



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – YEAR (C)
27th 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 26th	St. Margaret's	5.30pm – Holy Mass	Captain David Seath RIP
Sunday 27th Divine Mercy Sunday	St. Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am – Holy Mass 11am – Holy Mass	Cissie & James Farrell People of the Parish
Monday 28th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 29th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass 7pm – P7 Confirmations	Angela Margaret Buchan RIP
Wednesday 30th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass	Monsignor Charles Hendry RIP
Thursday 1st May	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass	Jane Fentiman (wellbeing)
Friday 2nd	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 7pm – Holy Mass	Margaret Szmitz RIP Fr Martin Birrell OSB
Saturday 3rd	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 10.30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am – Confession 5.30pm – Holy Mass	Charlie McShane Noreen McInerney (wellbeing)

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.

Parish Newsletter

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. If you'd like to receive the weekly newsletter by email please contact us to be added to the distribution list at: stmargaretsnews@gmail.com



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.

Primary 7 Confirmations

Best wishes and prayers to all candidates who will be confirmed in St Margaret's on Tues 29th April at 7pm by Archbishop Leo Cushley.

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 £4,865 so far, with just £235 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.

Sunday Morning Car Parking – Important Notice

We've seen a rise in inconsiderate parking on Sunday mornings, creating serious health and safety concerns. Please help us keep everyone safe by following these guidelines:

- Park only within the marked white bays or in the temporary car park area (between the wooden slats).
- Do not park in any other areas—especially outside the designated zones.
- Emergency vehicles and the free bus service require clear access at all times. Improper parking may block them.

If the car park is full, please use Viewfield Car Park directly opposite the church. It's free until 1pm on Sundays.

Thank you to our passkeepers who help ensure safety for all.

- **Please note:** In particular the area directly in front of the main entrance MUST remain clear at all times.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

One World Group AGM

Out of respect to the Pope's funeral, Saturday's AGM has been postponed and has been rescheduled for Saturday 17th May in the crypt after 10am mass. All are welcome especially potential new members. It could be you!

The Big Picture

continues in the Crypt with Session 8 on Tuesday May 6th 18:30. We will look back at Session 7 then watch the video "New Life" (very appropriate as we celebrate the Easter season). David 872739.

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

Archdiocesan Requiem Mass

The Archdiocesan Requiem Mass for Pope Francis takes place at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, this Monday (28 April) at 12:45pm. Everyone is warmly invited to attend and pray together for the repose of the soul of the Holy Father.

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.

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.

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.



HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS 1936 – 2025

On Monday 21st April, The Vatican announced the death of Pope Francis at the age of 88.

The funeral of Pope Francis takes place at 9am (UK) this Saturday in St Peter's Square. Bishop John Keenan, as President, will represent the Bishops' Conference of Scotland.

Pope Francis will be fondly remembered in our weekend masses.



"I am deeply saddened to hear of The Holy Father's death. He shared Christ's mercy and compassion to all, especially the poor and the vulnerable. He emphasised our duty to protect God's creation for future generations and he worked tirelessly, to seek unity in a divided world.

Through the synods held during his Pontificate he wished us to learn again to listen to each other as children of God and heirs to the same life of grace. He called for peace on earth: may the living Lord now grant him the peace of eternal rest."

Archbishop Leo Cushley

Father, eternal shepherd,
hear the prayers of your people for your servant Francis,
who governed your Church with love.

In your mercy, bring him with the flock once entrusted to his care
to the reward you have promised your faithful servants.

May he who faithfully administered the mysteries
of your forgiveness and love on earth,
rejoice with you for ever in heaven.

In your wise and loving care,
you made your servant teacher of all your Church.
He did the work of Christ on earth.

May your Son welcome him into eternal glory.

May your servant whom you appointed high priest of your flock
be counted now among the priests in the life of your kingdom.

Give your servant the reward of eternal happiness
and let your mercy win for us the gift of your life and love.

We entrust your servant to your mercy with faith and confidence.
In the human family he was an instrument of your peace and love.

May he rejoice in those gifts for ever with your saints. Amen.

Quotes by Pope Francis

"Just as we need the courage to be happy, we also need the courage to live simply."

"Let us not be satisfied with a mediocre life. Be amazed by what is true and beautiful, what is of God!"

"The measure of the greatness of a society is found in the way it treats those most in need, those who have nothing apart from their poverty!"

"Embrace with tender affection the whole of humanity, especially the poorest, the weakest, the least important."

"Holiness doesn't mean doing extraordinary things, but doing ordinary things with love and faith."

"The perfect family doesn't exist. A healthy family life requires frequent use of three phrases: 'May I?' 'Thank you,' and 'I'm sorry.'"

"Migrants and refugees are not pawns on the chessboard of humanity. They are children, women, and men who leave or who are forced to leave their homes for various reasons, who share a legitimate desire for knowing and having, but above all for being, more."

"I prefer a church which is bruised, hurting, and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security."



A quote from Pope Francis's final public speech, his address on Easter Sunday:

"What a great thirst for death, for killing, we witness each day ... How much violence we see, often even within families, directed at women and children! How much contempt is stirred up at times toward the vulnerable, the marginalized, and migrants!

On this day, I would like all of us to hope anew and to revive our trust in others, including those who are different than ourselves, or who come from distant lands, bringing unfamiliar customs, ways of life and ideas! For all of us are children of God!"



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

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: 19th & 20th Apr
Offertory £
so/DD £1020.00

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

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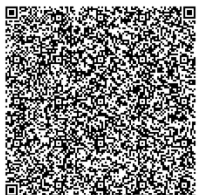
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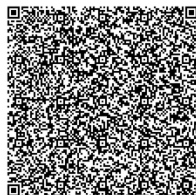
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'St. Margaret's One World Group'
 83-33-00
 10191867

SM 'SSVP AE02044'
 80-06-55
 00768139

HN 'SSVP AE02040'
 80-22-60
 13364166

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SCRIPTUREREADINGS

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FIRST READING Acts 5:12-16

Many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the Apostles. And they were all together in the Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them.

The people also gathered from the towns round Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, 'Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches.'

Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash round his chest. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, 'Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive for evermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this.'

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GOSPEL John 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.'

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord'. But he said to them, 'Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.'

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 118(117):2-4. 22-24. 25-27a. R1
**Give praise to the Lord for he is good,
his mercy endures for ever.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 20:29
Alleluia, alleluia.
**You believed, Thomas, because
you have seen me, says the Lord.**
**Blessed are those who have not
seen and yet have believed.**
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.

