



# ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

## HOME OF ST. MARGARET'S RELIC



### THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD – YEAR (C) 2nd February 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 1st Feb	St. Margaret's	5.30pm – Holy Mass	John Tonner RIP
<b>Sunday 2nd</b>	St. Margaret's  Holy Name	9.30am – Holy Mass  11am – Holy Mass	Kevin Minogue RIP  Catherine Ainslie RIP
Monday 3rd	St. Margaret's	NO MASS	
Tuesday 4th	Holy Name  St. Margaret's	9am – Communion Service  10am – Communion Service	
Wednesday 5th	Holy Name  St. Margaret's	9am – Communion Service  10am – Requiem Mass for Pam Olsen	
Thursday 6th	St. Margaret's	10am – Communion Service	
Friday 7th		NO MASS	
Saturday 8th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 10.30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am – Confession  5.30pm – Holy Mass	Betty McWilliams RIP  James Healy RIP

#### Fr Syriac's Annual Holiday

Fr Syriac returns to the Parish on Saturday 7th February. We hope he has enjoyed a restful & restorative break! 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.

#### 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)



## Obituary: Please remember in your prayers:

**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.

**Janet Carberry;** Funeral will take place on Wednesday 19th 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.

## One World Breakfast: Date for your diary

The next breakfast will be on Sunday 16th February. Only 2 weeks to go!

## St. Margaret's Tea n Toast

Tea n Toast as usual this week. Please consider volunteering one of your Sundays to run this very important social event for the Parish. Only one slot left for this term. Sunday 23 March. Please contact me, Charlotte Macintosh, [cjm909@btinternet.com](mailto:cjm909@btinternet.com) if you are able to contribute. Thank you.

## The Big Picture

The postponed Session 5 of The Big Picture will be meet in the Crypt this coming Tuesday (4th February) 6.30 – 8.30pm. This will be a resumption of the first Tuesday of the month programme. It will have been two months since Session 4 so if you are like me you will have forgotten Session 5 so I suggest we refresh our memories and do our "homework" again! David 872739.

## Donegal people at work in Scotland between 1940 and 1990

Donegal County Council is seeking photographs of Donegal people at work in Scotland between 1940 and 1990 for an upcoming exhibition. Participants are encouraged to share images, stories, documents or objects that reflect the working lives of Donegal people in Scotland. For more information contact: [donegalScotland@donegalcoco.ie](mailto:donegalScotland@donegalcoco.ie) or +353 74 916 3824. The exhibition will be launched in spring 2025.

## 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).

## 'Garden of Remembrance'

Please refrain from placing any personal items, flowers/vases in/on the rosebed below the Remembrance Board'.

## 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.

## Sick in the Parish

We would like to ask your prayers for: **Peter Hughes, 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.

# ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

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

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

## World Day for Marriage

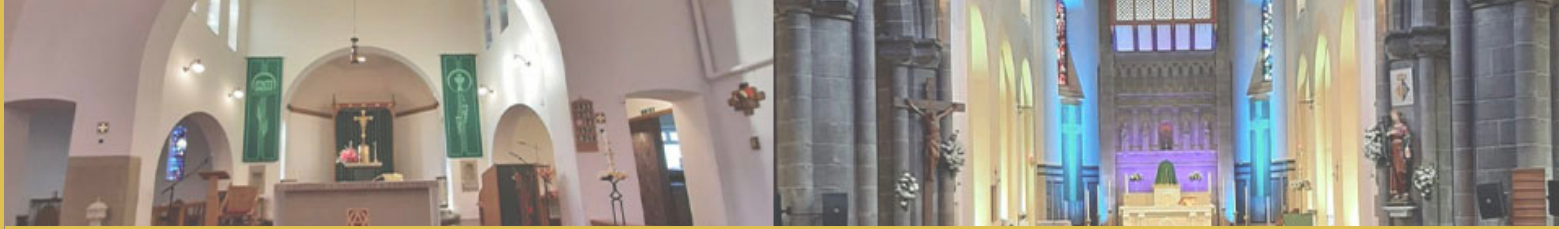
World Day for Marriage is on 9 February and we pray particularly for all married couples, that God may daily give them the strength and energy to support one another and their families. We especially pray that those who are experiencing difficulties in their relationship may seek help, either from the diocesan marriage counsellor ([marriage.counsellor@staned.org.uk](mailto:marriage.counsellor@staned.org.uk)) or from organisations such as Retrouvaille [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

## Afternoon retreat for couples

The Archdiocese has organised a Valentine's mini-retreat for married and engaged couples from 2-5pm on Saturday 15 February at St Kentigern's Church, 26 Parkgrove Avenue, Edinburgh, EH4 7QR. The speaker is Fr Andrew Garden (St David's, Dalkeith) and the event is free. Register at [bit.ly/valretreat25](http://bit.ly/valretreat25)

