



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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2nd Sunday of Advent – Year (C)
8th 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 7th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 10.30am–Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am – Confession 5.30pm – Holy Mass	People of the Parish Gus Ramsay RIP
Sunday 8th	St. Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am – Holy Mass 11am – Holy Mass	Samuel Byrne RIP Marie Porterfield (spcl intention)
Monday 9th Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass & Novena of St. Margaret	For all the mothers of the parish
Tuesday 10th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass & Novena of St. Margaret	Albert Sunnie RIP Mary McColgan (wellbeing)
Wednesday 11th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass & Novena of St. Margaret	Gerald Sunnie RIP Anna Hughes (special intention)
Thursday 12th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass & Novena of St. Margaret	Theresa & Brian Little
Friday 13th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass & Novena of St. Margaret	Jean McCord RIP
Saturday 14th	St. Margaret's	11am – Holy Mass (and the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick) 5.30pm – Holy Mass	For the sick of St Margaret's John & Mary Collingborne RIP

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.

Novena of St. Margaret

The Novena of St. Margaret will be held every month from the 10th to 18th after morning mass at St. Margaret's.



Obituary: Please remember in your prayers:

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.

Joe Wilson; passed away on Wednesday 4th December. Funeral details to follow.

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

One World Group Breakfast

This Sunday the breakfast is being sponsored by Solomon Patel & family as a thanksgiving for all the blessings they have received and to remember all departed members of their families.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is usually celebrated on 8th December, however as the 8th falls on a Sunday this year, the feast will be celebrated on Monday 9th. There will be Holy Mass in St. Margaret's at 10am.

Men's Advent Reflection Meetings

Last session of the Men's Advent reflection is Wed 11th Dec, 7.30pm in the Lady Chapel. All men of the Parish are welcome to attend.

School Nativity Plays & Concert

St. Margaret's RCPS are holding their Upper (P4-7) Nativity on Thursday 12th December at 1.30pm & 6.30pm.

The infant (P1-3) Nativity will be held on on Friday 13th December at 1.30pm.

Holy Name RCPS are holding their Nativity on Friday 13th Dec at 1.30pm. Parishioners are invited along to help celebrate the festive season. On Wednesday 18th Dec, they are holding their Christmas Coffee Afternoon at 2.15pm and parishioners are welcome to come along and join them for a cuppa and a mince pie.

St. Columba's RCHS are holding their first Christmas concert in their new building on Tues 17th Dec at 6.30pm (booking is required).

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

Christmas Concert for the One World Group in aid of Mary's Meals will be on Friday 13th Dec 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.

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 Dec at 11am. **If you require transport to attend either mass, please get in touch with the parish office.**

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

SSVP Christmas Appeal

SSVP are holding their annual Christmas appeal to assist the many families they 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.

Holy Name SSVP Conference Christmas Appeal

Holy Name SSVP are holding their Christmas Appeal to help local families in need. We would welcome food vouchers and cash to purchase food vouchers. Please hand your donations to either Alison Groves or Marie Glancy. Many thanks.

Safeguarding Recommendation

Any 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.

Fr Alex Davie

Let us keep Fr Alex Davie in our prayers who has been admitted to RIE, Edinburgh. He is reported to be in good spirits. May he get well soon!

St. Margaret's Tea And Toast remaining date for 2024 after Mass is Sunday 22nd Dec, and will resume on Sun 12th Jan 2025.

Hogmanay in the Crypt

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

Sick of the Parish

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

Jesse Tree

A Jesse Tree is a depiction in art form of the ancestors of Jesus, shown in a branching tree which rises from Jesse of Bethlehem, the father of King David. The Tree of Jesse originates in a passage in the Book of Isaiah which describes metaphorically the descent of the Messiah and is accepted by Christians as referring to Jesus. The various figures depicted in the lineage of Jesus are drawn from those names listed in the Gospel of Matthew and the Gospel of Luke.

During each week of Advent this year we will mark our journey towards Christmas with the Jesse Tree.

Week One

In week one, we acknowledge the first 7 days of Advent by placing the following 7 symbols on our Jesse Tree to represent some of the Key Ancestors of Jesus or moments in history that precede him:

The Story of Creation is symbolised by the sun, moon, stars, sky, earth and water.

The Story of the Fall of Adam & Eve is symbolised the Tree, the serpent, and an apple with a bite.

