



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR (C)
30th 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 |
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| 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 |
| Sunday 30th SCIAF Sunday | St. Margaret's Holy Name St. Margaret's | 9.30am – Holy Mass 11am – Holy Mass 4pm – Stations of the Cross | People of the Parish Bridget Patrick & Eamon Brolly RIP |
| Monday 31st | | NO MASS | |
| Tuesday 1 st April | Holy Name St. Margaret's | 9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass | Rory Hume RIP John Quigley RIP |
| Wednesday 2nd | Holy Name St. Margaret's | 9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass 7pm – Holy Mass | Theresa Smith RIP Crosse Family The annual Caritas, Justice & Peace Mass |
| Thursday 3rd | St. Margaret's | 10am – Holy Mass 7pm – Stations of the Cross | Michelle & Greg |
| Friday 4th | St. Margaret's | 10am – Holy Mass 6.30pm – Holy Mass 7pm – 8pm – Holy Hour & Confession | Our Lady of Fatima Eddie O'Brien RIP |
| Saturday 5th | St. Margaret's | 10am – Annual Installation Mass 10.30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am – Confession 5.30pm – Holy Mass | Our Lady of Lourde Archie McIntosh 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.

Clock Change - Please remember the clocks go forward by one hour at 1am on Sunday 30 March.

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



Obituary: Please remember in your prayers:

James Connolly; Funeral will take place on Tuesday 8th April at 11.30am with requiem mass at Holy Name. Our thoughts & prayers go to the bereaved family and friends. May his soul rest in peace.

Statue Restoration

We've received £4,485 so far, with just £615 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.

Big Picture:

continues with Session 7 on Tuesday April 1st 6:30pm. We will look back at Session 6 then watch the video "The Cross" (very appropriate as we approach Good Friday). David 872739.

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.

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 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

Thanks

Marie Glancy would like to thank all the people who came along to the World Day of Prayer Service in Holy Name Church on Friday 7th March 2025. It was a very joyful celebration. She would like to thank the readers, music group, those who provided refreshments, the finance group, Tom Canning for providing the beautiful art work, the flower arrangers, Elizabeth for welcoming everyone and Michael for setting out the display about the Cook Islands.

Thanks

Jean Connor would like to pass on her thanks to Mike & Marianne for bringing the Eucharist to her at home whilst she was unwell. Jean would also like to express her thanks to all who sent her cards & flowers. God Bless, from Jean.

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

A message from Archbishop Cushley

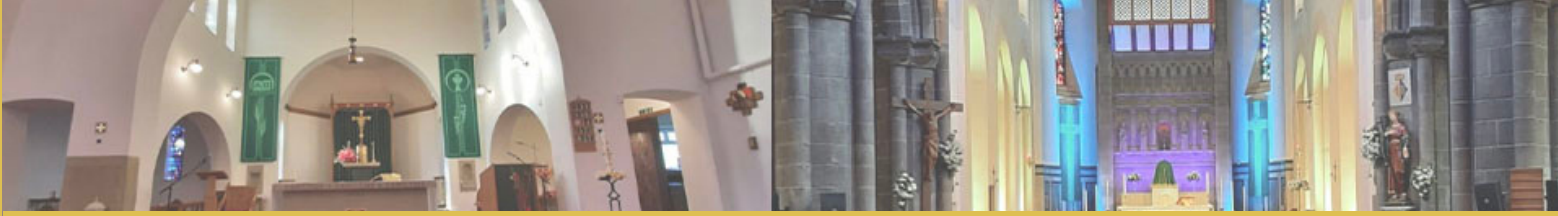
"This Sunday there is a special collection at all parishes for Papal & Episcopal Charities (including SCIAF). 75 per cent of the collection goes to SCIAF and 25 per cent to the Archdiocesan Care Fund. Last year £38,000 was raised from this collection; £28,500 went to SCIAF and £9,500 went to the Archdiocesan 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

This Monday (31 March), 7:45pm. Join Fr Greg Murphy OP, from St Joseph's Dundee, and Catholics from across Scotland praying for the unborn, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Register: bit.ly/Stations25

Annual Mass

The annual Caritas, Justice & Peace Mass is at 7:00pm this Wednesday (2 April) at St Margaret's, East Port, Dunfermline, KY12 7JB. Fr Tom Magill of Motherwell Diocese will preach. All welcome.



SPOTLIGHT: LENTEN REFLECTION EVENING

“THE POWER OF CONFESSION”

by Rev. Fr Simon Willis IVE

Wednesday 9th April at 7pm at St. Margaret's, Dunfermline

Penitential Service and individual confessions thereafter



Confession offers a
*“unique moment of Grace
and God's forgiveness”*

Pope Francis

“After having attained the age of discretion, each of the faithful is bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year.”
(Canon 989) (CCC 1457)



Our prayers and
best wishes to all
the Mothers in St.
Margaret's parish



PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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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

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| 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

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| SM: 22nd & 23rd Mar Offertory £759.71 SO/DD £1020.00 | HN - MONTHLY OFFERTORY: 12/12 - 13/1/25 Offertory £1974.63 - SO/DD £1069.42 | £1091.18 |
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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 10191867 | SM 'SSVP AE02044' 80-06-55 00768139 | HN 'SSVP AE02040' 80-22-60 13364166 |
| GIFT AID - If you are a taxpayer and would like to enrol for Gift Aid, please contact the parish office. | | | | |

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SCRIPTUREREADINGS

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FIRST READING Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

In those days: The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.' While the people of Israel were encamped at Gilgal, they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening on the plains of Jericho. And the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. And the manna ceased the day after they ate of the produce of the land. And there was no longer manna for the people of Israel, but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

At that time: The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, 'This man receives sinners and eats with them.'
So he told them this parable: 'There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me." And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. 'But when he came to himself, he said, "How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.' " And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

GOSPEL cont'd

And the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found." And they began to celebrate.
'Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound." But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, "Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!" And he said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Psalm 34(33):2-3. 4-5.
6-7. R. cf. 18b
Taste and see that the
Lord is good.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Luke 15:18

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.
I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him,
'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you'.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Brothers and Sisters: If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ; God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to 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 |
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| 29th 10am SM Holy Mass 10.30am Exposition & Confession 5.30pm SM Holy Mass & Confirmation Enrolment | 30th 4th Sunday of Lent 9.30am SM Holy Mass 11am HN Holy Mass & Confirmation Enrolment 4pm SM Stations of the Cross |

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

HOLY WEEK

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|----------------------------------|--|---|--|---|---|--|
| 15th 10am SM Holy Mass | 15th 9am HN Holy Mass 10am SM Holy Mass | 16th 9am HN Holy Mass 10am SM Holy Mass 6pm SM Contemplative Prayer | 17th Maundy Thursday 7pm SM The Mass of the Lord's Supper | 18th Good Friday 3pm HN Liturgy of the Lord's Passion followed by Stations of the Cross in the garden 7pm SM Veneration of the Holy Cross | 19th Holy Saturday 8pm SM Easter Vigil | 20th Easter Sunday 9.30am SM Holy Mass 11am HN Holy Mass |

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