



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR (C)
6th 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 5th	St. Margaret's	10am - Annual Installation Mass of the Knights of St. Columba 10.30am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am - Confession 5.30pm - Holy Mass	Our Lady of Lourde Archie McIntosh RIP
Sunday 6th	St. Margaret's Holy Name St. Margaret's	9.30am - Holy Mass 11am - Holy Mass 4pm - Stations of the Cross	People of the Parish Tom Mould RIP
Monday 7th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 8th	St. Margaret's Holy Name	10am - Holy Mass 11.30am - Requiem Mass for James Connolly	Gerald Matthews RIP
Wednesday 9th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am - Holy Mass 10am - Holy Mass 7pm - Lenten Reflection Evening & Reconciliation Service	Antonio Fusco Irene Hughes RIP
Thursday 10th	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass & Novena of St. Margaret 7pm - Stations of the Cross	Peter Hughes RIP
Friday 11th	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass & Novena of St. Margaret 6.30pm - Holy Mass 7pm - 8pm - Holy Hour & Confession	Pauline Sweeney RIP Joseph & Anne O'Neil RIP
Saturday 12th	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass & Novena of St. Margaret 10.30am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am - Confession 5.30pm - Holy Mass	Peter Hughes Jr. (wellbeing) Fr David Barr 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.



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.

Ann Beggs; Funeral details to follow.

Our thoughts & prayers go to the bereaved families and friends. May their souls rest in peace.

Statue Restoration

We've received £4,765 so far, with just £335 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.

St. Margaret's Teas N Toast

Please remember there are no Teas & Toast for the next 3 Sundays at St Margaret's as we will be into the Easter Holidays. Normal service will be resumed on Sunday 27 April. Thank you for your support on this venture.

St. Margaret's Repository

We have Easter cards and Easter Mass Intention cards available, as well as Confirmation and First Holy Communion cards. Please let us know if there's anything else you'd like us to stock or if you have specific item requests.

SCIAF's 'Wee Box' for Lent are available at the back of the church.

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.

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

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

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

www.archedinburgh.org/news-events

A message to parents from Archbishop Leo:

"Dear Parents, As we prepare to celebrate Palm Sunday and the sacred days of Holy Week, I invite you to register your child(ren) at a special youth event at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on Saturday 12 April, 11am-3pm. The day will be filled with games, inspiring workshops, and dedicated time for prayer. This event is not just about fun and learning; it's about building relationships—both with Christ and with each other. By attending, your child will be strengthened in their faith as we prepare spiritually in the days leading up to Easter. Let's inspire our young people to live out the joy and hope of the Resurrection. Thank you for your continued support of your child's faith journey. I look forward to seeing them at the event and sharing this blessed time together. Register at bit.ly/youthpalm (event includes sessions for primary pupils (8+) and sessions for high school pupils)."

Stations of the Cross

Join Catholics from across Scotland to pray for the unborn, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. With a reflection from Sr Andrea Fraile of The Sisters of the Gospel of Life. This Monday (7 April) at 7:45pm. Register: bit.ly/Stations25

Young Adults' Holy Week event

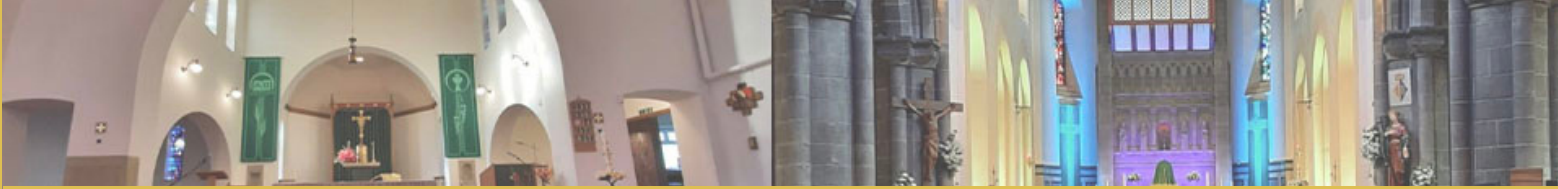
The Archdiocese invites young adults (18+) to prepare for Holy Week and Easter on Saturday 12 April at St Margaret's Chapel at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB from 11:30am-3:00pm. There will be talks from speakers including Fr David Stewart SJ and the event concludes with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Cushley. Recollect, pray and celebrate your Catholic faith. Register by emailing frrobert.taylor@staned.org.uk.

