



# ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

## HOME OF ST. MARGARET'S RELIC



**1st Sunday of Advent – Year (C)**  
**1st December**



*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 30th <i>St. Andrew's Day</i>	<b>St. Margaret's</b>	<b>10am – Holy Mass</b> <b>10.30am–Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>10.30am – Confession</b>  <b>5.30pm – Holy Mass</b>	For unborn Children   David Dobson RIP
<b>Sunday 1st Dec</b>	<b>St. Margaret's</b>  <b>Holy Name</b>	<b>9.30am – Holy Mass</b>  <b>11am – Holy Mass</b>	Maurice McCarron RIP  People of the parish
Monday 2nd		NO MASS	
Tuesday 3rd	<b>Holy Name</b>  <b>St. Margaret's</b>	<b>9am – Holy Mass</b>  <b>10am – Holy Mass</b>	Jack Farmes RIP
Wednesday 4th	<b>Holy Name</b>  <b>St. Margaret's</b>	<b>9am – Holy Mass</b>  <b>10am – Holy Mass</b>	Elma Kelly RIP
Thursday 5th		<b>10am – Holy Mass</b>  <b>11.30am – Requiem Mass for Patrick Boderick</b>	
Friday 6th	<b>St. Margaret's</b>	<b>10am – Holy Mass</b>	Sr Mary MMI RIP
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**Daily Opening of St. Margaret's Church excluding Mondays, 9am–4pm, to allow quiet time for personal prayer and reflection.**

### Mass Intentions

If you would like a mass to be offered, complete a Mass Intention envelope (for SM in the card stand; for HN on the table at the entrance of the church) and either hand it to the Priest or put through the Presbytery door. For legibility, please print your intention in block capitals. Please note mass intentions slots can regularly already be filled, up to a month in advance.



## **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.

## **Readers**

The Liturgy Team organises the recommissioning of the readers with the introduction of the new lectionary this weekend. All readers will be recommissioned at all 3 weekend masses.

## **Holy Mass and the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick**

Holy Mass and the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick in Advent will be held in St. Margaret's on Sat 14th December at 11am, and in Holy Name on Tue 17th December at 11am. If you require transport to attend either mass, please get in touch with the parish office.

## **SSVP Christmas Appeal**

SSVP is holding their annual Christmas appeal to assist people in need, in particular 85 families whom we support throughout the year. During Advent, a donation box is placed in the Porch for your donations. Donations of power cards, gift cards and vouchers would be greatly appreciated. Alternatively, cash donations can be paid into the Ssvp bank account; details can be found on the back page of the newsletter. We thank you in advance for all your continued support.

## **Church Heating**

Thank you to our Fabric & Maintenance Team who have successfully completed the heating pipework replacement project.

## **Holy Name Organist/Pianist Volunteer Vacancy**

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 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.

## **Men's Advent Reflection Meetings**

The Men's Advent reflection meetings continue on Wed 4th & 11th Dec at 7.30pm in the Lady Chapel. All men of the Parish are welcome to attend.

## **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. 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.

## **Movement for Good prize draw**

There is a £1000 'Movement for Good' prize draw. Please nominate our excellent One World Group. If they receive at least 20 nominations they will be included in the draw. The link takes you straight to the application page with the OWG details already there - all you need to do is add your own details:

[https://movementforgood.com/index.php?cn=SC037565&ct=poverty&i=1732802489-12439.jpg&utm\\_source=holiday+card&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=M4G2024card&utm\\_id=M4G2024card#nominateACharity](https://movementforgood.com/index.php?cn=SC037565&ct=poverty&i=1732802489-12439.jpg&utm_source=holiday+card&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=M4G2024card&utm_id=M4G2024card#nominateACharity)

## **Holy Name RCPS Nativity**

On Friday 13th December, our boys and girls will perform their Nativity, 'The Angel, A Star and A Stable'. It will begin at 1.30pm in the school hall and parishioners are invited along to help us celebrate the festive season. On Wednesday 18th December, we will be holding our Christmas Coffee Afternoon at 2.15pm and parishioners are welcome to join us for a cuppa and a mince pie.

## **'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.

## **Thanks from George Toal**

George Toal would like to pass on his sincere thanks to the priests and parishioners for his Thanksgiving mass last weekend, and also for all the mass cards and good wishes.

## **Sick of the Parish**

We would like to ask your prayers for: **Denise Reilly, Jane Fentiman, Maureen Black, Margaret McPherson & Anne Donaldson** during their period of illness.

