



# ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

## HOME OF ST. MARGARET'S RELIC



**4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR (C)**

**11th May 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 10th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 10.30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am – Confession  5.30pm – Holy Mass	Peter Doherty RIP   Michael Sheehan RIP
<b>Sunday 11th</b> <i>World day of prayer for vocations</i>	St. Margaret's  Holy Name	9.30am – Holy Mass  11am – Holy Mass	People of the Parish  George D'Ambrosio RIP
Monday 12th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 13th	Holy Name  St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass  10am – Holy Mass	  Peter Hughes RIP
Wednesday 14th <b>St Matthias Feast</b>	Holy Name  St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass  10am – Holy Mass	  Margaret Gilchrist RIP
Thursday 15th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass	Mary Canning RIP
Friday 16th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass  7pm – Holy Mass	Peter Hughes Jnr (wellbeing)
Saturday 17th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 10.30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am – Confession  5.30pm – Holy Mass	Michael Dorris RIP  People of the Parish

### 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.

### 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](mailto:stmargaretsnews@gmail.com) to receive the weekly newsletter.



## Obituary

Please remember in your prayers **Michael Dorris**. His funeral will take place on Tuesday 27th May with requiem mass at 10am in St. Margaret's and then interment at Culross Cemetery. Our thoughts & prayers go to the bereaved family and friends. May his soul rest in peace.

## Sacramental Enrolment

The Sacramental enrolment for the First Holy Communicants will be on Saturday 10th May 5.30pm during the Vigil mass.

## Risk Assessment Training – For anyone who works with children and/or vulnerable adults

Safeguarding Risk Assessment Training Online – approx 90 mins. Wednesday 21st May 2025 at 7pm with Trainer Scott Mackenzie. To register, please email [Margaret.McCluskey@staned.org.uk](mailto:Margaret.McCluskey@staned.org.uk) providing details of your name, parish and role.

## One World Group Events at St Margaret's

The OWG will hold it's AGM on Sat 17<sup>th</sup> May in the crypt at 10.40am, after mass. All are welcome especially potential new members.

The OWG breakfast is on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> after 9.30am mass. Delicious bacon & sausage rolls. Gluten free rolls available.

## Ladies Group

A talk has been arranged for our meeting – “Fierce, Fiery, Feisty Women” at 7pm, 20th May in the Crypt at St Margaret's.

## Donegal people who worked in Scotland competition

Donegal County Council is seeking your help to record the stories of Donegal people who worked in Scotland between 1940 and 1990. As part of the Working Over By Smartphone Competition, you're invited to record a short video on your phone sharing a memory of your work. One participant will win a return flight for two between Donegal and Glasgow. Closing date for entries is Friday, May 30. For more information contact [donegalScotland@donegalcoco.ie](mailto:donegalScotland@donegalcoco.ie)

## Sick in the Parish

We would like to ask your prayers for: 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, 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](http://www.archedinburgh.org/news-events)

## World Day of Prayer for Vocations

This Sunday is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We pray especially for Gerard Holden and Matthew McCafferty who are seminarians of the Archdiocese. We also keep in our prayers Fr. Syriac and all priests, deacons and religious in the Archdiocese who dedicate their lives to serving God and His people. A **second collection** will take place for Ecclesiastical Students at all Masses on Sunday 11 May which helps cover tuition fees and living costs for our seminarians. You can also donate at [bit.ly/eccstudents25](http://bit.ly/eccstudents25)

## Assisted Suicide: critical debate this coming week

Bills will be debated and voted on at Holyrood and Westminster on 13 May (Holyrood) and 16 May (Westminster). Those who are ill or dying deserve special care and respect not killing. Assisted suicide consists of putting an end to the lives of handicapped, sick or dying persons and would change the NHS. Please write to your MP and MSPs urgently. The easiest way is via <https://writetothem.com>

## General assistant for Iona

The Catholic House of Prayer on Iona is looking to recruit a general assistant to help run the house from July ~~this year~~ for 2 or more months. Accommodation and good rate of pay provided. The role involves changeovers and cooking. More information from Jane Kindlen at [mail@catholic-iona.com](mailto:mail@catholic-iona.com) or call 01681 700369.

## Nature's best kept secret

A webinar to help you discover a simple approach to spacing, delaying or achieving pregnancy – without drugs or devices. It takes place at 7.45pm on Monday 12 May and is organised by Fertility Care Scotland. This free webinar introduces the Billings Method, trusted by couples and health professionals worldwide, and reveals how understanding fertility can deepen connection and transform family life. Register at [bit.ly/naturesbestsecret](http://bit.ly/naturesbestsecret)



## SPOTLIGHT: **HABEMUS PAPAM!**



*Pope Leo XIV*

The college of Cardinals elected the Chicago-born Augustinian missionary Robert Prevost to succeed Pope Francis on Thursday and follow in his footsteps on social justice. In naming himself Leo, the new pope wanted to signal a strong line of continuity: Brother Leo was the 13th century friar who was a great companion to St Francis of Assisi, whom the late pope was named after.

