



# ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

## HOME OF ST. MARGARET'S RELIC



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR (C)  
23rd 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 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
<b>Sunday 23rd</b>	St. Margaret's <b>Holy Name</b> St. Margaret's	9.30am – Holy Mass  <b>11am – Holy Mass</b>  4pm – Stations of the Cross	People of the Parish  Catherine Ainslie RIP
Monday 24th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 25th <b>The Annunciation of our Lord</b>	<b>Holy Name</b> St. Margaret's	<b>9am – Holy Mass</b>  10am – Holy Mass	Theresa Smith RIP  McDownell Family RIP
Wednesday 26th	<b>Holy Name</b> St. Margaret's	<b>9am – Holy Mass</b>  10am – Holy Mass	Thomas Dunne RIP  Thomas & Elizabeth Hutton RIP
Thursday 27th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass  7pm – Stations of the Cross	Deceased members of the McLellan Family
Friday 28th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass  6.30pm – Holy Mass 7pm – 8pm – Holy Hour & Confession	May Reid RIP  Joseph & Bridget (wellbeing)
Saturday 29th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 10.30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am – Confession  5.30pm – Holy Mass	Fr Xavier RIP  Francis Welsh 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.

**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. To receive our weekly newsletter by email, please send an email to: [stmargaretsnews@gmail.com](mailto:stmargaretsnews@gmail.com)**



## Statue Restoration

We've received £4,310 so far, with just £790 left to reach our £5,100 goal for completion of this project. Thank you to everyone for your generous contributions. A detailed list of contributors will be shared when the project is completed.

## 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 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.

## Ladies Group

A talk has been arranged for our meeting - "Fierce, Fiery, Feisty Women" at 7pm on 20th of May in the Crypt in St Margaret's.

## Men's Group Outing

The Men's Group would like to thank Drew Main, Dunfermline FC Director, for a very enjoyable tour of East End Park on 5th February. The game afterwards unfortunately failed to reach the heights of the tour: Dunfermline 0, Livingston 2.

## St. Margaret's Teas N Toast

Thank you to everyone who supports the Teas & Toast after Sunday Mass at St Margaret's, especially our lovely hosts! Remember our last Sunday this term is 30 March. The rota is filling up for next term. However, there are three dates still available to host: 1, 22 and 29 June. Please contact me if you are interested in volunteering for a Sunday. [cjm909@btinternet.com](mailto:cjm909@btinternet.com) Thank you.

**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

## Lost Property

There is an increasing amount of lost property being collated. The Lost Property box is in the Altar servers' sacristy. If you wish to check the box out with mass times please contact the office. The contents will be kept for a period of 2 months then will be donated to a local charity shop.

## Sick in the Parish

We would like to ask your prayers for: **Teresa Lynch, Michael McCann, 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.

## Pastoral Visits for the Sick and Housebound

If you or a loved one need a visit from Fr Syriac or one of the Eucharistic Ministers due to illness, hospitalisation, or being housebound, we are here for you. To arrange a visit, please contact the parish office.

# ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

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

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

## A message from Archbishop Cushley

"On Sunday 30 March there will be a special collection at all parishes for Papal & Episcopal Charities (including SCIAF). 75 per cent of the collection goes to SCIAF and 25 per cent to the Archdiocesan Care Fund. Last year £38,000 was raised from this collection; £28,500 went to SCIAF and £9,500 went to the Archdiocesan Care Fund. With your kind donations Care Fund grants went to: Bethany Care Trust (Homeless support), Ukraine Project (rehabilitation centre in Ukraine), Across (Pilgrimages for people with severe disabilities) and FAFCE (Promoting Family Life at the UN, EU and Council of Europe). We pray for all those involved in charities which help those in need in the Archdiocese and across the world, including the good work of SCIAF. Thank you for your generosity in almsgiving this Lent."

## Stations of the Cross

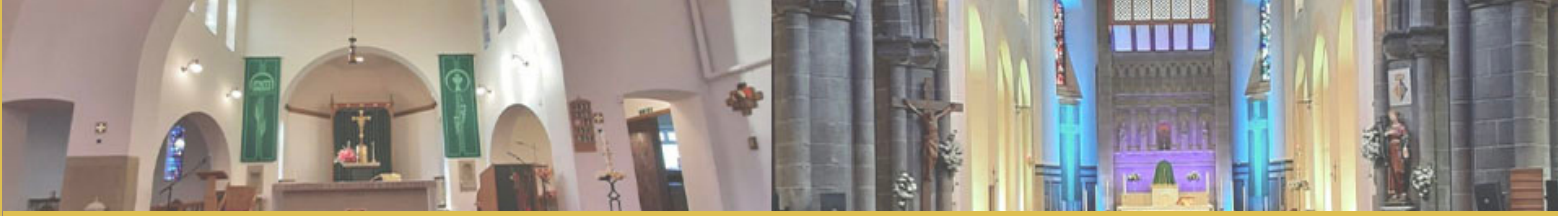
Monday, 24 March, 7:45pm with a reflection from John Deighan, CEO of SPUC. Join John and Catholics from across Scotland to pray for the unborn, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Register: [bit.ly/Stations25](https://bit.ly/Stations25)

## Talk at Carmelite Convent

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.

