



# ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

## HOME OF ST. MARGARET'S RELIC

### 2ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – YEAR (C)

#### 19th 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 18th	St. Margaret's	5.30pm – Holy Mass	Alex & Etta Macleod RIP
<b>Sunday 19th</b>	St. Margaret's <b>Holy Name</b>	9.30am – Holy Mass <b>11am – Holy Mass</b>	Faye Payne Valerie McLarnon RIP
Monday 20th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 21st	<b>Holy Name</b> St. Margaret's	9am – Communion Service 10am – Communion Service	
Wednesday 22nd	<b>Holy Name</b> St. Margaret's	9am – Communion Service 10am – Holy Mass	Graham Robertson RIP
Thursday 23rd	St. Margaret's	10am – Communion Service 12pm – Requiem Mass for Christopher Lees	
Friday 24th		NO MASS	
Saturday 25th	St. Margaret's	5.30pm – Holy Mass	Alex & Etta Macleod RIP

#### Fr Syriac's Annual Holiday

Fr Syriac will be away from the Parish to be with his parents until 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](mailto: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:**

**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 will take place on Wednesday 5th February at 10am with requiem mass in St. Margaret's followed by burial at Dunfermline Cemetery.

**William (Bill) Merrick;** Funeral will take place on Thursday 13th February at 11.30am with requiem mass in Holy Name followed by burial at Culross Cemetery.

May the souls of all the faithful departed Rest In Peace. Our thoughts & prayers go to the bereaved families and friends.

## **White Flower Appeal 2025 – The Society for the Protection of Unborn children (SPUC)**

SPUC will be holding its annual appeal this weekend. SPUC exists to radically transform culture so that abortion is not only abolished but becomes truly unthinkable. To accomplish this mission, the Society is positioning initiatives in politics, education, legislation, and culture. Through these efforts we will restore a respect for the sanctity of human life to our society. This year's appeal postcards call on the Government to adhere to the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of the Child. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers.

## **Ramp at Side Door of St. Margaret's**

At a recent Parish Council meeting it was decided to remove the ramp at the side door. Wheelchair access will be provided using the electric Stannah Lift facility. Passkeepers will ensure the facility is ready for use at both weekend masses (5.30pm & 9.30am).

## **St. Margaret's Tea n Toast Volunteers Required**

Each week a different set of volunteers run our Tea N Toast after 9.30am mass on a Sunday 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](mailto:cjm909@btinternet.com) There are slots on Sundays: 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.

## **Holy Name Teas n Coffees**

Teas n coffees each Sunday after 11am Mass. Hope to see you there.

## **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.

## **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.

## **Holocaust Memorial Day: Light the Darkness**

We are joining the Light the Darkness national moment in observance of the Holocaust Memorial Day. This year marks 80 years since the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau and the 30th anniversary of the genocide in Bosnia. On Monday 27th January, we will commemorate the day by opening the church at 8pm for an hour of prayer, lighting the interior in purple, and placing a lit candle in the sanctuary.

## **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 St. Margaret's 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 & up to date mobile number.

## **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. If you would like to add a family member or friend to be remembered in the bidding prayers, please complete the form which can be found at the back of the church.

## **Parish Newsletter**

As a parish, we want to share our news with past, current & future parishioners so please feel free to take a copy of the newsletter home with you and pass this on to a family member, a neighbour or anyone unable to come to church anymore. If you'd like to receive the weekly newsletter by email please contact us to be added to the distribution list at: [stmargaretsnews@gmail.com](mailto:stmargaretsnews@gmail.com)



## **SPOTLIGHT: PARISH REGISTER – FORMAL LAUNCH DATE**

**Sat 25th & Sun 26th Jan**

**Formal launch of our new Parish Register on the  
JUBILEE OF THE WORLD OF COMMUNICATIONS weekend 24th – 26th  
as part of the JUBILEE YEAR 2025**

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.

### **Data Privacy Assurance**

Many people are understandably concerned about how their personal information is handled. The parish's commitment to adhering to Data Protection laws reassures parishioners that their data will remain confidential, secure, and used exclusively for parish purposes. This transparency builds trust and encourages participation.

