



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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2ND SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR (C)
16th 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 15th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass & Novena of St. Margaret 10.30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am – Confession 5.30pm – Holy Mass	Philip Ney RIP Hayden Carr-Pollock RIP
Sunday 16th	St. Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am – Holy Mass 11am – Holy Mass	People of the Parish George Valentine
Monday 17th St. Patrick	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass & Novena of St. Margaret	Margaret Gilchrist RIP
Tuesday 18th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass & Novena of St. Margaret	Theresa Smith (Crilly) RIP Clare McAuley
Wednesday 19th St. Joseph	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass	John Tonner RIP Karen Douglas RIP
Thursday 20th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass	Janet Carberry RIP
Friday 21st	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 6.30pm – Holy Mass 7pm – 8pm – Holy Hour & Confession	Bill Merrick RIP Theresa Smith (Crilly) RIP
Saturday 22nd	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 10.30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am – Confession 5.30pm – Holy Mass	Bill Merrick RIP Abraham Fogherty 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.

Novena of St. Margaret

The Novena of St. Margaret will be held every month from the 10th to 18th after morning mass at St. Margaret's.

To receive our weekly newsletter by email, please send an email to: stmargaretsnews@gmail.com



Statue Restoration

St. Margaret's & St. Theresa's statues are back after restoration. You will agree a magnificent job has been carried out! All other statues need to be restored in due course, to which we would greatly appreciate your generous contributions. So far £1490 has been received, with a target of £5100 to carry out this inevitable project.

Jubilee Year Lenten Booklets 2025

There are a bundle of Fruits of the Spirit booklets from the Ignatian Spirituality Centre which are a 'Retreat for Lent' based on the Jubilee 2025 theme: "Pilgrims of Hope" available at the back of each church. Donations would be appreciated.

Holy Name Fire Awareness Training

There is Fire Awareness training for those involved in Holy Name arranged for Thursday 20th March 5.30-7.30pm with a tea/coffee break. The Steering Group and passkeepers are invited.

Holy Name Primary School Easter Fayre

An Easter Fayre will take place at Holy Name Primary on Friday 28th March from 3.30-5.30pm. Among the attractions will be market stalls, an Easter egg hunt, bonnet decorating, water n wine stall, mystery bag stall and a raffle. All parishioners and friends are welcome.

The Chosen

Start Holy Week with 'The Chosen' - Season 5, episodes 1 & 2 which will be shown after Sunday Mass in the Crypt at St. Margaret's.

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 We look forward to seeing you on a Sunday.

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

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

Sacrament of First Holy Communion - Saturday 10th May 5.30pm

Sick in the Parish

We would like to ask your prayers for: **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 a family member or friend to be remembered in the bidding prayers, please complete the form which are at the back of each church.

Vacant Part-time Parish Office Administration Assistant for Most Holy Trinity, Dunfermline

We are looking to fill the above role at Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery in Aberdour Road. The Role will involve supporting Fr Andrew Kingham in various administration tasks for 12 hours per week. For more details, please email the office and we will provide you with a copy of the role profile and answer any other queries you may have. Thank you. Office.HolyTrinityDunfermline@staned.org.uk

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

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

www.archedinburgh.org/news-events

Lent Stations of the Cross

Join Catholics from across Scotland online each Monday evening in Lent for the national Stations of the Cross. Continues at 7:45pm on Monday 17 March and includes a reflection from Fr Paul Henderson, a priest of our Archdiocese. The event is to pray for the unborn, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Register at bit.ly/Stations25

'Courage to be Catholic' national conference

This conference, hosted by Aid to the Church in Need, takes place on Saturday 29 March at the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall, 9:30am - 4:00pm. Register at <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EHSR>

Holy Year Talks

A series of Holy Year talks take place on the last Sunday of each month at the Carmelite Convent, Hot Pot Wynd, Dysart, KY1 2TF. The next one is on Sunday 30 March at 4:30pm when Canon James Tracey discusses Reconciliation - Forgiveness. The one-hour event includes evening prayer, Eucharistic Adoration and has been organised by the Fife Deanery. All welcome.

SPOTLIGHT: RCIA UPDATE

This week we would like to share information about RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) with the parish.

This year we are blessed to have 8 candidates.

They attended the Rite of Election which was conducted last Sunday at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh.



They will be receiving sacraments on the Easter Vigil and will be in full communion with the Catholic Church. Their Scrutinies and other mandatory ceremonies will take place on Sundays from this week. Let us remember all of them and their families in our prayers. A huge thank you to all the Catechists who are accompanying them on their spiritual journey.

