



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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7TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – YEAR (C)

23rd 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 22nd	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass 10.30am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am - Confession 5.30pm - Holy Mass	James Healy RIP Veronica Fleming
Sunday 23rd	St. Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am - Holy Mass 11am - Holy Mass	Stephen Downie B'day Blessing Janet Carberry RIP
Monday 24th	St. Margaret's	NO MASS	
Tuesday 25th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am - Holy Mass 10am - Holy Mass	Bill Merrick RIP Savino Bruno RIP
Wednesday 26th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am - Holy Mass 10am - Holy Mass	Tom Mould & Watson Family Sr Monica MacDonald
Thursday 27th	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass	Andy Martin RIP
Friday 28th	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass	Special Intention
Saturday 1st March	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass 10.30am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am - Confession 5.30pm - Holy Mass	Anne O'Neill RIP Brian Cuthill RIP

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Is available on Saturdays after 10am Mass in St. Margaret's and on request at Holy Name.

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

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



Obituary: Please remember in your prayers:

Theresa Crilly (Smith); Funeral will take place on Thursday 6th March at 11.30am with requiem mass in Holy Name followed by burial at Culross Cemetery.

Mary (May) Reid; Funeral details to follow.

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

The Merrick family would like to thank everyone for all the cards, kind words of condolence and support after the passing of our father Bill and thank you also to those who attended the Funeral Mass in Holy Name Church. The collection after mass raised a total of £400 for ST PATRICK'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY in Stirling. We very much appreciate your generosity and you are all in our prayers.

Stannah Chair Lift Training (St Margaret's)

The Stannah lift at the side entrance is now being used on a regular basis. We are keen to ensure we have a sufficient number of Parishioners trained on how to operate the lift. To this end we wish to invite any Parishioners who are Passkeepers and/or have received Fire Safety Training to attend a demonstration. Demonstration/training sessions will be held at 5.10pm prior to Vigil Mass 22nd Feb and 1st March. Also at 9.10am prior to Sunday Mass 23rd Feb and 2nd March.

Sacramental Enrolment

We would like to extend an invitation to enrol your child in each of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation. This is a lovely opportunity to reinforce the connection between home, school & parish, giving due recognition to these important steps on your child's sacramental journey. Please note the following dates for enrolment:

Sacrament of Reconciliation - 1st March 5.30pm

Sacrament of Confirmation - 29th March 5.30pm

Sacrament of First Holy Communion - 10th May 5.30pm

VOICE of the LAITY (VOL)

We will be convening VOL sessions at St Margaret's following Vigil Mass on 1st March and Sunday Mass on 2nd March. At Holy Name we will have VOL session following 11am Mass on 9th March. Voice of the Laity is your opportunity to share your thoughts with other parishioners regarding what is or is not happening within our Parish. VOL originated from our consultation discussions and input to Pope Francis' initiative of the Synod on Synodality. At these forthcoming sessions we will share the content of the Final Report from the Synod - it has some very interesting recommendations that may impact on our Faith journey. There will also be an opportunity for attendees to express their views/thoughts on what the Laity in our Parish Community have been doing and what they should be doing. Please come along and demonstrate your active participation in our Parish Life - your views matter. Plus you will get a tea/coffee and blether!

Eucharistic Ministers Visiting the Housebound

There will be a meeting of the Eucharistic ministers visiting the housebound and sick together with Fr Syriac on Tuesday 4th March at 6.30pm at the presbytery. Please attend if you can.

Big Picture

Our next meeting is on 4th March (Shrove Tuesday) when we will be exploring God's building of "His People" including ourselves. David 872739.

World Day of Prayer

There will be a World Day of Prayer Service, written by the Christian women of the Cook Islands, at Holy Name Church on Friday 7th March at 2pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and to join us afterwards for refreshments. Hope to see you there. Also, a World Day of Prayer will be held in St. Ninians Church, 1 Allan Crescent, Dunfermline at 2pm on Friday 7th March. All welcome.

Sick in the Parish

We would like to ask your prayers for: **Heather Lumsden, Teresa Lynch, Michael McCann, Peter Hughes, Gail Pearce, Elaine Cormack, Denise Reilly, Jane Fentiman, Maureen Black, Margaret McPherson, Anne Donaldson, Nan Lomas, Margaret Fotheringham, Jim Cusick, Janet McIlwaine, Moira McGuigan, 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

Remembering Service

A prayer service those who have suffered the loss of a child, from the beginning of pregnancy onwards, together with those who wish to come in love and support. Ecumenical and open to all. Sunday 2 March at 5.00pm in St John the Baptist Church, Corstorphine, 37 St Ninian's Road, Edinburgh, EH12 8AL.

SPOTLIGHT: THE PRACTICE OF CONFESSION

Forgive us our trespasses
Luke 11:4; Matthew 6:12

The practice of Confession is the means by which we receive absolution of our sins; the sacrament also helps us to avoid sin and grow in virtue.

When should we go to Confession?

We should go to Confession at least once a year, most fittingly in preparation for Easter. More regular Confession, such as once a month, is a great help towards spiritual growth. We should also go to Confession when aware of serious sin. Parishes have set times for this sacrament, and often Services of Reconciliation, but a priest will also hear Confessions on request.

