



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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31st Sunday of the Year (B) – Sunday 3rd 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 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
Sunday 3rd	St. Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am – Holy Mass 11am – Holy Mass	Peter Carney RIP Bridget Brolly (Birthday remembrance)
Monday 4th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 5th	St. Margaret's Holy Name	10am – Holy Mass 12pm – Requiem Mass for John Canning	John McBride , Our Lady of Fatima
Wednesday 6th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass	Margaret McAlpine RIP, John Canning RIP Leona Barr RIP, Miky(Birthday)
Thursday 7th	St. Margaret's Holy Name	10am – Holy Mass 12pm – Requiem Mass for Geraldine McBride	Neil Sinclair RIP, Tony Iwanikiw RIP
Friday 8th	St. Margaret's	9.30am – Holy Mass	McPherson & Farrell Families RIP
Saturday 9th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 10.30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am – Confession 5.30pm – Holy Mass	Matthew Burtenshaw (wellbeing), Tony Cascarino William Burns RIP, Stephanie Drozdowski 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.



Obituaries: Please remember in your prayers:

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

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

Janet Stewart; Funeral will take place on Wednesday 13th Nov at 10am in St. Margaret's followed by burial at Dunfermline Cemetery.

Ian Reid; Funeral will take place on Thursday 14th Nov at 11.30am in Holy Name followed by burial at Culross Cemetery.

Margaret McAlpine; Interment will be on Friday 15th Nov at Culross Cemetery followed by Thanksgiving mass at Holy Name at 11.45am.

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

Organist/Pianist Volunteer Vacancy

Holy Name is looking for an organist/pianist to play on Sundays at the 11am mass. This will be on an alternate weekly basis (flexible) sharing with the music group. If you're interested or just want 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.

Building Fund

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

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. 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

Repository

Maureen Rowsome, our Repository Lady, has decided to step down from this ministry after fulfilling this role for many years. The parish is highly indebted to her for the extraordinary commitment she has put into it. Margaret Philp will be the new Repository in charge. We wish her everything best in her new role. She would appreciate if you would let her know any item you wish to see in our Christmas stock.

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.

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

Session 4 of The Big Picture Bible Study course is next Tue (5th Nov, yes we know it is bonfire night!) at 6.30pm in the Crypt. Our small groups will discuss what they have learnt about Creation through their Biblical "digging" last month. After the small groups we will watch the video "The Fall", "Sin came into the world through one man and death through sin" Romans 5:12

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

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.

The Difference

I got up early one morning
and rushed right into the day;
I had so much to accomplish
that I didn't have time to pray.
Problems just tumbled about me,
and heavier came each task.
"Why doesn't God help me?" I wondered.
He answered, "You didn't ask".

I wanted to see joy and beauty,
but the day toiled on, gray and bleak,
I wondered why God didn't show me.
He said, "But you didn't seek".

I tried to come into God's presence;
I used all my keys at the lock.
God gently and lovingly chided,
"My child, you didn't knock".
I woke up early this morning,
and paused before entering the day,
I had so much to accomplish
that I had to take time to pray.

Prayer for calm

I weave a silence to my lips,
my heart, my mind.

Calm me, O Lord,
Still the storm.

Still me, O Lord,
Keep me from harm.

Let all the tumult within me cease.
Enfold me Lord, in thy peace. Amen

A Prayer During Lockdown 2020

Jesus wrap your arms around me,
hold me tight in your embrace,
and through the Grace of God
the Father, may I see your Holy Face.
Amen.

Denise Charlton

Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

LORD, make me an instrument of Thy peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, let me sow pardon;
Where there is doubt, let me sow faith;
Where there is despair, let me bring hope;
Where there is darkness, let me bring light;
Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.
O divine Master, grant that I may seek
not to be comforted, but to comfort;
Not to be understood, but to understand;
Not to be loved, but to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
In forgiving that we are forgiven,
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

Safely Home

I am home in Heaven, dear ones;
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.

Did you wonder I so calmly
Trod the valley of the shade?
Oh! but Jesus' love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.

And He came Himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread;
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?

Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still:
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's Will.



There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth—
You shall rest in Jesus' land.

When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you Home;
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,
Oh, the joy to see you come!

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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PARISH & CHARITY BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS ACCOUNT NAME, SORT CODE & ACCOUNT NO			SM - TOTAL WEEKLY OFFERTORY: 19th/20th & 26th/27th 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 £1117.58 (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	Missio Sunday - 20th October £698.26 was raised and has been sent to Missio Scotland. 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

31ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)



FIRST READING Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord the God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: the Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING Hebrews 7:23-28

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these. The scribe said to him, Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice. Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, You are not far from the kingdom of God. And after that no one dared to question him any more.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 17(18):2-4,47,51

I love you, Lord, my strength.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Jn6:63,68

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life;
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.

Parish Retreat



A day for spiritual 'recharging'

Led by the Ignatian Spirituality Centre, Glasgow

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**

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.

November – Month of Remembrance

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.