## **ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS**

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

[www.archedinburgh.org/news-events](http://www.archedinburgh.org/news-events)

### **Religious Observance in schools**

A Scottish Government consultation seeks views on proposed changes to the current legislation on Religious Observance and Religious and Moral Education in all schools. The Scottish Catholic Education Service is calling for parishioners to respond and reflect the viewpoint of the Church. Please complete the consultation by the deadline of 26 January using the help guide with suggested responses at [bit.ly/reguide25](http://bit.ly/reguide25)

### **Synodal event**

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 leading and participating 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](http://bit.ly/inthespirit25)

### **World Day for Consecrated Life**

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

# PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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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.

## UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 2025

SM Parish Building Fund 1st Sun every month	30th March - Diocesan SCIAF & Episcopal	4th May - Diocesan Lenten Alms	11th May - Diocesan Ecclesiastical Students	1st June - Bishops Conf Communication
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WEEKLY OFFERTORY & MONTHLY STANDING ORDERS/DIRECT DEBITS		SPECIAL COLLECTION
SM: 11th & 12th Jan Offertory £758.78 SO/DD £1020.00	HN - MONTHLY OFFERTORY: 11/10- 12/11/24 Offertory £1196.74 - SO/DD £1060.	SM Justice & Peace: 11th & 12th Jan £504.19

PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS		CHARITY BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS		
ACCOUNT NAME, SORT CODE & ACCOUNT NO		ACCOUNT NAME, SORT CODE & ACCOUNT NO		
<b>'St Margaret's R C Church'</b> 80-06-55 00768139 	<b>'The Holy Name Parish'</b> 83-33-00 00176355 	<b>'St. Margaret's One World Group'</b> 83-33-00 10191867	<b>SM 'SSVP AE02044'</b> 80-06-55 00768139	<b>HN 'SSVP AE02040'</b> 80-22-60 13364166
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# SCRIPTUREREADINGS

## 2ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – YEAR (C)



### FIRST READING Isaiah 62:1-5

For Sion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch.

The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married.

For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

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

### SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Brothers and Sisters: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

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### GOSPEL John 2:1-11

At that time: There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding seventy or one hundred litres. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.' So they took it.

When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.' This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 96(95):1-2a. 2b-3. 7-8a. 9-10ac. R3**

***Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.***

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Cf. 2 Thessalonians 2:14**

**Alleluia, alleluia.  
God called us through the gospel,  
so that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
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.

## LIVESTREAMING, WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA STATS

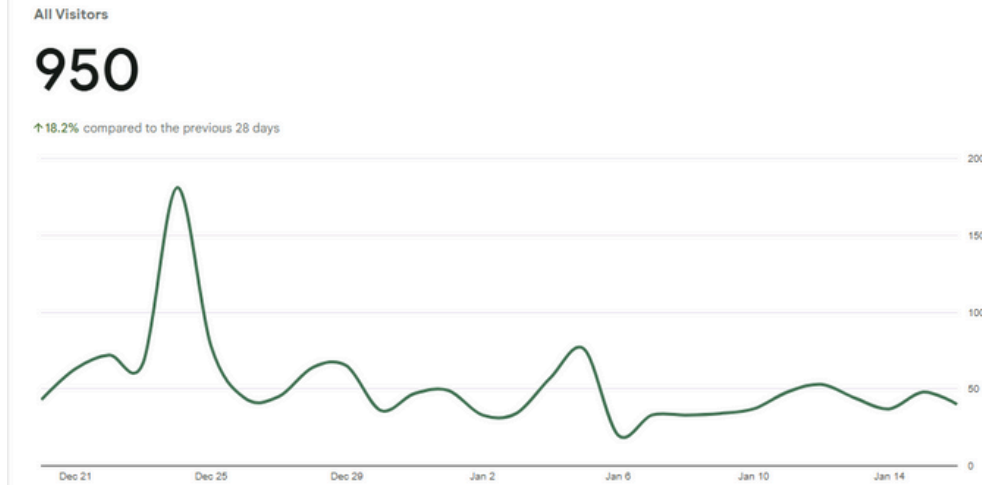
An update on the the live streaming data for our weekly masses, our website & social media pages:

- Sunday Morning Mass – range between 90–200 views each week
- Saturday Vigil Mass – range between 50–200 views each week
- Weekday Masses – range between 50–100 views each day

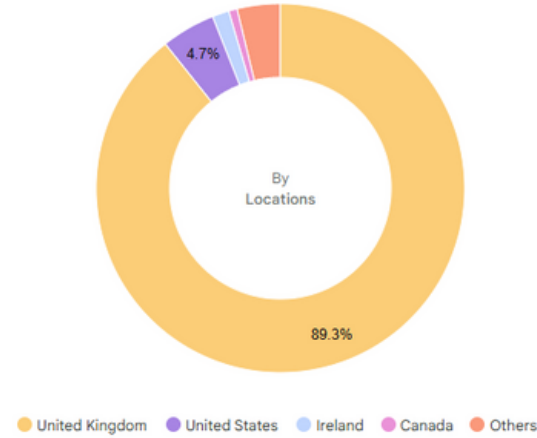
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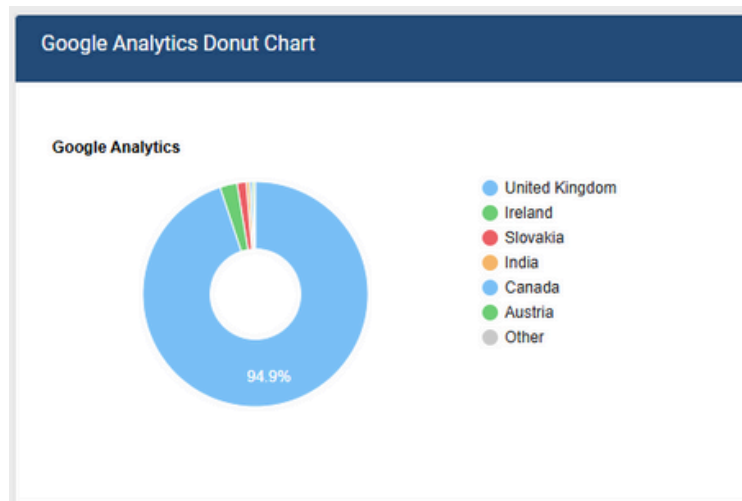
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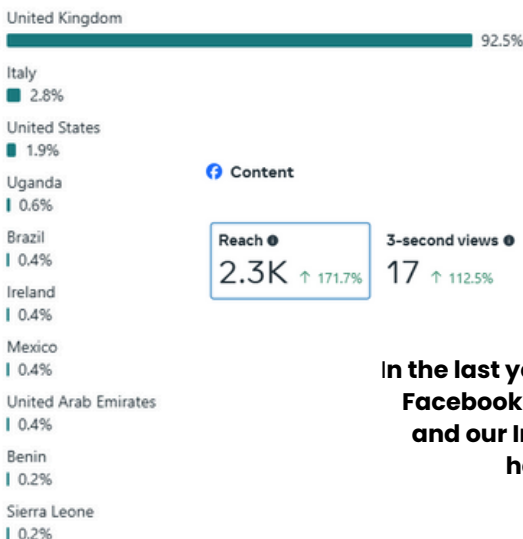
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COUNTRY	TOTAL VIEWS
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Slovakia	14
India	5
Canada	4
Austria	3
Australia	1
United States	1

Grand Total : 1058

Top countries



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17 ↑ 112.5%

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16m 30s ↑ 783.9%

Content interactions

228 ↑ 91.6%

Reach breakdown

20 Dec 2024 - 16 Jan 2025

Total

2,285 ↑ 171.7%

From followers

328 ↑ 7.5%

From non-followers

1,969 ↑ 267.4%

In the last year our audience has grown on our Facebook page to 361 likes & 466 followers and our Instagram page has gone from a handful of followers to 33!