# Welcome to the Dunfermline Learning Campus!

by Annie Kenny, Caitlin Tracey and Lucas Hunter

In August, our school community moved into a brand-new building. Our incredible facilities and beautiful surroundings are a wonderful environment for learning, and we are loving settling into our new campus. If you have had a chance to see our campus already, we hope you will agree that is a fantastic space that we are so lucky to have and it is a very fitting place for our community of faith and learning.

Amongst the pupils' favourite aspects of our building are our beautiful learning plazas which are located on every floor. They allow us to work in large groups and take part in collaborative learning, but they can also serve as a quiet study space.

Our Oratory is an incredible space for Mass, prayer and quiet reflection. It is a light space, leading out into a beautiful courtyard. On the wall which joins the main pupil corridor, there is an amazing stained glass window which was designed by former pupil Aimee Elliott and which is designed to capture St Columba's journey to Iona. Our brand new Altar features the dove from our school logo as a symbol of peace, and the Celtic Cross showing close ties to St Columba's spirituality.

At St Columba's there are many exciting new facilities such as amazing indoor and outdoor sports spaces which have enabled us to provide a huge range of extracurricular clubs, and to host tournaments with other schools. This has helped the pupils with team-building skills as shown in the fantastic boys' football team who recently won a challenging game along with other successes in basketball and other sports too!



LtoR: Mr R Mulholland (DHT), Mr C Timms (PT Guidance), Mr B Harrison (PT Inclusion)

Some of our facilities are shared with our neighbours in Woodmill High School. Our dining hall, library and assembly hall are examples of our shared spaces. Being close neighbours with Woodmill has enabled pupils to have more opportunities for subject choices as we are able to share some classes in the senior phase and share learning facilities, meaning we can make the most of our building. So far, we are enjoying sharing the building and being part of a bigger community.

Given the excitement around our new building, we have had a number of visitors who are all keen to explore the campus. Our school community welcomed a group of parishioners from St Margaret's and Holy Name, who were given a tour of the building by Mr Mulholland. We have also welcomed Archbishop Leo who came in to celebrate Mass and blessed us and our new school.

While we are now well and truly settled into our new building, there can be no doubt that we are still in the early stages of exploring everything our new building has to offer. This is a hugely exciting time for our school community, and we are glad to have been able to share it with you in this article!

**"The engagement in PE has improved a lot due to the better facilities. It has made PE much more enjoyable for me and my friends. I mostly like the outside football pitches."** Sean, S2

**"The Masses at the new school have been nothing short of fantastic, we even had Archbishop Leo come and bless our new school. It makes me feel a sense of pride in my school and in my Catholic faith."** Owen, S6

## School Values

**FORGIVENESS**

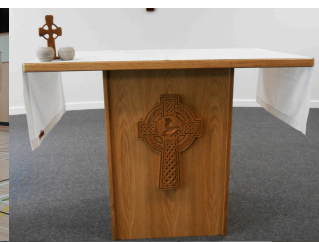
**ASPIRATION**

**INCLUSION**

**TOLERANCE**

**HONESTY**

**"Sharing our campus with Woodmill High School has been beneficial to our school community as we have been able to form new relationships with their pupils and share facilities. It has also been a good learning experience as we are able to work together with one another in one place."** Brandon, S6



# PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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**Newsletter – Deadline Friday 10am**

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## Sacraments

Please Contact the Parish office to make an appointment with Fr Syriac to arrange: Baptisms, Marriages (6 months notice req'd), Funerals, Sacrament of the Sick or visits to the Housebound/Hospital.

## PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

ACCOUNT NAME, SORT CODE & ACCOUNT NO

## CHARITY BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

ACCOUNT NAME, SORT CODE & ACCOUNT NO

**'St Margaret's R C Church'**

80-06-55

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**'The Holy Name Parish'**

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**'St. Margaret's  
One World Group'**

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**'SSVP AE02040'**

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**GIFT AID** – If you are a taxpayer and would like to enrol for Gift Aid, please contact the parish office.

## WEEKLY OFFERTORY & MONTHLY STANDING ORDERS/DIRECT DEBITS

## SPECIAL COLLECTION

**SM: 23rd/24th Nov**

**Offertory** £667.28 – **SO/DD** £1020.00

**HN – MONTHLY OFFERTORY: 12/9- 10/10/24**

**Offertory** £1082.63 – **SO/DD** £989.70

**Scottish Catholic Education**

**Sunday – SM: 23rd/24th Nov**

£482.21

## UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS – 2024/25

**St. Margaret's Parish  
Building Fund**

1st Sunday of every month

**Christmas Season – Diocesan  
Crib (Care Fund)**

**5th Jan – Bishops' Conference  
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**30th March – Diocesan  
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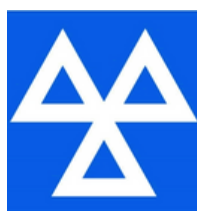


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# SCRIPTURE READINGS

## 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR (C)



### FIRST READING Jeremiah 33:14–16

Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

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



### SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 3:12–4:2

Brothers and sisters: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Finally, then, brothers and sisters, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

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

### GOSPEL Luke 21:25–28, 34–36

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world.

