



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

HOME OF ST. MARGARET'S RELIC

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR (C)

1st June 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 31st <i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 5.30pm – Holy Mass	John Dias (wellbeing) Barbara Chamberlain (wellbeing)
Sunday 1st <i>World Communication Day</i>	St. Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am – Holy Mass 11am – Holy Mass	Kathleen Sweeney Ian Henderson RIP
Monday 2nd		NO MASS	
Tuesday 3rd	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass	Moirá McCrae RIP Moirá McGuigan RIP
Wednesday 4th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Requiem Mass for Moira McGuigan	People of the Parish Moirá McGuigan RIP
Thursday 5th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass	Bridget Brolly RIP
Friday 6th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 7pm – Holy Mass – Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession	Our Lady of Fathima Jane Fentiman (Wellbeing)
Saturday 7th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 5.30pm – Holy Mass	Mike Dorris RIP Ian Henderson 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.

Daily Opening of St. Margaret's Church

The church will be open daily, excluding Mondays, from 9am–12pm, to allow quiet time for personal prayer and reflection.

Pentecost Mass changes, 8 June

The morning masses on 8th June (9.30am at St Margaret's and 11am at Holy Name) are cancelled due to St Margaret's Pilgrimage in the afternoon. However, the vigil mass on Saturday 7th evening at 5.30 will not be affected.

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 for a family member, a neighbour or anyone unable to come to church. Email stmargaretsnews@gmail.com to receive the weekly newsletter.



Obituaries: Please remember in your prayers:

Moira McGuigan; Her funeral will take place on Wednesday 4th June with requiem mass at 10am in St Margaret's and then interment at Dunfermline Cemetery.

Dennis Drummond; Husband to the late Liz Drummond who passed 5 years ago, Liz was a member of the 11 o'clock mass choir. Dennis (a non-Catholic) and Liz were well known in the parish. Funeral will be at Dunfermline Crematorium 11.30am on Monday 9 June. Our thoughts & prayers go to the bereaved families and friends. May their souls rest in peace.

One World Group Craft Fair at St Margaret's

On Sunday 1st June, the OWG is hosting a Craft Fayre, 1.30-4.30pm. The stalls are run by professional crafters and are of high quality. The OWG will have a tombola stall and a plant stall. Donations are requested for the Tombola & Plants, and are to be passed to the Music Group after Mass. If you can help speak to Estelle, Sara or Elaine from the music groups or any OWG member.

St Margaret's Church Roof Maintenance

On Monday 2nd June, a mobile Access Platform will be operating throughout the day to access the Church roof to carry out essential maintenance repairs. For any Parishioners using the Church Car Park on the 2nd, please be aware that access may be limited to the temporary car park. Please follow all instructions from the contractors whilst they are carrying out the works. Your co-operation is appreciated to ensure the work is completed safely.

The Big Picture Bible Study, Session 10

The next Big Picture session will be Tuesday 3rd June, 6.30-8.30pm in St Margaret's Crypt. Even if you have not been to any of the previous sessions you are welcome to join the course at any time. We welcomed a new member last time and this course is a possible follow up to RCIA. Contact David with any questions on 01383 872739.

Men's Group

The next Men's Group Meeting will be on Thurs 5th June at 7.30pm in St Margaret's Crypt. All men of the Parish are welcome to attend.

Ladies Group Events

On May 20th the Ladies Group had an interesting and entertaining talk given by Mary Welsh about "Fierce, Fiery and Feisty Women" throughout history. Thanks to Mary and the ladies from both St Margaret's and Holy Name who attended. The group are also having a games night on Tuesday 17th June at 7pm, in St Margaret's Crypt. All ladies are welcome.

Can you help run the St Margaret's Toddlers Group?

St Margaret's Toddler Group needs volunteers for Friday mornings in the church hall. It's a welcoming space for parents, carers, and toddlers to play and connect. Interested? Contact the church team—we'd love your help!

Sick in the Parish

We would like to ask your prayers for: James Payne, John Cassells, Teresa Lynch, Andrew Kelly, Gail Pearce, Elaine Cormack, Denise Reilly, Jane Fentiman, Maureen Black, Margaret McPherson, Anne Donaldson, Nan Lomas, Margaret Fotheringham, Jim Cusick, Janet McIlwaine, 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.



'God's own Gardeners'

We would like to thank Gerry Crielly and Ben Fern of Holy Name for their hard work and dedication in looking after the lawn and the Cross Garden.

Dear Gerry and Ben, your hard work and care have made a huge difference! We're grateful for your time and talent!



ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

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

www.archedinburgh.org/news-events

Communications Sunday

World Communications Day is this Sunday and a collection will take place for the apostolate of communications. Bishop Frank Dougan, of Galloway Diocese, is setting up a National Office for Communication and Evangelisation, and your financial support will help the office produce quality content across various media platforms to spread the Good News. Thank you for your generosity.

Corpus Christi Procession - Sunday 22 June

Archbishop Leo will lead the Archdiocesan Corpus Christi Procession from St Patrick's Church in Kilsyth at 3pm on Sunday 22 June. This is a joyous occasion with the Blessed Sacrament being carried through the streets. First Holy Communicants in the Archdiocese are invited to take a special place in the procession wearing their formal clothes. Parking available at the Church. Contact St Patrick's to reserve disabled/minibus parking or to book a space on the free shuttle buses from Croy train station to the Church: priest.stpatrickskilsyth@staned.org.uk or 01236 822136.