PARISH REGISTER UPDATE

We now have 365 parishioners registered in 7 weeks 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
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 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

SM & HN 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

SM VOTIVE CANDLES

SM: 8th & 9th Mar
Offertory £828.70
SO/DD £1020.00

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

£1091.18

PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

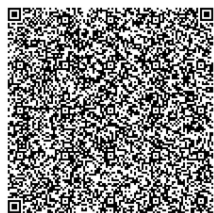
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'St Margaret's R C Church'

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'The Holy Name Parish'

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'St. Margaret's One World Group'

83-33-00
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SCRIPTUREREADINGS

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FIRST READING

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

In those days: God brought Abram outside and said, 'Look towards heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.' And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

And he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking firepot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

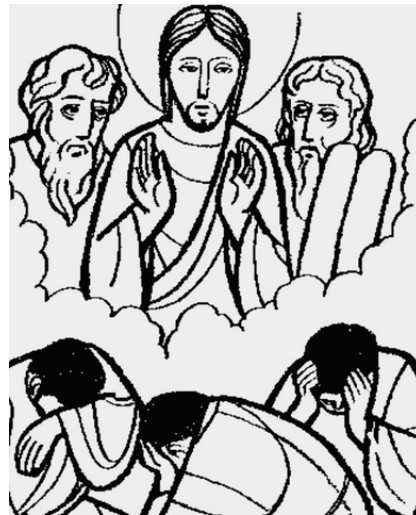
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:20-4:1

Brothers and Sisters: Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God



GOSPEL

Luke 9:28b-36

At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah' – not knowing what he said.

As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, 'This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!' And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 27(26):1. 7-8b. 8c-9c. 13-14. R1a
The Lord is my light and my salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 4:4b

Glory and praise to you, O Christ.
One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.
Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

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

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
<p>15th 10am SM Holy Mass 10.30am Exposition & Confession</p> <p>5.30pm SM Holy Mass</p>	<p>16th 2nd Sunday of Lent 9.30am SM Holy Mass</p> <p>11am HN Holy Mass</p> <p>4pm SM Stations by Ladies Group</p>	<p>17th St Patrick 10am SM Holy Mass</p>

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p>18th 9am HN Holy Mass</p> <p>10am SM Holy Mass</p>	<p>19th St Joseph 9am HN Holy Mass</p> <p>10am SM Holy Mass</p> <p>6pm SM Contemplative Prayer</p>	<p>20th 10am SM Holy Mass</p> <p>7pm SM Stations of the Cross</p> <p>7.30pm SM Men's Group Lent Reflection</p>	<p>21st 10am SM Holy Mass</p> <p>6.30pm SM Holy Mass</p> <p>7pm Holy Hour & Confession</p>	<p>22nd 10am SM Holy Mass</p> <p>10.30am Exposition & Confession</p> <p>5.30pm SM Holy Mass</p>	<p>23rd 3rd Sunday of Lent 9.30am SM Holy Mass</p> <p>11am HN Holy Mass</p> <p>4pm SM Stations by Men's Group</p>
<p>25th 9am HN Holy Mass</p> <p>10am SM Holy Mass</p>	<p>26th 9am HN Holy Mass</p> <p>10am SM Holy Mass</p> <p>6pm SM Contemplative Prayer</p>	<p>27th 10am SM Holy Mass</p> <p>7pm SM Stations of the Cross</p> <p>7.30pm SM Men's Group Lent Reflection</p>	<p>28th 10am SM Holy Mass</p> <p>6.30pm SM Holy Mass</p> <p>7pm Holy Hour & Confession</p>	<p>29th 10am SM Holy Mass</p> <p>10.30am Exposition & Confession</p> <p>5.30pm SM Holy Mass & Confirmation Enrolment</p>	<p>30th 4th Sunday of Lent 9.30am SM Holy Mass</p> <p>11am HN Holy Mass & Confirmation Enrolment</p> <p>4pm SM Stations</p>
<p>1st April 9am HN Holy Mass</p> <p>10am SM Holy Mass</p> <p>6.30pm SM Big Picture</p>	<p>2nd 9am HN Holy Mass</p> <p>10am SM Holy Mass</p> <p>5.30pm SM Contemplative Prayer</p> <p>7pm SM Caritas Justice & Peace Mass</p>	<p>3rd 10am SM Holy Mass</p> <p>7pm SM PS P7 Stations of the Cross</p>	<p>4th 10am SM Holy Mass</p> <p>6.30pm SM Holy Mass</p> <p>7pm Holy Hour & Confession</p>	<p>5th 10am SM Holy Mass</p> <p>10.30am Exposition & Confession</p> <p>12pm SM Annual Installation Mass of Knights of St. Columba</p> <p>5.30pm SM Holy Mass</p>	<p>6th 5th Sunday of Lent 9.30am SM Holy Mass</p> <p>11am HN Holy Mass</p> <p>4pm SM Stations by SSVP</p>
<p>8th 9am HN Holy Mass</p> <p>10am SM Holy Mass</p>	<p>9th 9am HN Holy Mass</p> <p>10am SM Holy Mass</p> <p>5.30pm SM Contemplative Prayer</p> <p>7pm SM Lenten Reflection Evening & Reconciliation Service</p>	<p>10th 10am SM Holy Mass</p> <p>7pm SM Stations of the Cross</p> <p>7.30pm SM Men's Group Lent Reflection</p>	<p>11th 10am SM Holy Mass</p> <p>6.30pm SM Holy Mass</p> <p>7pm SM Holy Hour & Confession</p>	<p>12th 10am SM Holy Mass</p> <p>10.30am Exposition & Confession</p> <p>5.30pm SM Holy Mass</p>	<p>13th Palm Sunday 9.30am SM Holy Mass</p> <p>11am HN Holy Mass</p> <p>11am SM 'The Chosen' in the Crypt</p>