



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

HOME OF ST. MARGARET'S RELIC



The Baptism Of The Lord – Year (C)

12th January 2025



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 11th	St. Margaret's	5.30pm - Holy Mass	James Healy RIP
Sunday 12th The Baptism Of The Lord	St. Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am - Holy Mass 11am - Holy Mass	Joe Wilson RIP Janet Carbery & Margaret Fotheringham (wellbeing)
Monday 13th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 14th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am - Communion Service 10am - Communion Service	
Wednesday 15th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am - Communion Service 10am - Holy Mass	John Barrett RIP
Thursday 16th	St. Margaret's	10am - Communion Service 12pm - Requiem Mass for James Healy	
Friday 17th		NO MASS	
Saturday 18th	St. Margaret's	5.30pm - Holy Mass	Alex & Etta Macleod

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 on Wednesdays at 10am, Saturdays 5.30pm, Sundays 9.30am and **Holy Name on Sundays at 11am**

Communion services will be held in **Holy Name on Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 9am** and in **St. Margaret's on Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10am**

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

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.

Livestreaming All Liturgical Services in St. Margaret's Church are livestreamed.



Obituary: Please remember in your prayers:

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.

Christopher Lees; Funeral will take place on Thursday 23rd January at 12pm with requiem mass in St. Margaret's followed by burial at Dunfermline Cemetery.

Richard Borrar; Funeral will take place on Monday 27th January at 12.30pm with requiem mass in St. Margaret's followed by burial at Dunfermline Cemetery.

Pamela (Pam) Olsen; Funeral details to follow.

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

The Holy Name Conference of St. Vincent de Paul

The HN SSVF would like to thank the parishioners of Holy Name for their generosity in giving money and vouchers over the Christmas period. We were able to support many families and individuals with vouchers for food and gifts. You were all so generous that we will be able to continue to support these individuals and families going into the New Year.

Holy Name Teas n Coffees will recommence on Sunday 12th January.

St. Margaret's Tea n Toast

This Sunday, 12th January, sees the return of Tea & Toast provided in the Crypt after Mass in St Margaret's and we would be pleased to see you there. Each week, a different set of volunteers runs this for the whole Parish to enjoy. If you can donate one Sunday in the coming term to become involved in this please let me know or email me on: cjm909@btinternet.com There are slots on Sundays: 9, 23 February, 9, 16, 23, 30 March available to volunteer. Remember, if people like yourself don't donate a Sunday, the Teas & Toast cannot happen. Thank you, Charlotte Macintosh

National Relic Tour

The Relics of St. Margaret, St. Andrew and St. Columba are on Tour as part of the Jubilee Year of Hope and carry a jubilee indulgence to anyone who visits them. The Relics will be on display in the Lady Chapel at St. Margaret's from 12pm onwards on Sunday 12th January through to 11am on Tuesday 14th January. The church will remain open on Sunday and John Fern from the Knights of St. Columba will be present until 4pm if anyone would like to come and visit the Relics. On Monday 13th John will be present again from 10am until 3pm. They will be on display on Tuesday 14th until 11am when they will then go onwards to their next destination of Arbroath.

Church Closed

At the recent PPC meeting, it was decided the church will no longer be kept open throughout the day. It will be closed each day following services. This decision will be revisited during Lent & the summer months and we shall keep you informed as and when.

Car Parking Barrier System

It is the time of year when we renew our database of persons who wish to have 24/7 access to the Church Car Park. For those already registered, you are very welcome to renew your access facility. The parishioner donation requested for the coming year is £50. If you wish to continue with or set up access to the car park at times when the barrier is closed, please either send your donation to the Presbytery, 4 Viewfield Terrace, Dunfermline, OR hand in to Church OR make a donation online on the Donate page on our website. When sending your donation, please include your name & mobile number.

Thanks to Parishioners

Maureen & Mike Japp thank all who sent them good wishes & cards at Christmas. They have relocated to be closer to family. New address is Drumburn Unit, Allanbank, Bankend Rd, Dumfries, DG1 4AN. They ask if anyone sends them correspondence please include your own address so they can reply.

