



# ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### 8TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - YEAR (C)

#### 2nd March 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 March	<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>	Anne O'Neill RIP  Brian Cuthill RIP
<b>Sunday 2nd</b>	<b>St. Margaret's</b>  <b>Holy Name</b>	<b>9.30am - Holy Mass</b>  <b>11am - Holy Mass</b>	Bob Birrell RIP  Theresa Smith (Crilly) RIP
Monday 3rd		NO MASS	
Tuesday 4th	<b>Holy Name</b>  <b>St. Margaret's</b>	<b>9am - Holy Mass</b>  <b>10am - Holy Mass</b>	Anne Martin RIP  Wilson Family
Wednesday 5th  <b>Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>St. Margaret's</b>  <b>Holy Name</b>  <b>SM PS</b>  <b>St. Margaret's</b>	<b>9.30am - Holy Mass</b>  <b>11am - Holy Mass</b>  <b>1.30pm - Holy Mass</b>  <b>7pm - Holy Mass</b>	James Leonard Dunkerley (senior) RIP  Janet Carberry RIP  Mathew Burtenshaw (wellbeing)
Thursday 6th	<b>St. Margaret's</b>	<b>10am - Holy Mass</b>  <b>12pm - Requiem Mass of Mary Reid</b>	Jane Fentiman (wellbeing)
Friday 7th <b>Day of Prayer for Those who have Suffered Abuse</b>	<b>St. Margaret's</b>	<b>10am - Holy Mass</b>  <b>6.30pm - Holy Mass</b>  <b>7pm - 8pm - Holy Hour &amp; Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	Margaret Grant RIP  Pam Olsen RIP
Saturday 8th	<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>	Mary Collingbourne RIP  Barbara Crighton RIP



## **Obituary: Please remember in your prayers:**

**Mary (May) Reid;** Funeral will take place on Thursday 6th March at 12pm with requiem mass in St. Margaret's.

**Theresa Smith (Crilly);** Funeral will take place on Thursday 13th March at 11.30am with requiem mass in Holy Name.

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

## **Holy Name Primary School**

Pupils from Holy Name Primary will be attending Ash Wednesday mass at Holy Name Church. We look forward to welcoming them.

## **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. We wish to invite any Parishioners who are Passkeepers and/or have received Fire Safety Training to attend a demonstration. Demo/training sessions will be held at 5.10pm on Sat 1st Mar & at 9.10am on Sun 2nd March.

## **Sacramental Enrolment**

We would like to extend an invitation to enrol your child in each of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion & Confirmation during mass. 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** - Saturday 1st March 5.30pm

**Sacrament of Confirmation** - Saturday 29th March 5.30pm, and Sunday 30th March 11am at Holy Name

## **VOICE of the LAITY (VOL)**

We will be convening VOL sessions at St Margaret's following Vigil Mass on 1st & 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 who visit the housebound & sick together with Fr Syriac on Tuesday 4th March at 6.30pm at the presbytery. Please attend if you can.

## **Big Picture**

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

## **Statue Restoration**

Some of the statues including St. Margaret have gone away for restoration. We would greatly appreciate your contributions to carry out this inevitable project. So far £1150 has been received, with a target of £5100 to carry out all restorations.

## **St. Margaret's Teas N Toast**

The last Sunday for Teas & Toast after 9.30am Mass will be Sun 30 March. Assuming enough people volunteer, they will resume on Sun 27 April, that is, after the Easter Holidays. To volunteer to help with this social event, you can either sign up at the notice which is on the noticeboard as you go into the crypt or contact me directly on [cjm909@btinternet.com](mailto:cjm909@btinternet.com) We look forward to seeing you on a Sunday.

## **Walk with Me Booklets**

There are a bundle of Walk with Me booklets which are 'A Journey of Prayer for Lent' available at the back of each church, priced at £1.

**SCIAF's 'Wee Box' for Lent** are available at the back of the church.

## **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.



## SPOTLIGHT: LENT 2025

The primary purpose of Lent is spiritual preparation for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery recalling Jesus' death on Good Friday and Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Hence, the Church leads her children to "repentance," a type of conversion. Repentance is the process by which one reorders one's priorities, and changes one's values, ideals, and ambitions, through fasting, prayer, and penitential mortification. Lent, then, is a period of self-examination, prompting us to repent of our sins, and so to effect a real conversion: to turn completely to God, and to do good for others. Lent also challenges us to reform our lives by turning away from self, from evil, and from sin, so as to turn toward God and toward others with renewed Faith and fervour. Lenten observances are also intended to lead us to our annual solemn renewal of Baptismal vows on Holy Saturday. Through Baptism, we are called to live justly, to love God with all our being, to love our neighbour as ourselves, and to build the kingdom of God by our acts of charity.

### Time to Fast and Draw Closer to Christ

Fasting is a spiritual discipline that teaches us detachment and freedom. It is more than just a practice—it is an invitation to draw closer to Jesus. It is not just about abstaining from food but about letting go of anything that controls us. Can we go a day without meat? Without our phone? Without unnecessary distractions? Fasting reminds us that nothing in this world should enslave us. It is a chance to focus less on ourselves and more on God, to live simply and intentionally.

There is great wisdom in the Christian practice of fasting—even though its benefits are largely forgotten. Fasting is a spiritual exercise, and as such is primarily an action of the inner life. Authentic fasting draws us nearer to God and opens our hearts to receive his many gifts.