Stepping out as Pope, Leo XIV spoke about “building bridges with dialogue” as he paid tribute to Francis, who made him a cardinal. He reflected on his past as a missionary, priest and bishop in Peru, but stressed that, above all else, he is a Christian “so we can all walk together”.

Robert Francis Prevost, 69, was born in September 14, 1955, in Chicago, Illinois, to Louis Marius Prevost, of French and Italian descent, and Mildred Martínez, of Spanish descent. He has two brothers, Louis Martín and John Joseph. He spent his childhood and adolescence with his family and studied first at the Minor Seminary of the Augustinian Fathers and then at Villanova University in Pennsylvania, where in 1977 he earned a Degree in Mathematics, and also studied Philosophy.

On September 1 of the same year, Prevost entered the novitiate of the Order of Saint Augustine (O.S.A.) in Saint Louis, in the Province of Our Lady of Good Counsel of Chicago, and made his first profession on September 2, 1978. On August 29, 1981, he made his solemn vows.

He received his theological education at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. At the age of 27, he was sent by his superiors to Rome to study Canon Law at the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum). In Rome, he was ordained a priest on June 19, 1982, at the Augustinian College of Saint Monica.

Prevost obtained his licentiate in 1984 and in 1987, he defended his doctoral thesis and was appointed vocation director and missions director of the Augustinian Province of “Mother of Good Counsel” in Olympia Fields, Illinois (USA).

On September 26, 2015, he was appointed Bishop of Chiclayo, Peru, by Pope Francis. In March 2018, he was elected second vice-president of the Peruvian Episcopal Conference, where he also served as a member of the Economic Council and president of the Commission for Culture and Education.

In 2019, Pope Francis appointed him a member of the Congregation for the Clergy (July 13, 2019), and in 2020, a member of the Congregation for Bishops (November 21). Meanwhile, on April 15, 2020, he was also appointed Apostolic Administrator of the Peruvian Diocese of Callao.

On January 30, 2023, the Pope called him to Rome as Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops and President of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America, promoting him to the rank of Archbishop. Pope Francis created him Cardinal on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Cardinal Prevost viewed his elevation to the College of Cardinals as a call to deeper service to the Church. His approach to leadership is characterized by a commitment to synodality, seeking to walk together with the people of God in discerning the will of God.

Pope Leo’s life has been a testament to faithful service in the Church, marked by a deep commitment to Augustinian spirituality, rigorous academic formation, and pastoral dedication. His work continues to inspire those who seek to serve the Church with humility and devotion, upholding the timeless truths of the Catholic faith.

**Let us pray now for our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. May the Holy Spirit fill him with faith, hope, and charity. May he be provided the strength, wisdom, and good judgment he will need to teach the truth, govern with prudence, and promote the sanctification of the Church and the world.**



# PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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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

<b>SM &amp; HN Building Fund</b> 1st Sun every month	<b>11th May - Diocesan</b> Ecclesiastical Students	<b>1st June - Bishops</b> Conf Communication	<b>15th June - Diocesan</b> Day for Life	<b>29th June - National</b> Peter's Pence
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## WEEKLY OFFERTORY & MONTHLY STANDING ORDERS/DIRECT DEBITS

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

**SM: 3rd & 4th May**  
**Offertory** £831.01  
**SO/DD** £1020.00

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

**SM: Lenten aims**  
**3rd & 4th May**  
£625.03

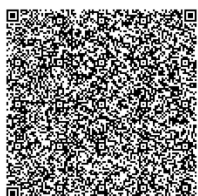
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ACCOUNT NAME, SORT CODE & ACCOUNT NO

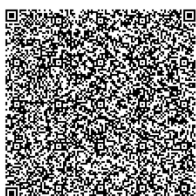
## CHARITY BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

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**'St Margaret's R C 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

## 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR (C)



### FIRST READING Acts 13:14, 43b–52

In those days: Paul and Barnabas went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. Many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who, as they spoke with them, urged them to continue in the grace of God.

The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him. And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, 'It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth." ' And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region. But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district. But they shook off the dust from their feet against them and went to Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to 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.

### SECOND READING Revelation 7:9, 13a, 14b–17

I, John, looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands.

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

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**Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL John 10:27–30

At that time: Jesus said, 'My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one.'

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



**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
**Ps 100(99):1–2. 3. 5. R3c**  
**We are his people, the sheep of his flock.**  
**or: Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**  
**John 10:14**  
**Alleluia, alleluia.**  
**I am the good shepherd, says the Lord.**  
**I know my sheep and my own know me.**  
**Alleluia.**



# FRIDAY EVENING HOLY MASS AT ST. MARGARET'S

On Fridays throughout the Jubilee Year of 2025, we are holding an additional Holy Mass on Friday evenings at 7pm, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All are welcome!



*'Come let us adore him'*



**On Fridays in the Jubilee Year**

**7 pm : Holy Mass**

**7 : 30 pm: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament  
&  
The Sacrament of Reconciliation**



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