



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Solemnity of Christ the King - Year (B)

Sunday 24th 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 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
Sunday 24th Solemnity of Christ the King	St. Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am - Holy Mass 11am - Holy Mass	For the deceased members of O'Neill & Donaldson Families For the People of the parish
Monday 25th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 26th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am - Holy Mass 10am - Holy Mass	John Canning RIP For the deceased members of the Burns & Scullion Family
Wednesday 27th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am - Holy Mass 10am - Holy Mass	Ian Henderson RIP For deceased family members & Friends of Samantha James
Thursday 28th		10am - Holy Mass	Maureen Black (For wellness & Hope), Natalie Welsh (Wellness)
Friday 29th	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass	Francescantonia & Rocco Guidice
Saturday 30th St. Andrew's Day	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass 10.30am-Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am - Confession 5.30pm - Holy Mass	For unborn Children David Dobson 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 Nov. 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 First Sunday of Advent



Obituary: Please remember in your prayers:

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 he rest in peace. Our thoughts & prayers go to the bereaved family and friends.

Special Collection for SCES this Sunday 24th Nov for the work of the Scottish Catholic Education Service.

Church Heating

Pleased to report that the Church heating pipework replacement project is now complete, just in time for winter & Advent. Also pleased to report we recovered £414.09 by taking the old pipework to the scrap merchant.

Holy Name Organist

Carolyn Douglas who has faithfully served as the principal organist at Holy Name for the past 3 years is moving away. We would like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for her dedicated service and wish her all the best in her new journey. She will be greatly missed. As a result, Holy Name is seeking an organist/pianist to play on Sundays at 11am mass. This will be on an alternate weekly basis (flexible) sharing the role with the music group. If you're interested or would like to have a trial before committing, give me a call (07740 200437) or speak to me after mass. The invitation is open to all of St Margaret's parish. Colin Whitlock.

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 and 18th December. All men of the Parish are welcome to attend.

St. Andrew's Night Social Evening

On Sat the 30th Nov 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 & Carer Council are hosting a Christmas Fayre on Thur 5 Dec 5.30-7.30pm. There will be visits with Santa, tombola, bouncy castles, cake & candy and Dominoes pizza. Any donations of raffle or tombola prizes would be very much appreciated. These can be handed into school or can be collected after 9.30am mass on Sunday. We would also be delighted to receive any cake & candy contributions on the run up to the event. Contact Lisa Mccran - 07860305371.

One World Group Breakfast

The next breakfast is on Sun 8th Dec. It is being sponsored by Solomon Patel & family. He says, "we would like to offer the breakfast as a thanksgiving for all the blessings we receive & to remember all departed members of our families." Please support this event.

'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.

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

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>

St. Margaret's Tea And Toast

The remaining dates for 2024 for Tea & Toast after Mass on Sundays are 24th Nov, 1st & 22nd Dec, resuming on Sun 12th Jan 2025.

St. Margaret's Church Flowers

Our dedicated volunteers, who have served on the Church Floristry Team for the past 20 years, plan to step down after Xmas. If you have 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: **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. To add a family member (to be included in the bidding prayers also) please complete a form which can be found at the back of the church, (and inform us when their names are to be removed).

George Toal

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, or RCIA, is the process that takes place within the Catholic Church by which those persons who are unbaptized (or have been baptized in another faith tradition), discern if they are called to be baptized in (or received into) the Roman Catholic Church. Our Parish have been blessed to be instrumental in helping numerous 'seekers' to find their way to Catholic Church. The prerequisite for carrying out this vital mission of the church is the committed and virtuous catechists who can introduce Christ and His Church to others by their lives.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 906) says, "Lay people who are capable and trained may also collaborate in catechetical formation, in teaching the sacred sciences, and in use of the communication media". We have been fortunate to have a very committed team for RCIA, headed by George Toal, who was commissioned by Bishop Brian, Bishop of Greater Manchester and subsequently by Cardinal O'Brian. Now, after leaving his legacy behind, George has decided to step down after many years of service. 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.

