



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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The Holy Family – Year (C)
29th December 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
Saturday 28th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 5.30pm – Holy Mass	Our Lady of Fatima John Bain RIP
Sunday 29th The Holy Family	St. Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am – Holy Mass 11am – Holy Mass	Bill Callaghan RIP Gerry Conway RIP
Monday 30th	Holy Name	11.30am – Requiem Mass for John Tonner	
Tuesday 31st	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Requiem Mass for Betty Broadley	John Tonner RIP
Wednesday 1st Mary, the Holy Mother of God	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass	Elizabeth McFarlane Samuel Byrne
Thursday 2nd	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass	Maureen Black (wellbeing)
Friday 3rd	St. Margaret's	10am – HolyMass	For the intention of Canon Thomas Shields
Saturday 4th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 10.30am–Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am – Confession 5.30pm – Holy Mass	Jane Fentiman (wellbeing) Elizabeth(Betty) Byrne

Dear Parishioners and friends,

As we are entering into the Holy Year of Hope I assure you of my special prayers and blessings. Let our Lord keep us all single minded as the Pilgrims of Hope. **Wish you all A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!**

Fr Syriac

Fr Syriac's Annual Holiday

Fr Syriac will be away from the Parish to be with his parents from Tuesday 7th January to Friday 7th February. Throughout his absence the mass schedule will be as follows:

St Margaret's – Wednesdays 10am, Saturdays 5.30pm, Sundays 9.30am and Holy Name – Sundays 11am

For any funeral requests or parish related enquiries please contact Parish Admin Assistant Colleen Izatt on: priest.stmargaretdunfermline@staned.org.uk



Obituary: Please remember in your prayers:

John Tonner; Funeral will take place on Monday 30th December at 11.30am with requiem mass in Holy Name followed by burial at Culross Cemetery.

Betty Broadley; Funeral will take place on Tuesday 31st December at 10am with requiem mass in St. Margaret's followed by cremation at Dunfermline Crematorium.

James Healy; Funeral will take place on Thursday 16th January at 12pm with requiem mass in St. Margaret's followed by burial at Dunfermline Cemetery.

May they Rest In Peace. Our thoughts & prayers go to the bereaved families and friends.

Feast of The Holy Family – Gathering of all children who were baptised in 2024 and their families

As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family on Sunday 29th December, we are holding a special mass for all the families whose children were baptised in 2024. I would like to extend a warm invitation to you to join us for Sunday morning Mass at 9.30am at Sst. Margaret's or at 11a.m at Holy Name. Following the service, we will gather in the church for teas and coffees – a wonderful opportunity to connect with the young families and celebrate together the gift of our families and children.

Hogmanay in the Crypt

Hogmanay in the Crypt. Don't sit at home watching TV this Hogmanay. See in the New Year with your friends in the Crypt for an evening of Games, Quizzes and Music. Tickets on sale after weekend Masses.

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.

Big Picture

The Big Picture Bible Study course will restart after our Advent break on the first Tuesday of the month that being Tue 7th January at 6.30pm.

Safeguarding Recommendation

Children who are using any facilities whilst in the church should be accompanied by an appropriate adult, preferably using the toilets at the entrance, if it is in St. Margaret's.

ISC Spirituality Centre Books

ISC Glasgow (who did our recent retreat) have provided booklets 'Walking Together in Prayer'. These are available at the back of the church, free of charge.

Catholic Directory 2025

The 2025 Archdiocesan Directory are ready for distribution and are available at the back of the church for a small donation, which would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be dropped into the Repository donation box located on the back wall of the church.