Fasting is also a sharp reminder that there are more important things in life than food. Authentic Christian fasting helps to release us from our attachments to the things of this world. It is often these worldly attachments that prevent us from becoming the-best-version-of-ourselves. Fasting also serves as a reminder that everything in this world is passing and thus encourages us to consider life beyond death.

The Church promotes all Catholics from ages 14–59 to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. As long as you are in good health; this means that you should only eat one full meal, plus two smaller meals that do not equal a full meal.

As we begin the Lent on Wednesday, let us fast not just from food but from anything that distances us from God. Let us seek Christ not out of convenience but out of love, and allow Him to be our greatest treasure.

## HAVE A BLESSED LENTEN SEASON AHEAD!

### PARISH REGISTER

**We now have 322 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  
[stmargaretsrcchurch.churchsuite.com/forms/8e2u8r3e](http://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.

**If anyone has any queries or issues please do not hesitate to reach out for support:**  
[priest.stmargaretdufermline@staned.org.uk](mailto:priest.stmargaretdufermline@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.**

# 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 required), 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

**SM: 22nd & 23rd Feb**

**Offertory** £722.63

**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 Mar - £**

## PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

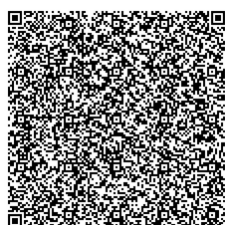
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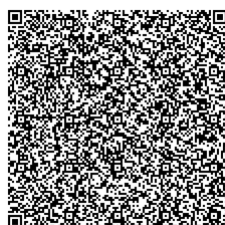
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**'The Holy Name Parish'**

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**'St. Margaret's One World Group'**

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# SCRIPTUREREADINGS

## 8TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – YEAR (C)



### FIRST READING Sirach 27:4-7

When a sieve is shaken, the refuse appears; so a person's filth in his thoughts. The kiln tests the potter's vessels; likewise the test of a person is in his reasoning. The fruit discloses the cultivation of a tree; so the expression of a thought discloses the cultivation of a person's mind.

Do not praise a man before you hear him reason, for this is the test of people.

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

### SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Brothers and Sisters: When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory.' 'O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?'

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

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

### GOSPEL Luke 6:39-45

At that time: Jesus told his disciples a parable: 'Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher.

Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye", when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite! First take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye.

'For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.'

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 92(91):2-3. 13-14. 15-16. R cf. 2a

*It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Philippians 2:15d, 16a

**Alleluia, alleluia.  
Shine as lights in the world,  
holding fast to the word of life.  
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.

# LENT LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Please keep an eye on the weekly newsletter for any updates

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<b>4th</b> 'Journey Together in Hope'  Pope Francis	<b>5th March</b> Ash Wednesday  9.30am SM 11am HN 1.30pm SMPS 7pm SM	<b>6th</b> 10am SM	<b>7th</b> World Day of Prayer  10am SM  6.30pm SM Holy Mass 7pm Holy Hour & Confession	<b>8th</b> 10am SM 10.30am Exposition & Reconciliation  5.30pm SM	<b>9th</b> 1st Sunday of Lent 9.30am SM 11am HN  3pm SM Stations of the Cross
<b>11th</b> 9am HN 10am SM	<b>12th</b> 9am HN 10am SM	<b>13th</b> 10am SM	<b>14th</b> 10am SM  6.30pm SM Holy Mass 7pm Holy Hour & Confession	<b>15th</b> 10am SM 10.30am Exposition & Reconciliation  5.30pm SM	<b>16th</b> 2nd Sunday of Lent 9.30am SM 11am HN  3pm SM Stations of the Cross
<b>18th</b> 9am HN 10am SM	<b>19th</b> 9am HN 10am SM	<b>20th</b> 10am SM  7.30pm SM Men's Group Lent Reflection	<b>21st</b> 10am SM  6.30pm SM Holy Mass 7pm Holy Hour & Confession	<b>22nd</b> 10am SM 10.30am Exposition & Reconciliation  5.30pm SM	<b>23rd</b> 3rd Sunday of Lent 9.30am SM 11am HN  3pm SM Stations of the Cross
<b>25th</b> 9am HN 10am SM	<b>26th</b> 9am HN 10am SM	<b>27th</b> 10am SM  7.30pm SM Men's Group Lent Reflection	<b>28th</b> 10am SM  6.30pm SM Holy Mass 7pm Holy Hour & Confession	<b>29th</b> 10am SM 10.30am Exposition & Reconciliation  5.30pm SM Confirmation Enrolment	<b>30th</b> 4th Sunday of Lent 9.30am SM 11am HN Confirmation Enrolment  3pm SM Stations of the Cross
<b>1st April</b> 9am HN 10am SM  7pm SM Lenten Reflection Evening & Reconciliation Service	<b>2nd</b> 9am HN 10am SM  7pm SM Caritas Justice & Peace Mass	<b>3rd</b> 10am SM  7pm SM PS P7 Stations of the Cross  7.30pm SM Men's Group Lent Reflection	<b>4th</b> 10am SM  6.30pm SM Holy Mass 7pm Holy Hour & Confession	<b>5th</b> 10am SM 10.30am Exposition & Reconciliation  12pm SM Annual Installation Mass of Knights of St. Columba  5.30pm SM	<b>6th</b> 5th Sunday of Lent 9.30am SM 11am HN  3pm SM Stations of the Cross
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