## 'Courage to be Catholic' national conference

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



## SPOTLIGHT: Ministry to the Sick and Housebound

### "when I was sick, you visited me" Matthew 25:36.

The goal for the Ministry to the Sick and Housebound is to provide compassionate presence, prayer and sacrament to parishioners who are confined to their home, hospital, or nursing homes due to illness or old age. This ministry provides the sick and housebound a sense of community and belonging. It keeps them connected to the wider parish community; and gives them the assurance that they are valued and needed.

St Margaret's as one parish (both Holy Name and St Margaret's) provides spiritual care to more than 40 of our parishioners who are sick, housebound or hospitalised. Most of them had been very loyal and committed to the Church and in particular to their parish in the past when they were physically able. Now it is the turn of the Church to go to them and return to them the same concern and love with which they built up the parish for the coming generations.

Our parish is blessed with 16 committed and zealous Extraordinary ministers (Eucharistic ministers) who cater the spiritual needs of our Sick and housebound. Under the capable leadership of Dr Estelle Holligan, they pay periodical visit and in most of the occasion do the communion service to the sick. On behalf of the parish, we would like to thank all of them for their selfless service to our sick parishioners whether they are in their own homes, nursing homes or hospitals.

Estelle Holligan says: *"I have had very positive responses from the patients that I have visited. Receiving Christ in the Eucharist brings them some peace and comfort and they know that they are still part of the Catholic Community even when they can't attend mass, which is SO important."*

Fr Syriac in collaboration with the Eucharistic Ministers has initiated visiting the sick of the parish in view of meeting them all within this Holy season of Lent. On top of this, we organise healing mass and anointing of the sick twice a year, usually around Christmas and Easter. In the bidding prayers on Sundays either at their own request or the family members, they are remembered and prayed for by name.

How as a parish community we can take part in this mission?

1. If you know of any catholic patient admitted in Queen Margaret Hospital, or a housebound in the parish or in one of the nursing homes in Dunfermline and Oakley area who may like to receive Holy Communion or the sacrament of the sick, then please contact: [priest.stmargaretdunfermline@staned.org.uk](mailto:priest.stmargaretdunfermline@staned.org.uk) or 01383 625611.
2. Find some time to visit your dear and near ones who are ill and would appreciate your comforting presence.
3. Support them with the assurance of your prayers.
4. If you are inspired to take part in this ministry by becoming a Eucharistic minister, please let Fr Syriac know about it.

## PARISH REGISTER UPDATE

**We now have 370 parishioners registered in 8 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](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.

**If anyone has any queries or issues please do not hesitate to reach out for support:**

[priest.stmargaretdunfermline@staned.org.uk](mailto: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.**

# PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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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 &amp; HN 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

## SM VOTIVE CANDLES

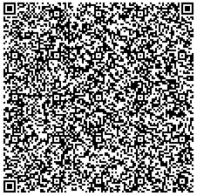
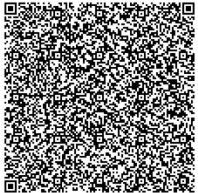
<b>SM: 15th &amp; 16th Mar</b> <b>Offertory</b> £651.77 <b>so/DD</b> £1020.00	<b>HN - MONTHLY OFFERTORY: 12/12 - 13/1/25</b> <b>Offertory</b> £1974.63 - <b>so/DD</b> £1069.42	£1091.18
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## PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

ACCOUNT NAME, SORT CODE & ACCOUNT NO

## CHARITY BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

ACCOUNT NAME, SORT CODE & ACCOUNT NO

<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
<b>GIFT AID</b> - If you are a taxpayer and would like to enrol for Gift Aid, please contact the parish office.				

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# SCRIPTUREREADINGS

## 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR (C)



### FIRST READING Exodus 3:1–8a, 13–15

In those days: Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, 'I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.' When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' And he said, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, 'I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey.'

Then Moses said to God, 'If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you", and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?' God said to Moses, 'I Am Who I Am.' And he said, 'Say this to the people of Israel: "I Am has sent me to you." ' God also said to Moses, 'Say this to the people of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for ever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.'

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

### SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 10:1–6, 10–12

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptised into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did, nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.

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

### GOSPEL Luke 13:1–9

There were some present at that very time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And he answered them, 'Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered in this way? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.'

And he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. And he said to the vine dresser, "Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?" And he answered him, "Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig round it and put on manure. Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down." '

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
**Psalm 103(102):1–2. 3–4.**  
**6–7. 8, 11. R8a**  
**The Lord is**  
**compassionate**  
**and gracious.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**  
**Matthew 4:17**  
**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.**  
**Repent, says the Lord,**  
**for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**  
**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.**

### 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



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

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