holy Mass<br>10.30 am – Novena of St. Margaret  | Colin Healy RIP   |
| Saturday 12th     | St. Margaret's                  | 10am – Holy Mass<br>10.30 am – Novena of St. Margaret<br>10.30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament<br>10.30am – Confession<br>12pm – Pro Life Mass<br><br>5.30pm – Holy Mass | Catherine Maxwell RIP<br><br><br><br>Ramsay Kessler RIP     |

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

#### 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.

**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.



## Season of Creation 2024 Nature Photography contest

Winners of the Creation photographic contest 2024 will be announced this weekend.

## Thanksgiving Mass for the Creation & Blessing of Pets

This Sunday at 9.30am & 11am masses if you want your pets to be blessed, kindly bring a photo of your pets, either printed or displayed on your phone

## Obituary: Please remember in your prayers:

**John Monaghan** - There will be a funeral mass for John Monaghan at St. Margaret's on Thursday 10th October at 10am. Our thoughts & prayers go to the bereaved family and friends. May his soul rest in peace.

## Pro-Life Mass with the Knights of St Columba

The Knights of St Columba host the annual Pro-Life Mass celebrated by Fr Paul Lee at St. Margaret's on Sat 12th October at 12pm. It is a chance to celebrate the value of human life from conception to natural death. On behalf of the Knights of St. Columba all are welcome to attend.

## Building Fund

The monthly collection for the building fund will take place this weekend. (Please see back of newsletter for further details).

## October: Month of the Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to foster the devotion to the Holy Rosary. Every Tue & Wed at Holy Name & every Tue-Sat at St. Margaret's, the rosary is already being said before the mass. We would especially like to invite everyone to come & join in the rosary during the month of October. There will be a reflection evening on the Holy Rosary on Tue 22nd October, 6.30pm at Holy Name & on Thur 24th October 6.30pm at St. Margaret's. All are welcome.

## Social Media Profile Awareness

To enhance our parish communications we'd like to raise awareness of our social media platforms to increase reach & engagement. Could I kindly ask you to please like, follow & share our page(s). Many thanks.

Parish Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/PearlofScotland/>

Parish Instagram page: <https://www.instagram.com/st.margaretsparishdunfermline/>

## One World Group Breakfast

A date for your diaries. On Sunday 13th October the One World Group Breakfast will be hosted by the Men's Group. Please come along to the breakfast and find out about the range of activities organised by the Men's Group. Many of our activities, like Crypt events and our Social Walking Group are open to all Parishioners. Come along and find out how you can become involved.

## Feedback on the Ministry of Fr Syriac

Fr Syriac would like to thank everyone for completing feedback forms. The collated responses will be made available very soon.

## RCIA

The RCIA will start this Monday 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. To enquire further, please contact the Parish office or George Toal on: [georgetoal@btinternet.com](mailto:georgetoal@btinternet.com)

## Mass for the Deceased and Candle Service

Our Bereavement Candle Service will take place on Thurs 7th of November at 7pm. Everyone will be very welcome to join us in this beautiful and meaningful service. You may also like to stay for a chat after Mass and enjoy some refreshments with us.

## A Time for You to Recharge, and Deepen your Relationship with God

The Ignatian Spirituality Centre, Glasgow animates our parish retreat for this year on the Feast Day of St. Margaret, 16th November. It gives us an opportunity for reflecting on the spiritual riches of St. Margaret and trying new ways of prayer. There will be 2 sessions - 10am-1pm & 3pm-5.30pm. Please contact the Parish office for details. Please save the date.

## The Big Picture

In session four on Tue 5th November our small groups will discuss what they have learnt about Creation through their Biblical "digging" then watch the video "The Fall". Contact David on 01383 872739 or [dhambleyuk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dhambleyuk@yahoo.co.uk) if interested.