The Story of Noah and the Ark is symbolised by an ark on water with a rainbow and dove in the sky.

Abraham and Sarah are represented with a camel in the desert and many stars in the sky.

Issac, the son of Abraham and Sarah, is represented with a ram on an altar fire.

Jacob, the son of Isaac, is represented with a ladder going up to heaven, Jacob was also called Israel.

Joseph, the son of Jacob, is represented with an image of his multi-coloured coat of dreams.

Week Two

This week we have placed the next 7 symbols on our Jesse Tree to illuminate the following 7 days of Advent:

Moses and the Passover are represented with a Lamb under a blood marked door frame.

The 10 Commandments are represented with an image of 2 tablets of stone with the numbers 1 to 10.

Ruth & Boaz are the grandparents of Jesse, therefore the great grandparents of King David, and they are shown as grain.

Samuel, the prophet, anointed a young King David and is symbolised with a burning lamp.

Jesse is symbolising with a tree stump and a small shoot coming from its side because Isaiah writes "A shoot will come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch out of his roots will bear fruit".

David wrote all of the Psalms and was a shepherd, he is symbolised with a shepherd's crook and a lire.

Solomon was wise because he asked for wisdom and he is represented with a beautiful crown.

We encourage you to come up after mass and look for each of the symbols displayed and reflect on their meaning.

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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

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'St Margaret's R C Church'

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One World Group'**

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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: 30th Nov/1st Dec

Offertory £704.35 - **SO/DD** £1020.00

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

Offertory £1196.74 - **SO/DD** £1060.

Building Fund (inc teas) - HN:

1/12/24 - £318.16

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
Justice & Peace**

**30th March - Diocesan
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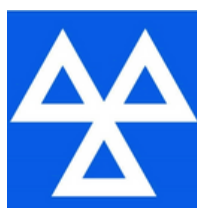


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SCRIPTURE READINGS

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR (C)



FIRST READING Baruch 5:1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness from God; put on your head the crown of the glory of the Everlasting. For God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven. For your name will for ever be called by God: 'Peace of righteousness and glory of godliness'.

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height and look towards the east and see your children gathered from west and east, at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went forth from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11

Brothers and sisters: I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all, making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God



GOSPEL Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 126(125):1-2b. 2c-3. 4-5. 6. R3

**What great deeds the Lord worked for us!
Indeed, we were glad.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm Luke 3:4, 6

**Alleluia, alleluia.
Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight;
all flesh shall see the salvation of God.
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.

ST MARGARET'S PARISH – ADVENT CALENDAR 2024

DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE
Sunday 8th 2nd Sunday of Advent	One World Group Breakfast	10.30am	St. Margaret's
Wednesday 11th	Men's Group Advent Reflection	7.30pm	St. Margaret's
Thursday 12th	SMPS Upper Nativity SMPS Upper Nativity	1.30pm 6.30pm	St. Margaret's Primary School
Friday 13th	HNPS Nativity, 'The Angel, A Star and A Stable'.	1.30pm	Holy Name Primary School
	SMPS Infant Nativity	1.30pm	St. Margaret's Primary School
	'Christmas in Music and Words' Concert	7pm	St. Margaret's
Saturday 14th	Holy Mass & the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick	11am	St. Margaret's
Sunday 15th 3rd Sunday of Advent	Children's Liturgy Christmas Party	10.30am	St. Margaret's
Tuesday 17th	Holy Mass & the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick	11am	Holy Name
	SCHS Christmas Concert (booking required)	6.30pm	St. Columba's High School
Wednesday 18th	Christmas Coffee Afternoon	2.15pm	Holy Name Primary School
	Advent Reflection & Reconciliation Service	7pm	St. Margaret's
Sunday 22nd 4th Sunday of Advent	Final St. Margaret's Tea And Toast for 2024	10.30am	St. Margaret's
Tuesday 24th Christmas Eve	Carol singing Holy Mass	5.30pm 6pm	Holy Name
	Carol singing Holy Mass	7.30pm 8pm	St. Margaret's
Wednesday 25th Christmas Day	Holy Mass	9.30am	St. Margaret's
	Holy Mass	11am	Holy Name
Sunday 29th Feast of The Holy Family	Gathering of all children who were baptised in 2024 and their families	9.30am	St. Margaret's
	Gathering of all children who were baptised in 2024 and their families	11am	Holy Name