



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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1ST SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR (C)
9th 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 8th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 10.30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am – Confession 5.30pm – Holy Mass	Mary Collingbourne RIP Barbara Crighton RIP
Sunday 9th	St. Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am – Holy Mass 11am – Holy Mass	Daniel & Samuel (1st Birthday) Elizabeth McFarline RIP
Monday 10th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 11th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass & Novena of St. Margaret	Hayden Carr–Pollock RIP Murray & Darling Family
Wednesday 12th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass & Novena of St. Margaret	George Valentine John Dunkerley RIP
Thursday 13th	St. Margaret's Holy Name	10am – Holy Mass & Novena of St. Margaret 11.30am Requiem Mass of Theresa Smith (Crilly)	David & Mary McPherson RIP
Friday 14th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass & Novena of St. Margaret 6.30pm – Holy Mass 7pm – 8pm – Holy Hour & Confession	Fr Chris Alan Cuthill
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

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.



Obituary: Please remember in your prayers:

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.

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 £1460 has been received, with a target of £5100 to carry out this inevitable project.

Fruits of the Spirit – a Retreat for Lent 2025 from the ISC

The Ignatian Spirituality Centre are delighted to be running their annual Lent retreat again this year, which can also be accessed online: <https://www.onlineprayer.net/fruits-of-the-spirit/>

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.

Used Stamps

You may have noticed baskets at the back of the church collecting used stamps. A parishioner collates & takes through a large batch of these at a time to St. Patrick's Missionary Society in Stirling. To explain why these are collected here is a message from St. Patrick's: "Thank you for your parish' continued efforts throughout the years to help the missions which greatly assist our Missionary Endeavours. We appreciate it very much. Through the collection of used stamps, this supports our missionary work in Africa, Brazil & West Indies. All the proceeds from the sale of the used stamps to collectors go towards our Catechist Fund and supports many catechists and their families. It seems to be a dying art but while we still have some interest in it, we continue with the project. The catechist is a vital support and companion to our missionary work and pastoral outreach and from my own experience their help and support in matters pastoral is invaluable. **A helpful guide is to leave a ¼ or ½ inch around each stamp.**

God bless, Fr. Patrick McCallion, St. Patrick's Missionary Society, Stirling"



St. Margaret's Repository

The repository has recently been restocked with various items for upcoming feast days/liturgical events. Please browse, and please let the office know if there's anything you'd like to see in stock or have specific item requests.

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

VOICE of the LAITY (VOL)

We will be convening a VOL session at Holy Name following 11am Mass on 9th March. (Two sessions were held at St. Margaret's last weekend). 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 the session 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!

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

SPOTLIGHT: PARISH REGISTER UPDATE

We now have 340 parishioners registered in 6 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.stmargaretunfermline@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.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

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

www.archedinburgh.org/news-events

Catholic Families for Life

The latest Catholic Families for Life newsletter from the National Commission for Marriage, Family and Life is available at www.marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk

Lent Stations of the Cross

Join Catholics from across Scotland online each Monday evening in Lent for the national Stations of the Cross. Begins at 7:45pm on Monday 10 March and includes a reflection from Bishop Hugh Gilbert of Aberdeen Diocese. 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.

Rise in Faith, Live in Hope

The Archdiocese invites high school pupils to 'Rise in Faith, Live in Hope' at St Francis Xavier's Church, 11am-3pm on Saturday 15 March. The event will provide encouragement and inspiration to help our young people grow in their faith amidst the challenges they face. Includes Mass with Archbishop Cushley. Register at bit.ly/archyouth or for large groups please email youth.office@staned.org.uk

Annual Mass

The annual Caritas, Justice & Peace Mass takes place at 7:00pm on Wednesday 2 April at St Margaret's, Dunfermline. Fr Tom Magill of Motherwell Diocese will preach. All welcome.

Palm Sunday Youth Day

Let your children know about our day of games and inspiring talks at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB on Saturday 12 April from 11am-3pm. Includes sessions for primary school pupils (8+) and sessions for high school pupils. Register at bit.ly/youthpalm

Assisted Pilgrims for Lourdes

Do you know someone who is ill or infirm and would enjoy the opportunity to experience a life-changing trip to Lourdes? The Archdiocese is seeking Assisted Pilgrims to join them on the pilgrimage 11-18 July. Please contact Bernadette on 0131 441 1939 or visit www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes24

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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: 22nd & 23rd Feb
Offertory £923.16
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 - £536.60

PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

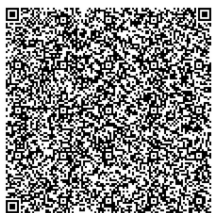
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'St Margaret's R C Church'

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'The Holy Name Parish'

83-33-00 ~ 00176355



'St. Margaret's One World Group'

83-33-00
10191867

SM 'SSVP AE02044'

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SCRIPTUREREADINGS

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FIRST READING Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Moses spoke to the people: 'The priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God. And you shall make response before the LORD your God,

"A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labour. Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders.

And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me." And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING Romans 10:8-13

Brothers and Sisters: What does Scripture say? 'The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, 'Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For, 'everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL Luke 4:1-13

At that time: Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were over, he was hungry. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.' And Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone."

And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, 'To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' And Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve."

And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" And Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test."

And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 91(90):

1-2. 10-11. 12-13. 14-15. R̄ cf 15b

*Be with me, O Lord,
in my distress.*

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

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p>11th 9am HN Holy Mass</p> <p>10am SM Holy Mass</p>	<p>12th 9am HN Holy Mass</p> <p>10am SM Holy Mass</p> <p>6pm SM Contemplative Prayer</p>	<p>13th 10am SM Holy Mass</p>	<p>14th 10am SM Holy Mass</p> <p>6.30pm SM Holy Mass</p> <p>7pm Holy Hour & Confession</p>	<p>15th 10am SM Holy Mass</p> <p>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>18th 9am HN Holy Mass</p> <p>10am SM Holy Mass</p>	<p>19th 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>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>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>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</p>	<p>6th 5th Sunday of Lent 9.30am SM Holy Mass</p> <p>11am HN Holy Mass</p> <p>4pm SM Stations by SSVF</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>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>