Ladies Group

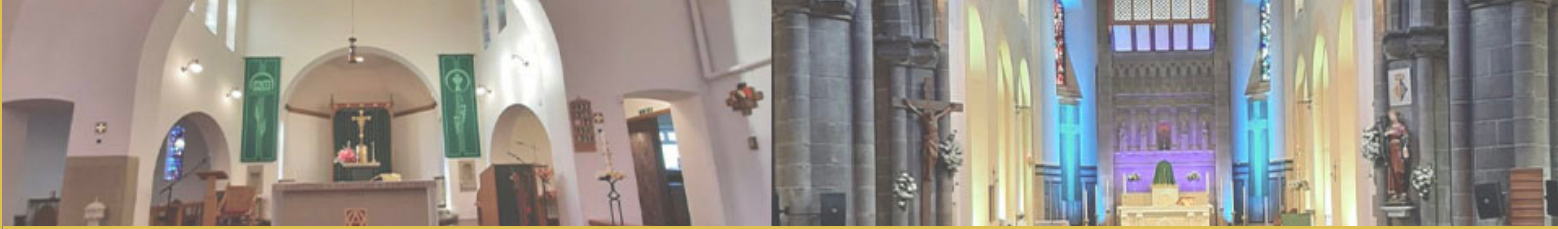
There will be a meeting of the Ladies Steering group on Tuesday 21 January starting at 7pm in the LADY CHAPEL. All women of the Parish are welcome in order to shape out our programme for the coming year.

The Big Picture

Due to circumstances beyond our control it was necessary to postpone Session 5 of The Big Picture to the first Tuesday of February. I hope no one turned up last Tuesday and was disappointed. David 01383 872739.

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.



SPOTLIGHT: PARISH REGISTER... TO BE LAUNCHED IN THE NEW YEAR!

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.

Streamlined Parish Activities

An accurate and up-to-date register simplifies planning and organizing parish activities. It allows the parish to efficiently manage volunteer efforts, event participation, and pastoral outreach. For example, coordinating with parishioners for events like retreats, fundraisers, or social gatherings becomes much smoother.

Easier Outreach to New Members

The register will also help to welcome and integrate new members into the parish, ensuring they feel connected and informed from the start.

To be continued next week...

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

Property Surveyor

The Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh is seeking to appoint a Property Management Surveyor. To apply, please send your CV and a cover letter detailing how your skills and experience make you suitable for the role to recruitment@staned.org.uk. Deadline: Friday 17 January. The job description can be found on the Archdiocesan website in the news-events section.

Synodal event 2025

The Archdiocese welcomes Fr Matthew Nunes from the Archdiocese of Liverpool who will lead an event titled Conversations in the Spirit, to help guide us on how to lead and participate in parish Synodality. It takes place on Saturday 1 February at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh EH9 1BB, from 11am-3pm (optional Mass at 10am). Details and registration at bit.ly/inthespirit25

World Day for Consecrated Life

Join Religious brothers and sisters at St Mary's Cathedral on Sun 2 Feb to celebrate the World Day of Consecrated Life with midday Mass. It is a chance to meet some of those who live & work in the Archdiocese and to pray for more vocations to the Religious Life.

Lourdes 2025

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

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Newsletter - Deadline Friday 10am

Sacraments

Please email or phone 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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'SSVP AE02044'**

80-06-55
00768139

**HN
'SSVP AE02040'**

80-22-60
13364166

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

**SM: 4th & 5th Jan
Offertory** £494.07
SO/DD £1020.00

**HN - MONTHLY OFFERTORY: 11/10- 12/11/24
Offertory** £1196.74 - **SO/DD** £1060.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

SM Building Fund: 4th & 5th Jan
£429.68

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 2025

**SM Parish
Building Fund**
1st Sun every month

**5th Jan -
Bishops' Conference**
Justice & Peace

30th March - Diocesan
SCIAF & Episcopal

4th May - Diocesan
Lenten Alms

11th May - Diocesan
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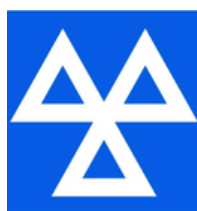
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SCRIPTUREREADINGS

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – YEAR (C)



FIRST READING Isaiah 42:1–4, 6–7

Thus says the LORD:
Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.

‘I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.’

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING Acts 10:34–38

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: ‘Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all – you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power.

He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.’

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Thanks be to God

GOSPEL Luke 3:15–16, 21–22

At that time: As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, ‘I baptise you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.’

Now when all the people were baptised by John the Baptist and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.’

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 29(28):1–2. 3ac–4. 3b, 9b–10. R11b

The LORD will bless his people with peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cf. Luke 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia.

**He who is mightier than I is coming, said John.
He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
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.



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The Knights of Saint Columba

National Relic Tour



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Who are we?

The Knights of St Columba is an Order of Catholic Laymen dedicated to the Service of the Church and helping our communities.

We operate using the principles of Faith-Family-Fraternity and at all times do so with the ideals of Charity, Unity and Fraternity at our core.

Our Members arrange fundraising, Social Events, Stewarding, Youth Competitions and so much more. We believe that by working together for the common good we become stronger and become close friends.

Right now we need you to help us continue our great work!



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TEA & TOAST

Sundays,
after 9.30am
mass

Come down to the Crypt & have a cuppa & a blether.
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~ St. Margaret's Church ~



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