



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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EASTER SUNDAY – YEAR (C)
20th April 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 19th Holy Saturday	St. Margaret's	8pm – Easter Vigil	People of the Parish
Sunday 20th Easter Sunday	St. Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am – Holy Mass 11am – Holy Mass	People of the Parish People of the Parish
Monday 21st		NO MASS	
Tuesday 22nd	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Communion Service 10am – Communion Service	
Wednesday 23rd	Holy Name	9am – Communion Service	
Thursday 24th	St. Margaret's	10am – Communion Service	
Friday 25th		NO MASS	
Saturday 26th	St. Margaret's	5.30pm – Holy Mass	Captain David Seath RIP

HAPPY EASTER

Congratulations to all those who are being baptised and those entering in to the full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil:

Alan Nelson

Callum Wallace

Charlotte Thomson

Eboni Herron

Joanna Macintosh-Butt

Sonia Mallan

Steven Evans



Fr Syriac's Easter Break

Fr Syriac will be away for his Easter break from Monday 21st to Friday 25th April.

There will be communion service at St. Margaret's on Tuesday & Thursday and in Holy Name on Tuesday & Wednesday.



Obituary: Please remember in your prayers:

Ann Begg; Cremation will take place on Wednesday 30th April at 11.30am at Dunfermline Crematorium. Our thoughts & prayers go to the bereaved family and friends. May her soul rest in peace.

Parish Register Communications

Those who have signed up for the Parish Register will receive a birthday message email from Father Syriac this month - it may not be on your actual April birthday - but you are safe to open the message. Those who do not have an email address but are on the register will receive a copy of the birthday message through the post.

Statue Restoration

We've received £4,815 so far, with just £285 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.

One World Group AGM

The One World Group will hold it's AGM on Saturday 26th April in the crypt after 10am mass. All are welcome especially potential new members. It could be you!

St. Margaret's Repository

We have Easter cards and Easter Mass Intention cards in stock, as well as Confirmation and First Holy Communion cards. Please let us know if you have any specific item requests.

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.

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, 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

Children's Liturgy

If you are involved in Children's Liturgy (CL) at your parish come to the Archdiocesan Children's Liturgy Leaders' Workshop on Saturday 26 April from 9:30am to 12:30pm at The Gillis Centre 100 Strathearn Rd, EH9 1BB. The day will begin with Mass, and there will be a presentation on music & art, discussion sessions and feedback from the CL event held in February. Register at bit.ly/childrensliturgy2

Gala Concert at Cathedral

The Schola Cantorum will perform a gala concert in St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on Wednesday 30 April at 7:30pm. Includes excerpts from Handel's Messiah and other beautiful music. Prosecco interval. Tickets £10 at bit.ly/ScholaGala25 or pay at the door. All proceeds to supporting the choir's singing at diaconate ordinations in Rome next month.

Beyond Consent: Rethinking Assisted Suicide Through a Family's Eyes

Alicia Duncan will talk about her mother Donna, who died by assisted suicide in Canada in 2023. Her experience shows how safeguards that seem robust can fail in practice. Her mother's death is a cautionary tale of safeguarding gone wrong. Presented by Care Not Killing, Alicia will be in conversation with Dr Gillian Wright, a former palliative care doctor, on Thursday 24 April at 6:00pm. Register at bit.ly/beyondconsent

Annual Pro-Life Chain, Edinburgh

SPUC's Pro-Life Chain takes place on Saturday 26 April at 11:00am on Lothian Road. There will be a pro-life Rosary at 10:00am in Sacred Heart Church on Lauriston Street. Register at: bit.ly/proliferosary25

Holy Year talk

A series of Holy Year talks take place on the last Sunday of each month at 4:30pm in the Carmelite Convent, Hot Pot Wynd, Dysart, KY1 2TF. The next talk is on Sunday 27 April from Fr Paul Lee on The Risen Jesus. The one-hour event includes evening prayer, Eucharistic Adoration and has been organised by the Fife Deanery. No registration required. All welcome.

Celebration of Fr Tommy Greenan

The story of the Edinburgh priest who served the poor in war-torn El Salvador will be shared at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on Thursday 8 May at 7:30pm. Speakers will share their memories of Fr Tommy Greenan and tell the story of how his acclaimed book The Song of the Poor came to be published following his death. The book will be available for purchase at the event. No registration required. All welcome.

Mass for Married & Engaged Couples

The annual Archdiocesan Mass for Married Couples (and those preparing for marriage) takes place at 7:15pm on Tuesday 27 May at St Mary's Cathedral. Archbishop Cushley will be the principal celebrant and will give a blessing to couples.



SPOTLIGHT: THANKSGIVING

Dear brothers and sisters,

First of all may I wish you a very blessed Easter.

Let the power of the light of the Risen Jesus dispel every darkness in our lives and in our world. Because the mark of our faith as Christians is that Jesus' death on the cross was not the end but rather a new beginning for our world because in dying for us he has done away with the power of death for ever, he has destroyed the power of sin and evil forever, he has given us our freedom as the human race to rebuild a future of hope.