A Brief History of his Pastoral Ministry

He started with the Naval Chaplains at HMS Cochrane in Rosyth. Later on, at the request of Fr Barr he took over from the Sisters of Charity, the role of Catechising people who wanted to become Catholics; and he continued for Fr Chris.

Over a period of thirty years St Margaret's became a Pastoral Centre; and all the priests used his teaching of the RCIA with the exception of Glenrothes, as they had their own arrangements. For two years he travelled over to the parish in Broxburn to teach the Echoes Maryvale course which he had taught in St Margaret's. He also initiated a brief record system for the purpose of making contact with the candidates.



Thanksgiving Mass

To celebrate 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.

Hospital Chaplaincy

In this Ministry he assisted Canon Boyle in Queen Margaret Hospital. After his death and the retirement of the Hospital chaplain, George was appointed as the Generic Chaplain to the West fife Hospitals: Queen Margaret, the Victoria and the Hospices in both Hospitals. He holds a certificate from Edinburgh University on 'Caring for the Sick and Dying'.

Children's Sacramental Pathway

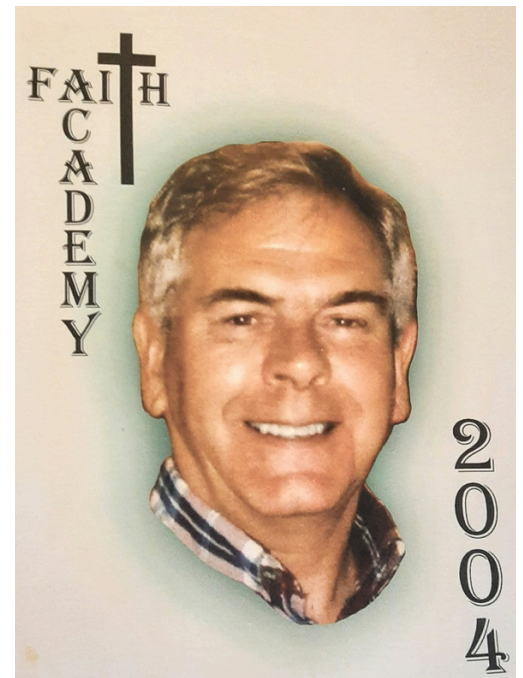
He started this sacramental course as there was a lot of children, especially Polish children whose parents wanted their children to receive the Sacraments. He was assisted by a team of retired primary teachers from St Margaret's Primary School. According to him, the reason why he gave the course this title was to highlight that it was a parish based and not school based programme. Sadly, Covid changed this arrangement.

Parish Retreats & Pilgrimage

For five years during Advent and Lent, retreats were arranged for parishioners to Kinnoull. Also a pilgrimage to Iona was organised with Fr Chris.

The Future

We have a new team on board and we are blessed this year to have 9 catechumens.





An old memento!

***We the people of St Margaret's wish you all the choicest blessings from above!
May God Bless You!***

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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PARISH & CHARITY BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS ACCOUNT NAME, SORT CODE & ACCOUNT NO			SM - TOTAL WEEKLY OFFERTORY: 16th/17th 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 £607.67 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)	5th January - Bishops' Conference Justice & Peace
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SCRIPTURE READINGS

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING – YEAR (B)



FIRST READING Daniel 7:13-14

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants.

His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God



SECOND READING Apocalypse 1:5-8

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the First-Born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

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GOSPEL John 18:33-37

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?'

Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 92(93):1-2,5

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mk11:10

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
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.



Join us!



ST MARGARET'S CHRISTMAS FAIR

SANTA'S GROTTO, INFLATABLES,
TOMBOLA, CRAFTS, PIZZA,
WATER & WINE
AND DELICIOUS TREATS!



THU 5TH DECEMBER



5:30-7:30 PM

PIZZA TICKETS £3.50

MEET SANTA £2.50

INFLATABLES PAY ON THE DAY

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