



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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33rd Sunday of the Year (B) – Sunday 17th November



*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 16th Feast of St. Margaret & Parish Retreat	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 10.30am–Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am – Confession 5.30pm – Holy Mass	Gillian Guy, Pat Sweeney (80th Birth Remembrance) For a sick Secular Carmelite, John Canning RIP
Sunday 17th	St. Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am – Holy Mass 11am – Holy Mass	Patricia Dunkerley RIP Norman Hadden RIP, John Canning RIP
Monday 18th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 19th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass	Elma Kelly RIP, Ian Reid RIP Geraldine McBride RIP, Winifred Brannan
Wednesday 20th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Requiem Mass for Janet Stewart	John Canning RIP, Margaret McAlpine RIP
Thursday 21st		Archdiocesan Clergy Gathering– No Mass	
Friday 22nd St. Cecilia	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass	Special intention (Jane Fentiman)
Saturday 23rd	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 10.30am–Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am – Confession 5.30pm – Holy Mass	Tom Mailey RIP, Elma Kelly RIP Elma Kelly RIP, Ian Henderson RIP

November Mass Intentions–You may have observed in the mass schedule, there are more than one intention assigned to some days. This is to comply with the commemoration of the deceased in the month of November. Though there are more than one intention, each will be celebrated individually on the day mentioned by the Priests who don't have enough mass offerings.

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

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of Christ the King



Obituaries: Please remember in your prayers:

Janet Stewart; Funeral will take place on Wednesday 20th November at 10am with requiem mass in St. Margaret's followed by burial at Dunfermline Cemetery.

Patrick Boderick; Funeral will take place on Thursday 5th December at 11.30am with requiem mass in Holy Name followed by burial at Culross Cemetery. *May they rest in peace. Our thoughts & prayers go to the bereaved families and friends.*

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.

Men's Advent Reflection Meetings

The Men's Advent Reflection Meetings start on Wednesday 27th November at 7.30pm in the Lady Chapel and then on Wednesdays 4th, 11th & 18th December. All men of the Parish are welcome to attend.

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.

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. Andrew's Night Social Evening

On Saturday the 30th November St Andrew's Night will be celebrated starting at 7.30pm in the Crypt. A social evening of music & fun. Tickets at £5 are on sale now after weekend Masses.

St. Margaret's Primary School Christmas Fayre

The Parent and Carer Council are hosting a Christmas Fayre on Thursday 5 December 5.30-7.30pm where there will be visits with Santa, tombola, bouncy castles, cake & candy and Dominoes pizza. If anyone wishes to donate any raffle or tombola prizes that would be very much appreciated. We would also be delighted to receive any cake & candy contributions on the run up to the event. Contact Lisa Mccran - 07860305371

'Christmas in Music and Words' – With the Queen Anne Singers

Christmas Concert for the One World Group in aid of Mary's Meals. Friday 13th December 7pm, at St Margaret's. Tickets £10 & are available in advance from the music groups at St. Margaret's masses, members of Queen Anne singers or at the door on the night.

Sick of the Parish

We would like to ask your prayers for: **Maureen Black, 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.

Special Collection for SCES

The annual special collection for work of the Scottish Catholic Education Service will take place on Sunday 24 November.

Assisted Suicide

On 29 November, the UK Parliament will vote on an assisted suicide Bill. The result at Westminster will strongly influence MSPs as the Scottish Parliament is also considering this issue. If passed, assisted suicide laws will damage NHS end-of life-care. Experience in other countries shows that abuses start to happen and vulnerable people are pressured to die. Many MPs have not made up their minds and want to hear from you. Points to help with emails: <https://bit.ly/AssistedSuicideTalkingPoints> Find your MP & MSPs: <https://writetothem.com>

Zoom series on new Lectionary

The Archdiocese is hosting a series of talks on Zoom to take a closer look at the new Lectionary which is being introduced in Advent. Join Fr Jamie McMorris at 7:00pm on Wednesday 4 December, Wed 11 Dec, and Wed 18 Dec. The sessions are free to attend. Register at bit.ly/lectionaryadvent



Updates on the Synod on Synodality

After three years of reflection, the Synod on Synodality came to an end on the evening of October 26, 2024, as the 356 members of the assembly gathered to vote on a final document. The document emerges from a two-year consultative process that began in 2021, and it presents more concrete recommendations and clearer structural guidelines. The final document is organized into five main sections and calls for five forms of conversion: spiritual, relational, procedural, institutional, and missionary. This document outlines substantial proposals for Church renewal which include expanded women's leadership roles, greater lay participation in decision-making, and significant structural reforms.

Structural reforms

Among the most significant proposals is a call for strengthening pastoral councils at parish and diocesan levels. The document advocates for regular ecclesiastical assemblies across all Church levels and heightened ecumenical dialogue. The text introduces the concept of synodal authority while acknowledging that in "a synodal Church, the authority of the bishop, of the episcopal college, and of the bishop of Rome in regard to decision-taking is inviolable." "Such an exercise of authority, however, is not without limits," the document adds. On this view, the text calls for a revision in canon law, "clarifying the distinction and relation between consultation and deliberation and shedding light on the responsibilities of those who play different roles in the decision-making process."

Women's leadership

The document explicitly states there is "no reason or impediment" to prevent women from assuming leadership roles in the Church. Furthermore, "the question of women's access to diaconal ministry remains open," and that discernment should continue. The text advocates for increased female participation in clergy formation and broader involvement in Church decision-making processes.

Lay participation

The document significantly expands the role of lay faithful in Church governance. It calls for their increased presence in synodal assemblies and all phases of ecclesiastical decision-making. New procedures for selecting and evaluating bishops and expanded lay participation in diocesan leadership and canonical processes are proposed.

Implementation phase

While Pope Francis has declared the synodal path "completed," the document emphasizes that a crucial implementation phase lies ahead. This next stage will focus on integrating synodality as a "constitutive dimension of the Church." The text also addresses accountability measures, calling for enhanced financial transparency and protocols for abuse prevention, declaring: "The need within the Church for healing, reconciliation, and the rebuilding of trust has resounded at every stage of the synodal process."



Background

The document represents the culmination of one of the most extensive consultative processes in Church history, which we call 'synodal journey' initiated by Pope Francis in 2021. The exercise aimed to balance traditional Church teaching with contemporary pastoral needs while promoting greater inclusivity and transparency in Church governance.

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PARISH & CHARITY BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS ACCOUNT NAME, SORT CODE & ACCOUNT NO			SM - TOTAL WEEKLY OFFERTORY: 9th/10th Nov	HN - TOTAL MONTHLY OFFERTORY: 12/9- 10/10/24
'St Margaret's R C Church' 80-06-55 - 00720303 	'The Holy Name Parish' 83-33-00 - 00176355 		Offertory £685.69 SO/DD £1020.00	Offertory £1082.63 SO/DD £989.70
'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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SCRIPTURE READINGS

33RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)



FIRST READING 1Daniel 12:1-3

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING Hebrews 10:11-14,18

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. He, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place forever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL Mark 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.'

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 15(16):5,8-11

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt24:42-44

Alleluia, alleluia!
Stay awake and stand ready,
because you do not know the hour
when the Son of Man is coming.
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.



LADIES GROUP CRAFT NIGHT

Tuesday 19th November
7pm-9pm
The Crypt at St. Margaret's

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