PARISH SPOTLIGHT: PILGRIMAGE

Join us to experience the joy of faith and community!

Dear Parishioners,

As we gather to celebrate the life and legacy of St. Margaret, the patron saint of our parish, I want to extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you. This special day is an opportunity for us to come together as a community, to reflect on our faith, and to draw inspiration from the remarkable life of St. Margaret.

As we honour our patron saint, let us remember the values she embodied: compassion, kindness, and devotion to serving others. May her example inspire us to live out our faith with renewed passion and purpose.

I invite you to join us for the celebrations, which will include:

12 noon – Prayer at St. Margaret's Cave

1pm – Prayer at St. Margaret's Tomb

2pm – Procession through the High Street (starting at Glen Gate), carrying St. Margaret's relic

3pm – Holy Mass at St. Margaret's Church.

The procession will be a highlight of our celebration, with St. Margaret's relic being carried through the streets. We invite you to join us, bringing children along to experience the joy of faith and community.

Let us not forget the rich legacy handed down to us by our ancestors. Their devotion and faith continue to inspire us, and it's our turn to carry the torch. Let us strive to continue St. Margaret's legacy of compassion, kindness, and service, passing it on to future generations.

Join us for the pilgrimage and celebration, and let's reaffirm our commitment to living out our faith in meaningful ways.

May St. Margaret's intercession guide and bless our parish community, and may her love and spirit inspire us to make a positive difference in the lives of those who are around us.

**Yours in Christ,
Fr Syriac**

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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

1st June - Bishops
Conf
Communication

15th June - Diocesan
Day for Life

ST MARGARET'S PARISH REGISTER

Registration Instructions

1. Use QR code
2. Enter your details
3. An email will be sent with an invitation to My ChurchSuite.



You can use My ChurchSuite to edit your personal information, and to update your contact preferences.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY & MONTHLY STANDING ORDERS/DIRECT DEBITS

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

SM: 24th & 25th May
Offertory £639.12
SO/DD £1020.00

HN - MONTHLY OFFERTORY:
13/3-10/4/25
Offertory £1033.13
SO/DD £985.58

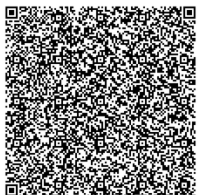
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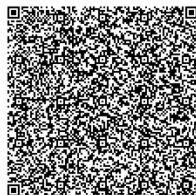
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'The Holy Name Parish'
83-33-00 ~ 00176355



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

SM
'SSVP AE02044'
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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St Margaret's
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ONE WORLD GROUP

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

RANGE OF STALLS FROM QUALITY SELLERS

PLUS... ONE WORLD GROUP TOMBOLA & PLANT STALL

DONATIONS FOR TOMBOLA WELCOME - SPEAK TO ST MARGARET'S MUSIC GROUP

SUNDAY 1ST JUNE
1.30-4.30PM
IN THE CRYPT



JUBILEE 2025
PILGRIMS OF HOPE

THE ST MARGARET PILGRIMAGE 2025
Gathering in Scotland's ancient capital
to celebrate our patron saint
DUNFERMLINE | SUNDAY 8 JUNE

SCHEDULE

12:00pm
Angelus at St Margaret's Cave

1:00pm
Prayer Service at St Margaret's tomb at Dunfermline Abbey

2:00pm
Procession with relic from Louise Carnegie Gates in Bridge Street to St Margaret's Memorial Church

3:00pm
Mass at St Margaret's Memorial Church in East Port celebrated by Archbishop Cushley

YOU, THE BIBLE & GOD'S BIG PLAN

THE BIG PICTURE

Tuesday 3rd June
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
St Margaret's Crypt

Session 10 will start with small group discussions about the topic of Session 9 "New Life".

This showed that at the heart of the Gospel message is the "Great Exchange". Jesus the redeemer not only died in our place but scripture says that part of us, our old sinful nature died in him also.

We will then watch the video "Resurrection" which shows that a real event that has been historically verified is the fulfilment of the promises of both the Old Testament and Jesus himself during his earthly life.

"If Christ has not been raised from the dead then our preaching and your faith is in vain!"

1 Corinthians 15:14.

TUESDAY 17TH JUNE, 7PM

LADIES GROUP GAMES NIGHT

The Ladies Group is hosting a Games Night in the Crypt at St Margaret's. All ladies from the Parish are welcome.





SCRIPTUREREADINGS

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FIRST READING Acts 7:55–60

In those days: Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. And he said, 'Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.' But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING Revelation 22:12–14, 16–17, 20

I, John, heard a voice saying to me, 'Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.' Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.

'I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.'

The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come.' And let the one who hears say, 'Come.' And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

He who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

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Thanks be to God

GOSPEL John 17:20–26

At that time: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and praying said, '[Holy Father,] I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Ps 97(96):1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9. R1a, 9b
The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.
or: Alleluia.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Cf. John 14:18
Alleluia, alleluia.
I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord.
I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice.
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.