## Assisted Pilgrims for Lourdes

Do you know someone who is ill or infirm and would enjoy the opportunity to experience a life-changing trip to Lourdes? The Archdiocese is seeking Assisted Pilgrims to join them on the pilgrimage 11-18 July. They will receive 24hr support from the brilliant doctors, nurses and volunteers in the Medical/Helper Team and stay in specially equipped accommodation. It will be an unforgettable week with a full spiritual and social programme. Please contact Bernadette on 0131 441 1939 or visit [www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes24](http://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes24)



## SPOTLIGHT: ST. MARGARET'S PARISH REGISTER – 1st UPDATE

**St. Margaret's Parish Register Team would like to say a big thank you to all who have already registered.**

Between St. Margaret's & Holy Name, 66 parishioners have registered online using the QR code or weblink  
38 paper forms have been received & entered

**This brings us to 104 parishioners registered in less than 1 week!**

### How to Register

**You have a choice of how you can get yourself on the register:**

**You can use your mobile & the QR code or, if you prefer, you can fill in the paper form and return it when convenient. Paper copies can be found at the entrance of each church, along with a box to return them in.**

### Registration Instructions

1. Use QR code or enter following link into your browser  
[stmargaretsrccchurch.churchsuite.com/forms/8e2u8r3e](http://stmargaretsrccchurch.churchsuite.com/forms/8e2u8r3e)
2. Enter your details
3. An email will be sent with an invitation to My ChurchSuite.  
You are now on the Parish Register! You can use My ChurchSuite to edit your personal information, and to update your contact preferences.

### How to scan a QR code with your phone:

1. Open the camera app
2. Point it at the QR code
3. Tap the notification that appears
4. Follow the on-screen instructions



**If anyone has any questions or issues, please do not hesitate to reach out for support on:**  
[priest.stmargaretdunfermline@staned.org.uk](mailto:priest.stmargaretdunfermline@staned.org.uk) or 07706 083493 or 01383 625611

### Benefits of having a parish register

#### 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.



# 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

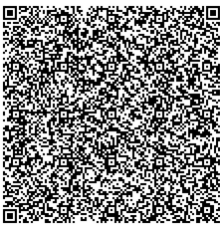
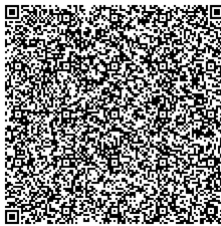
<b>SM: 18h &amp; 19th Jan</b> <b>Offertory</b> £691.08 <b>SO/DD</b> £1020.00	<b>HN - MONTHLY OFFERTORY: 11/10- 12/11/24</b> <b>Offertory</b> £1196.74 - <b>SO/DD</b> £1060.	
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## PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

ACCOUNT NAME, SORT CODE & ACCOUNT NO

## CHARITY BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

ACCOUNT NAME, SORT CODE & ACCOUNT NO

<b>'St Margaret's R C Church'</b> 80-06-55 ~ 00720303 	<b>'The Holy Name Parish'</b> 83-33-00 ~ 00176355 	<b>'St. Margaret's One World Group'</b> 83-33-00 10191867	<b>SM</b> <b>'SSVP AE02044'</b> 80-06-55 00768139	<b>HN</b> <b>'SSVP AE02040'</b> 80-22-60 13364166
<b>GIFT AID</b> - If you are a taxpayer and would like to enrol for Gift Aid, please contact the parish office.				



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# SCRIPTURE READINGS

## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD – YEAR (C)



### FIRST READING Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his Temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

### SECOND READING Hebrews 2:14-18

Since the children share in flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

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

### GOSPEL Luke 2:22-32

When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, 'Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord') and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves, or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the Temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, 'Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.'

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 24(23):7. 8. 9. 10. R8a

**The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory!**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**A light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and for glory to your people Israel.  
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.

# THE BIG PICTURE



**Tuesday 4th February**

**6:30 pm to 8:30 pm**

**St Margaret's Crypt**

Session 5 will start with small group discussions about the topic of Session 4 "The Fall". Genesis 3 describes in figurative language the dreadful event in human history we call the Fall. Study of this event gives answers to many of the big questions in life including how the effects are felt today.

We will then watch "The People" which will show how after The Fall God begins to form a people who will love and obey him. The whole of the Old Testament points us to Christ so as Christians we are "The People".

"In the past God spoke to our ancestors many times and in many ways through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us through his Son."  
Hebrews 1:1,2

The course is delivered cafe style with light refreshments, video talks, small groups and a work book/journal + DVD. Each session is self contained and on the DVD so if you are not able to attend every session you can keep abreast at home.

**Contact 01383 872739 David.**

## One World Group Breakfast

**Sunday 16th February – After 9.30am mass**



The One World Group will be holding a breakfast in St. Margaret's crypt on Sunday 16th February.

This can be a great social occasion. Please come downstairs after mass for bacon rolls, sausage rolls, tea, coffee & juice. Gluten-free rolls available.

There is no fixed charge. Please just leave what you can afford to help Mary's Meals and the other charities supported by the parish One World Group.