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.

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 7:00pm. 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.



SPOTLIGHT: THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation, better known as Confession is offered to us as an ideal way to experience the Grace and Mercy of God our loving Father and the forgiveness of any sins that we may have committed. The Mercy and Love of God has no bounds but we need to express our sorrow for sin and a sincere wish to avoid sin in the future.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation, has always been seen as the Sacrament of 'second conversion'. Baptism is the Sacrament of first conversion as we were reborn of the Holy Spirit and all our sins are forgiven; Confession is the sacrament of second conversion, the gift of Christ through which our sins are forgiven and the wounds inflicted by sin are healed.

The experience of the church throughout the centuries has been that a good confession brings great peace to the soul. God's gift of Peace is lost through serious sin. If we knowingly and willingly do what is contrary to God's will our soul is deprived of peace. Only God's gift of forgiveness, received through our contrite confession, restores our peace. The healing of the 'wound of sin' should be focused more in our understanding of the sacrament of reconciliation. Without really healing the wounds through loving and tender forgiveness, we will reach a stage in which even the slightest thing will provoke us and disturb our peace. The Church always saw the sacrament as the great means of forgiveness.

The Specific gift of confession is this: People can bring all sins for which they are sorry to the sacrament, no matter how serious; they can confess them with the certainty that God forgives the sins and heals the wounds of sin, and they have the assurance that confidentiality is guaranteed. In the strict sense they can come to the sacrament and unburden themselves. When they unburden themselves of their inability to forgive, the grace and power of the Mercy of God present in the sacrament will set them free.

The heart of the sacrament is the forgiving, sanctifying and healing presence of the Holy Spirit. The sacrament celebrated with contrition for sin, truly binds up the broken heart and enables us to enter into the new freedom that forgiveness brings.



An entry from a pupil at SMPS for the Easter Egg Competition 2025

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)

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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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

SCIAF & Episcopal

SM: 29th & 30th Mar
Offertory £767.54
SO/DD £1020.00

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

£729.25

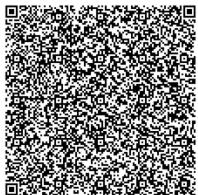
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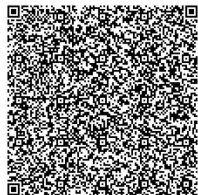
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10191867

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'SSVP AE02044'
80-06-55
00768139

HN
'SSVP AE02040'
80-22-60
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SCRIPTURE READINGS

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FIRST READING Isaiah 43:16–21

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

‘Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild beasts will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.’

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING Philippians 3:8–14

Brothers and Sisters: I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith – that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL John 8:1–11

At that time: Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst they said to him, ‘Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?’ This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him.

Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, ‘Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.’ And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus stood up and said to her, ‘Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?’ She said, ‘No one, Lord.’ And Jesus said, ‘Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.’

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 126(125):1–2b. 2c–3. 4–5. 6. R3

**What great deeds the Lord worked for us!
Indeed, we were glad.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Joel 2:12–13

**Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.
Even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart,
for I am gracious and merciful.
Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living 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



Please keep an eye on the weekly newsletter for any updates

SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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

Lent & Holy Week Liturgical Calendar

The dates, times, and locations of liturgical services for Lent and Holy Week for both St Margaret's and Holy Name were finalised recently by the PPC and parish Liturgy Group. The issue of having one priest serving two churches within the parish, and ensuring fairness for both congregations, proved difficult in planning the Easter Triduum. Parishioners should note the following key arrangements:

- Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday will be celebrated in St Margaret's at 7pm.
- The Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion will be at 3pm in Holy Name followed by the Stations of the Cross in the garden. St. Margaret's will be opened from 10am through to 7pm for personal prayer and reflection. There will be a service of the Veneration of the Holy Cross in St. Margaret's at 7pm.
- The Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday will be celebrated in St Margaret's at 8pm.
- On the Easter Day Holy Mass at St Margaret's at 9.30am and Holy Name at 11am.

The liturgy at each of the Triduum services will be supported by parishioners from both St Margaret's and Holy Name.