For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

'But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 25(24):4–5b. 8–9. 10, 14. R 1b

*To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Psalm 85(84):8

**Alleluia, alleluia.  
Show us, O LORD, your mercy,  
and grant us your salvation.  
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.

## NEW LECTINARY

The **LECTIONARY**, which is the book that contains the Scripture readings for Mass and the Sacraments, is changing in all Catholic parishes in Scotland, England and Wales, with effect from the start of Advent (Sunday 1st December 2024). It is the result of a collaboration between the bishops of England, Wales, and Scotland. The bishops chose the English Standard Version Catholic Edition (ESVCE) to provide a more faithful and up-to-date version of the Lectionary.

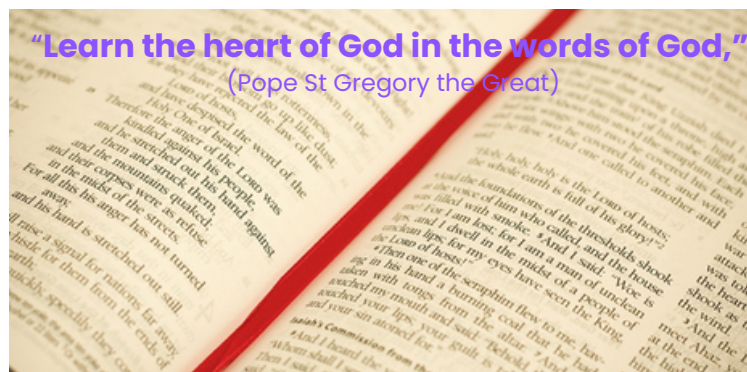
**“New” and not “new”!** Not new in the sense of new readings all those familiar to us over the last two generations will continue as hitherto. The Lectionary of the Roman Rite, was revised in 1970 in response to the Second Vatican Council’s wish that Scripture be opened to us more fully; and slightly amplified in 1981. It will continue to be the foundation of our Lectionary. Our “new” Lectionary will not be new in this sense. The readings will be of the same biblical passages as now. And yet it will be new. New, above all, in using a new version of Scripture for the readings and a revised version of the Psalter for the Responsorial Psalms. New too in including readings for those saints who have recently become part of our General or National Calendars. And the published version prepared by the Catholic Truth Society will be newly formatted, set out in sense lines to facilitate proclamation, include verse numbers and also some musical settings.

We will be saying goodbye, then, to the Jerusalem Bible version. It has served us faithfully for two generations and we may at times miss some of those turns or phrase that have become familiar to us. The English language, however, has moved on, as has scholarly work on the original biblical texts. The ethos of translation has also shifted. And so, following the Catholic Church in India, the Bishops in Britain have opted for the Catholic Edition of the English Standard Version (ESV – CE). It is a competent revision of the well-known Revised Standard Version (RSV) of the 1950s which, in its two Catholic editions, has been and still is widely used in English-speaking Catholicism, both in and out of the liturgy. The ESV stands in this tradition and indeed in the great tradition of English translations of the Bible going back to the 17th century. Its paramount aim is to render the inspired biblical text – “the words of God” – in a faithful way, respecting the unique character of biblical language, avoiding paraphrase.

At the same time, it aims to speak a dignified, contemporary and accessible English, which is more inclusive than what we have at present! No translation is perfect, nor can any translation appeal to everyone, but the ESV – CE succeeds, in conveying a sense of the divine inspiration of Scripture. We will sense we are listening to the voice of God. It will, generally, “proclaim” well and chime well with the language of the Liturgy.

It would be a mistake, to become too absorbed in the details of the differences we will hear, or in arguments about the pros and cons. No change is without jolts and challenges. Let us hope that this new Lectionary will enhance our celebration of the Liturgy of the Word. There the living Christ speaks to us as a community and as individuals. And through and beyond that we may “learn the heart of God in the words of God” and become Christians steeped in and shaped by God’s holy, Spirit-filled Word – as the Church so longs us to be.

If you are interested in knowing more about this, please register for the webinar:  
[bit.ly/lectionaryadvent](https://bit.ly/lectionaryadvent)



We would like to thank all the contributors and sponsors for their donations towards the purchase of our new set of Lectionaries. Their names are inscribed on the opening page.