



# ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

## HOME OF ST. MARGARET'S RELIC



**The Epiphany Of The Lord – Year (C)**  
**5th 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 4th	<b>St. Margaret's</b>	<b>10am – Holy Mass</b> <b>10.30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>10.30am – Confession</b>  <b>5.30pm – Holy Mass</b>	Jane Fentiman (wellbeing)  Elizabeth (Betty) Byrne
<b>Sunday 5th</b> The Epiphany Of The Lord	<b>St. Margaret's</b>  <b>Holy Name</b>	<b>9.30am – Holy Mass</b>  <b>11am – Holy Mass</b>	Colin Carmichael RIP  Albert Sunnie RIP
Monday 6th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 7th	<b>Holy Name</b>  <b>St. Margaret's</b>	<b>9am – Communion Service</b>  <b>10am – Communion Service</b>	
Wednesday 8th	<b>Holy Name</b>  <b>St. Margaret's</b>	<b>9am – Communion Service</b>  <b>10am – Holy Mass</b>	Colin Carmichael RIP
Thursday 9th	<b>St. Margaret's</b>	<b>10am – Communion Service</b>	
Friday 10th		NO MASS	
Saturday 11th	<b>St. Margaret's</b>	<b>5.30pm – Holy Mass</b>	James Healy RIP

### 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 & Thursday's at 10am**.

For any funeral requests or parish related enquiries please contact Parish Admin Assistant Colleen Izatt 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.

**Sacraments** Please contact our Parish Admin Assistant Colleen Izatt to make an appointment with Fr Syriac to arrange Baptisms, Marriages (six months notice required), Sacrament of the Sick or visit to the housebound and Funerals.

**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. May he Rest In Peace. Our thoughts & prayers go to the bereaved family and friends.

## **St. Margaret's SSVP**

SM SSVP wish to thank the generosity shown by our Parishioners in helping needy families this Christmas. Plenty of toys were donated and distributed. £572 cash donations were received and families highlighted by St. Margaret's Primary, St. Bride's Primary and St. Columba's High School received these donations. £905 in card donations were received and distributed in time for families to use. Once again a big "Thank you" for all of your contributions to help others enjoy Christmas. Kind regards St. Margaret's SSVP.

**Contemplative Prayer** meetings will resume on Wednesday 8th January at 6pm in the Lady Chapel. All welcome.

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

**The Catholic Families for Life** Newsletter is available to read online. Visit <https://marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk/newsletter/>

## **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.

## **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.

*To be continued next week...*

## **ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS**

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

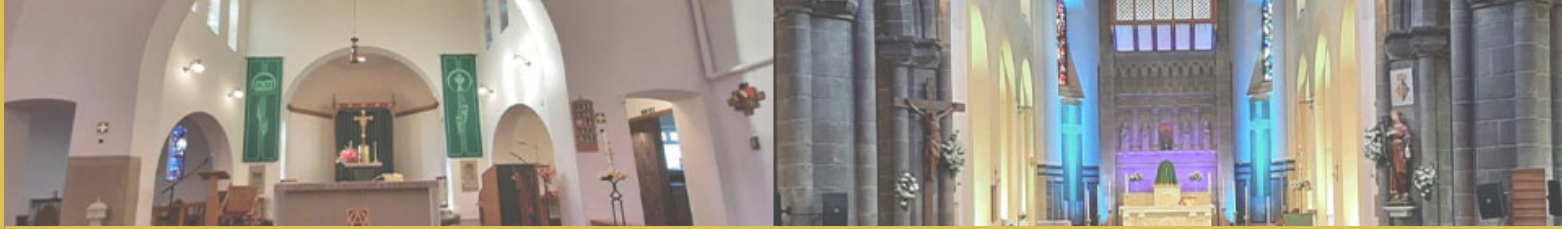
[www.archedinburgh.org/news-events](http://www.archedinburgh.org/news-events)

### **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](http://bit.ly/diploma2025)

### **Lourdes 2025**

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



## THANKS TO ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH FLORISTRY TEAM

Liz Mallan, Mary Steele, Evelyn Dunn (and Anne MacPherson before she retired), have been doing flowers in St Margaret's Church for last 20 plus years.

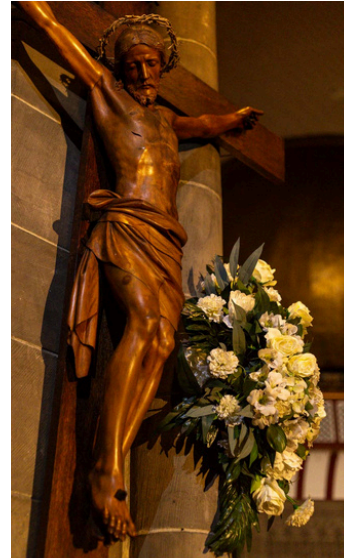
After years of their dedicated service Liz & Mary are now stepping down. We would like to express our sincere thanks & gratitude for all their hard work, commitment & creativity over the years.



Here are some photos of their floristry skills in action.



As this will leave only one remaining volunteer, if anyone has floristry / flower arranging skills and would like to join the team, please contact the parish office.



The ladies have all loved doing the flowers and hope the parish enjoys them too.



### Big Picture

The Big Picture Session 5 will be on Tuesday 7th January at 6.30pm.

In this session we will explore what we have learnt about "The Fall" from Session 4 and then watch the video "The People" (us, the church).

The Catechism says "God forms his people in the hope of salvation, in the expectation of a new and everlasting covenant intended for all, to be written on their heart".

For more information contact David on 01383 872739 or [dhambleyuk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dhambleyuk@yahoo.co.uk)

YOU, THE BIBLE & GOD'S BIG PLAN

## THE BIG PICTURE



**Tuesday 7th January  
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.**

# PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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**Newsletter - Deadline Friday 10am**

## 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

ACCOUNT NAME, SORT CODE & ACCOUNT NO

## CHARITY BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

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**'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

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**SM**

**'SSVP AE02044'**

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**HN**

**'SSVP AE02040'**

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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: 24th, 25th, 28th & 29th**

**DecOffertory** £2507.54 -

**SO/DD** £1020.00

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

**Offertory** £1196.74 - **SO/DD** £1060.

## 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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# SCRIPTUREREADINGS

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



### FIRST READING Isaiah 60:1–6

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes all round, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.

Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the Lord.

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

### SECOND READING Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6

Brothers and sisters: I assume that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy Apostles and prophets by the Spirit.

This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

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### GOSPEL Matthew 2:1–12

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.' When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel." '

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.' After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 72(71):1–2. 7–8. 10–11. 12–13. Rcf. 11

*All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate  
before you, O Lord.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Matthew 2:2

**Alleluia, alleluia.  
We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship the Lord.  
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.