



# ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### 3RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – YEAR (C)

#### 26th 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 25th	St. Margaret's	5.30pm – Holy Mass	Alex & Etta Macleod RIP
<b>Sunday 26th</b>	St. Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am – Holy Mass 11am – Holy Mass	Peter McGuire John Tonner RIP
Monday 27th	St. Margaret's	12.30pm – Requiem Mass for Richard Borrar	
Tuesday 28th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Communion Service 10am – Communion Service	
Wednesday 29th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Communion Service 10am – Holy Mass	Our Lady of Lourdes
Thursday 30th	St. Margaret's	10am – Communion Service	
Friday 31st		NO MASS	
Saturday 1st Feb	St. Margaret's	5.30pm – Holy Mass	John Tonner 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.

**St. Margaret's Teas & Toast** Please join us after Sunday 9.30am mass.

**Holy Name Teas n Coffees** Each Sunday after 11am Mass. Hope to see you there.



## Obituary: Please remember in your prayers:

**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.

## 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).

## 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.

## The Big Picture

A gentle reminder that the postponed Session 5 of The Big Picture will meet on the first Tuesday of February (4th). This will be a resumption of the first Tuesday of the month programme. David, 872739.

## '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.

## 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)

# 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 today's deadline (26 January) using the help guide with suggested responses at [bit.ly/reguide2025](http://bit.ly/reguide2025).

## Synodal event

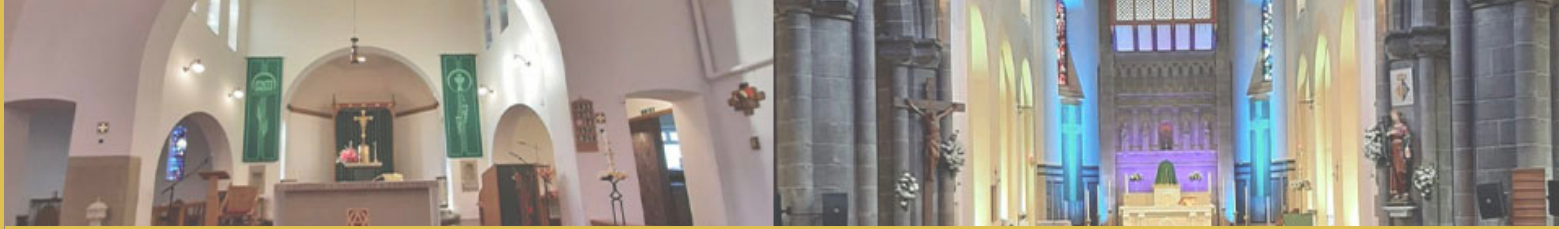
The Archdiocese welcomes Fr Matthew Nunes from the Archdiocese of Liverpool who leads an event titled Conversations in the Spirit, to help guide us on leading and participating in parish Synodality. It takes place on Saturday 1 February at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh EH9 1BB, from 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.

## Lourdes 2025

The February Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes will take place at 4:00pm on Sunday 2 February in St Cuthbert's Church, 104 Slateford Road, Edinburgh, EH14 1PT. Archbishop Cushley will be the principal celebrant. 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](http://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes25)



## **SPOTLIGHT: PARISH REGISTER – FORMAL LAUNCH THIS WEEKEND**

### **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**

**This weekend is the Jubilee of World Communications so what better time to launch our Parish Register!**

**Everyone will be given a registration form with a QR code on the back so you have a choice of how you can get yourself on the register – you can use your mobile and the QR code or, if you prefer, you can fill in the paper form and return it when convenient.**

**Helpers will be on hand to guide you in the crypt after 9.30am mass on Sunday.**

#### **Parish Register Instructions**

1. Use QR code or enter following link into your browser  
[stmargaretsrcchurch.churchsuite.com/forms/8e2u8r3e](https://stmargaretsrcchurch.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.



#### **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.

##### **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.

# 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

<b>SM Parish Building Fund</b> 1st Sun every month	<b>30th March - Diocesan</b> SCIAF & Episcopal	<b>4th May - Diocesan</b> Lenten Alms	<b>11th May - Diocesan</b> Ecclesiastical Students	<b>1st June - Bishops Conf</b> 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

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<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 'SSVP AE02044'</b> 80-06-55 00768139	<b>HN 'SSVP AE02040'</b> 80-22-60 13364166
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# SCRIPTUREREADINGS

## 3RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – YEAR (C)



### FIRST READING

**Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10**

In those days: Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law.

And Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that they had made for the purpose. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it, all the people stood. And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen,' lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. Ezra and the Levites read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the meaning, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. Then he said to them, 'Go on your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### SECOND READING

**1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27**

Brothers and Sisters: Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptised into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

For the body does not consist of one member but of many. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL

**Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21**

Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.

At that time: Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll, and found the place where it was written, 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

And he rolled up the scroll, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, 'Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 19(18):8. 9. 10. 15.**

**℟ John 6:63c**

**Your words, O Lord,  
are spirit and life.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Luke 4:18**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**The Lord has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor;  
to proclaim liberty to the captives.  
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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