Marriage, Family and Life

The Catholic Families for Life Newsletter is available to read online. Visit <https://marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk/newsletter/>

Sick in the Parish

We would like to ask your prayers for: **Gail Pearce, Elaine Cormack, Denise Reilly, Jane Fentiman, Maureen Black, Margaret McPherson, Anne Donaldson, Nan Lomas, Margaret Fotheringham, Jim Cusick, Janet McIlwaine, Moira McGuigan, May Reid, Ann Begg, Esther Wren and Margaret Wilson** during their period of illness.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

For a full list of upcoming events
in the Diocese visit:

www.archedinburgh.org/news-events

Diploma in Catechetics

The Diploma in Catechetics is a year-long course beginning in January. It consists of a weekly lecture on Zoom, readings from the Catechism and regular one-to-one support. Holy Year discount: £125 (normally £200). Register at bit.ly/diploma2025

Lourdes 2025

The Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes for the Holy Year 2025 takes place from 11-18 July. For more details please visit <http://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes25>

THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025



The Holy Father Pope Francis announced the year 2025 to be a year of Jubilee, something which happens in the Catholic Church in every 25 years. The theme for the Jubilee year is “Pilgrims of Hope”, and is a year of hope for a world, suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID- 19 pandemic, and climate crisis. It began on Christmas Eve (24 December) 2024 and will continue until Epiphany (6 January) 2026. The Jubilee is expected to be an experience of faith and a profound encounter with the Lord. Archbishop Cushley will solemnly open the Jubilee Year 2025 for the Archdiocese with Holy Mass and the blessing of the Jubilee Cross at St Mary’s Cathedral, Edinburgh, at midday on Sunday 29 December. Follow Holy Year Scotland 2025 on Facebook and visit www.iubilaeum2025.va for more details about this special year. We will update you our parish response to the Jubilee Year 2025 as and when we get the replies from our various groups of our parish.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen

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Newsletter - Deadline Friday 10am

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

'St Margaret's R C Church'

80-06-55

00720303



'The Holy Name Parish'

83-33-00

00176355



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

83-33-00

10191867

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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: 21st & 22nd Dec

Offertory £831.11 - **SO/DD** £1020.00

HN - MONTHLY OFFERTORY: 11/10- 12/11/24

Offertory £1196.74 - **SO/DD** £1060.

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 2024/25

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

1st Sunday of every month

5th Jan - Bishops' Conference
Justice & Peace

30th March - Diocesan
SCIAF & Episcopal

11th May - Diocesan
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SCRIPTUREREADINGS

THE HOLY FAMILY – YEAR (C)



FIRST READING

1 Samuel 1:20–22, 24–28

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked for him from the LORD.'

The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of the LORD and dwell there for ever.'

And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh. And the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD. As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD.' And he worshipped the LORD there.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

John 3:1–2, 21–24

Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

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Thanks be to God

GOSPEL

Luke 2:41–52

The parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him.

After three days they found him in the Temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, 'Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.'

And he said to them, 'Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favour with God and man.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 84(83):2–3. 5–6. 9–10. Rcf. 5a

***Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
O Lord.***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cf. Acts 16:14b

Alleluia, alleluia.

**Open our hearts, O Lord, that we may pay attention to the words of your Son.
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 REGISTER... TO BE LAUNCHED SOON!

The benefits of having a parish register are:

Improved Communication

The Parish Register will serve as a centralized resource for keeping parishioners informed about important updates, events, and initiatives. Whether it's sharing schedules, delivering newsletters, or announcing urgent messages, the register ensures timely and accurate communication with everyone in the parish community.

Reduced Risk of Exclusion

Without a register, some parishioners might miss important information or opportunities to participate in parish activities. The register minimizes this risk by providing an inclusive communication framework that reaches everyone.

Stronger Community Connection

By engaging every parishioner through better communication, the register will help to create a stronger sense of unity and belonging. It supports the Synod's emphasis on Communion by ensuring that no one feels overlooked or disconnected from parish life.

Enhanced Lay Participation

The Synod highlighted the importance of lay participation in building a vibrant parish community. The register will help to identify individuals who may wish to contribute their skills, time, or leadership in various parish ministries, events, or outreach programs, aligning with the call for greater participation.

To be continued next week....

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



**As we are celebrating
the Feast of the Holy Family
let us keep all our families
in our prayers.**