## Sick of the Parish

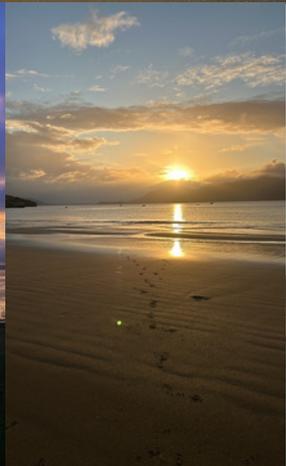
We would like to ask your prayers for: **Janet Lamont, Margaret McPherson, Anne Donaldson, Nan Lomas, John Tonner, Margaret Fotheringham, Jim Cusick, Janet McIlwaine, Moira McGuigan, May Reid, Ann Begg, Esther Wren and Margaret & Joe Wilson** during their period of illness. If you would like to add a family member to be 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.



## SPOTLIGHT: SEASON OF CREATION PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST 2024



“our lives can become a song of love for God, for humanity, with and for creation, and find their fullness in holiness,”  
*Pope Francis*



# PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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| <p><b>Colleen Izatt</b><br/> <b>Parish Admin Asst &amp; Crypt Bookings</b><br/>                 priest.stmargaretmunfermline@staned.org.uk<br/>                 Phone: 07706 083493 / 01383 625611</p> | <p><b>Parish Newsletter</b><br/>                 Deadline Friday 10am<br/>                 stmargaretsnews@gmail.com</p>                 |  |

| PARISH & CHARITY BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| ACCOUNT NAME, SORT CODE & ACCOUNT NO  |   |  |
| <p><b>'St Margaret's R C Church'</b><br/>                     80-06-55 - 00720303</p>  | <p><b>'The Holy Name Parish'</b><br/>                     83-33-00 - 00176355</p>  |  |
| <p><b>'St. Margaret's One World Group'</b><br/>                     83-33-00 - 10191867</p>   | <p><b>SM</b><br/> <b>'SSVP AE02044'</b><br/>                     80-06-55 - 00768139</p>  | <p><b>HN</b><br/> <b>'SSVP AE02040'</b><br/>                     80-22-60 - 13364166</p> |

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| <p><b>TOTAL WEEKLY OFFERTORY</b><br/>                 Date: 28th/29th Sept</p>             | <p><b>TOTAL MONTHLY OFFERTORY:</b><br/>                 13/8/24 - 10/9/24</p> |
| <p><b>SM Offertory</b><br/>                 £654.19<br/>                 (Excl. SO/DD)</p> | <p><b>Holy Name SO/DD</b> £1074.24<br/> <b>Offertory</b> £970.24</p>          |

**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

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



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# SCRIPTURE READINGS

## 27TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)



### FIRST READING

**Genesis 2:18-24**

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it.

The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

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

### SECOND READING

**Hebrews 2:9-11**

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

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

### GOSPEL

**Mark 10:2-12**

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.'

Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 127(128)**

***May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.***

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Jn17:17**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth.**  
**Alleluia!**

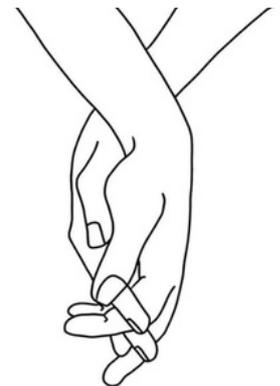
### THE NICENE ("Niceno-Constantinopolitan") Creed

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.



## A Prayer for our Earth

All powerful God,  
you are present in the universe  
and in the smallest of your creatures.  
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.  
Pour out upon us the power of your love,  
that we may protect life and beauty.  
Fill us with your peace, that we may live  
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,  
help us to rescue the abandoned  
and forgotten of this earth,  
so precious in your eyes.  
Bring healing to our lives,  
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,  
that we may sow beauty,  
not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts  
of those who look only for gain  
at the expense of the poor and the earth.  
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,  
to be filled with awe and contemplation,  
to recognize that we are profoundly united  
with every creature  
as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.  
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle,  
for justice, love and peace.

A prayer for our earth was published in Pope Francis' encyclical, Laudato Si'.  
It is for all who believe in God who is the all-powerful Creator.