Today the new light of Christ gives us new hope in the midst of whatever darkness we experience. Jesus now wants to enter into our hearts with the power of his love and call us forward to proclaim through our lives a new humanity built on his Kingdom's values: justice, truth, peace, love.

May we be filled this Easter with new hope so we may build a more human future for our world.

I take this occasion to thank all of you for joining us to share the Peace and Joy of Easter.

I also thank all the following members of the parish who are serving our communities in different capacities:

PPC

Steering Committee Members

Finance Committee

Fabric Committee

Safe guarding, health and safety volunteers

All Umbrella groups

Formation Teams: Baptism, RCIA, First Holy Communion and Confirmation teams.

(In a very special way, I thank our Team RCIA for guiding our brothers and sisters who had taken an important step on their faith journey).

Parish Registration Team

Teachers and students of our Primary schools

Children's Liturgy Team

All the Associations and groups in the parish: (SVDP, Men's group, Women's group, one World group, Voice of the Laity etc)

Volunteers for various ministries in the parish

Coming to the Easter Triduum Celebrations, I would like to thank all who have worked hard to make these days great and memorable. Especially, our Sacristans, Parish Admin Assistant, Music & Liturgy teams, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Altar servers, Cleaners, Extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, Pass keepers, Florists, Repository in charges, people who put up the Easter Garden, people who do the church laundry and so on.

Pardon me, if I have left out anyone.

Last but not least, I sincerely thank each and every one of you for your prayers, greeting cards and gifts during this Holy season.

We wish and pray that the risen Lord may fill our Hearts, our families and our communities with His Peace and Joy!

Yours in the Risen Lord,

Fr Syriac



PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

Presbytery & Parish Office Address:

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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

SM & HN Building Fund 1st Sun every month	4th May - Diocesan Lenten Alms	11th May - Diocesan Ecclesiastical Students	1st June - Bishops Conf Communication	15th June - Diocesan Day for Life
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WEEKLY OFFERTORY & MONTHLY STANDING ORDERS/DIRECT DEBITS

SM Building Fund

SM: 12th & 13th Apr
Offertory £831.14
SO/DD £1020.00

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

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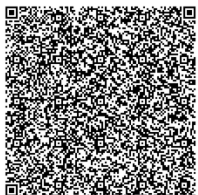
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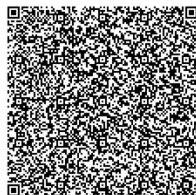
CHARITY BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

ACCOUNT NAME, SORT CODE & ACCOUNT NO

'St Margaret's RC 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 Acts 10:34a, 37-43

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: 'You yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem.

They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and caused him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Brothers and Sisters: Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL Luke 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, 'Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.'

And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the Apostles, but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marvelling at what had happened.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 118(117):1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R24

*This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice in it and be glad.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 1 Corinthians 5:7b-8a

**Alleluia, alleluia.
Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed;
let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord.
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.



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH REGISTER



HAVE YOU REGISTERED YET?

**Registration instructions
and paper forms
are at the back of the church
& in the newsletter**

**Please return completed paper
forms in the box provided.**



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

**We now have 375 parishioners
registered in 12 weeks since its launch!**



How to Register

You have a choice of how to register:

**You can use your mobile & the QR code or, if you prefer:
you can fill in the paper form & return it when convenient.
Paper forms are 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
stmargaretsrchurch.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 let us know:

priest.stmargaretdunfermline@staned.org.uk
or 07706 083493 or 01383 625611

St. Margaret's Parish Register Team would like to say a big thank you to all who have already registered.

PARISH REGISTER BENEFITS

Improved Communication

The Parish Register will serve as a centralized resource for keeping parishioners informed about important updates, events, and initiatives. Whether it's sharing schedules, delivering newsletters, or announcing urgent messages, the register ensures timely and accurate communication with everyone in the parish community.

Reduced Risk of Exclusion

Without a register, some parishioners might miss important information or opportunities to participate in parish activities. The register minimizes this risk by providing an inclusive communication framework that reaches everyone.

Stronger Community Connection

By engaging every parishioner through better communication, the register will help to create a stronger sense of unity and belonging. It supports the Synod's emphasis on Communion by ensuring that no one feels overlooked or disconnected from parish life.

Enhanced Lay Participation

The Synod highlighted the importance of lay participation in building a vibrant parish community. The register will help to identify individuals who may wish to contribute their skills, time, or leadership in various parish ministries, events, or outreach programs, aligning with the call for greater participation.

Streamlined Parish Activities

An accurate and up-to-date register simplifies planning and organizing parish activities. It allows the parish to efficiently manage volunteer efforts, event participation, and pastoral outreach. For example, coordinating with parishioners for events like retreats, fundraisers, or social gatherings becomes much smoother.

Easier Outreach to New Members

The register will also help to welcome and integrate new members into the parish, ensuring they feel connected and informed from the start.

Data Privacy Assurance

Many people are understandably concerned about how their personal information is handled. The parish's commitment to adhering to Data Protection laws reassures parishioners that their data will remain confidential, secure, and used exclusively for parish purposes. This transparency builds trust and encourages participation.