How should we prepare for Confession?

We should make an examination of conscience to prepare for Confession, be truly sorry for our sins, resolve not to commit them again and to do penance. It is also important to pray before Confession and ask the help of Blessed Virgin Mary and the saints.

What should we be ready to confess?

We should be ready to confess all mortal sins. It is also important and good to confess any venial sins. We need to confess the number of times we have committed each kind of sin, as well as we can remember (for example, "I lied three times" or "several times" or "many times"). We do not need to give any more details (such as names) unless something makes the sin more or less serious (for example, "I lied to hurt someone" or "I lied because I was embarrassed").

A simple form of Confession

Make the Sign of the Cross and say: "Bless me Father, for I have sinned. It is (length of time) since my last Confession. These are my sins ... For these and all my sins, I am very sorry".

Priestly Advice And Penance The priest may then give some advice and a penance to be completed after the Confession.

Act of Contrition

"O my God because you are so good I am very sorry that I have sinned against you. With the help of your grace I shall not sin again".

Absolution The priest will then give the absolution, by which sins are forgiven.

After Confession I should thank God and fulfil the penance the priest has given me. If I have accidentally forgotten to confess a mortal sin, I can be sure that the sin has been forgiven, but I must include it in my next Confession.

Penance requires...

*the sinner to endure all things willingly, be contrite of heart, confess with the lips,
and practice complete humility and fruitful satisfaction.*

Sacrament of Reconciliation Is available on Saturdays after 10am Mass in St. Margaret's and on request at Holy Name.

RETURN: A day to help you get back to Confession

If you have not been to confession for a while, want to learn more and go to confession, come to this event. The day includes talks, a how-to session, Q&A, prayer, and a chance to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It takes place from 10am-4pm on Saturday 8 March at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Register on Eventbrite at [bit.ly/return2025](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bit.ly/return2025)



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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 required), 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: 15th & 16th Feb
Offertory £
SO/DD £1020.00

HN - MONTHLY OFFERTORY: 12/12 - 13/1/25
Offertory £1974.63 - **SO/DD** £1069.42

SM Parish Building Fund
1st & 2nd Feb - £611.20

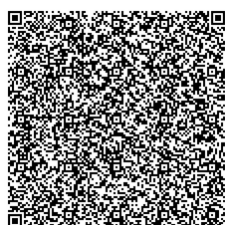
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'St Margaret's R C Church'
80-06-55 ~ 00720303



'The Holy Name Parish'
83-33-00 ~ 00176355



'St. Margaret's One World Group'
83-33-00
10191867

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'SSVP AE02044'
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SCRIPTUREREADINGS

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FIRST READING

1 Samuel 26:2, 7–9, 12–13, 22–23

In those days: Saul arose and went down to the wilderness of Ziph with three thousand chosen men of Israel to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph.

David and Abishai went to the army by night. And there lay Saul sleeping within the encampment, with his spear stuck in the ground at his head, and Abner and the army lay round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'God has given your enemy into your hand this day. Now please let me pin him to the earth with one stroke of the spear, and I will not strike him twice.' But David said to Abishai, 'Do not destroy him, for who can put out his hand against the Lord's anointed and be guiltless?' So David took the spear and the jar of water from Saul's head, and they went away. No man saw it or knew it, nor did any awake, for they were all asleep, because a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen upon them.

Then David went over to the other side and stood far off on the top of the hill, with a great space between them. David said, 'Here is the spear, O king! Let one of the young men come over and take it. The Lord rewards every man for his righteousness and his faithfulness, for the Lord gave you into my hand today, and I would not put out my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:45–49

Brothers and Sisters: 'The first man Adam became a living being'; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual.

The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven.

Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL

Luke 6:27–38

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you; and from one who takes away your goods, do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

'If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.

'Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 103(102):1–2, 3–4, 8, 10, 12–13. R8a

The Lord is compassionate and gracious.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia.

A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

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.

St Margaret's Statue Restoration

Fr Syriac announced last week that the statues of St Margaret and St Teresa had been removed from the church and had been sent away for restoration. St Margaret is badly in need of some TLC to restore her to her former glory. Photographs are shown here indicating how tarnished the paintwork is on her face and hands. The estimated costs for the restoration of these 2 statues is approx. £1300 and they will be away for their 'spa beauty treatments' for 4 weeks.

We wish to restore all the other statues in the church – please see photographs. It has obviously been a long time since the statues were originally painted and there is evidence of tarnishing and colour degradation on all of them. However, it will cost a significant amount of money; each of these statues will cost an average of £1200 to restore. Restoration work is being carried out by Harry Swann, who has been recommended to us. He has successfully completed numerous statue restoration works in other parishes throughout the diocese.

Every statue enhances our spiritual experience when we visit our church to reflect and pray. By restoring our statues, we help maintain the legacy of our Church as a memorial to the saintly life of St Margaret.

We are therefore appealing to all parishioners to consider donating to help fund the restoration of our beautiful statues.

Please contact the parish office if you wish to donate.



PARISH REGISTER

We now have 295 parishioners registered in less than a month since its launch!

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
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.

If anyone has any queries or issues please do not hesitate to reach out for support:
priest.stmargaretdunfermline@staned.org.uk or 07706 083493 or 01383 625611

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



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