



# ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

## HOME OF ST. MARGARET'S RELIC



**6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR (C)**  
**25th 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 24th	<b>St. Margaret's</b>	<b>10am – Holy Mass</b> <b>10.30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>10.30am – Confession</b> <b>5.30pm – Holy Mass</b>	People of the Parish  Sada & Allan MacDonald RIP
<b>Sunday 25th</b>	<b>St. Margaret's</b> <b>Holy Name</b>	<b>9.30am – Holy Mass</b> <b>11am – Holy Mass</b>	Thomas Brannan RIP The Canning Family
Monday 26th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 27th	<b>Holy Name</b> <b>St. Margaret's</b>	<b>9am – Holy Mass</b> <b>10am – Requiem Mass for Michael Dorris</b>	
Wednesday 28th	<b>Holy Name</b> <b>St. Margaret's</b>	<b>9am – Holy Mass</b> <b>10am – Holy Mass</b>	Moira McGuigan RIP
<b>Thursday 29th</b> <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i> <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	<b>St. Margaret's</b> <b>Holy Name</b> <b>St Margaret's PS</b> <b>St. Margaret's</b>	<b>9.30am – Holy Mass</b> <b>11am – Holy Mass</b> <b>1.30pm – Holy Mass</b> <b>7pm – Holy Mass</b>	Moira McCrae RIP  Alison Padley RIP
Friday 30th	<b>St. Margaret's</b>	<b>10am – Holy Mass</b> <b>7pm – Holy Mass – Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Confession</b>	Fr Chris Moira McGuigan RIP
<b>Saturday 31st</b> <i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	<b>St. Margaret's</b>	<b>10am – Holy Mass</b> <b>5.30pm – Holy Mass</b>	John Dias (wellbeing) 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.

### 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.



## Obituaries: Please remember in your prayers:

**Michael Dorris;** His funeral will take place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May with requiem mass at 10am in St Margaret's and then interment at Culross Cemetery.

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

**Dennis Drummond;** Funeral details to follow.

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

## Ascension of the Lord additional masses

We are holding additional Masses this coming Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May, a Holy day of obligation. We are pleased to welcome pupils from Holy Name Primary School to the 11am Mass at HN, and we will be holding Mass at St Margaret's Primary School in Dunfermline at 1.30pm.

## The Parish Bereavement Group Drop-In Sessions

On Thursday 29 May, we will hold the first of our new monthly 'Tea & Chat' drop-in session for bereaved members of our Parish. The idea of the session is to provide a supporting, sharing, social afternoon. These are not to provide any formal counselling. Everyone is welcome to join us, either regularly or as a one-off. They will be held on the last Thursday of the month, 1.30-3pm in St Margaret's Crypt. Please bring a friend if you wish.

## One World Group Craft Fair at St Margaret's

On Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## 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. Session 11, on Tuesday 17th June will be in The Lady Chapel. Even if you have not been to any of the previous sessions you are welcome to join the course at any time as everyone has a workbook and DVD so you can catch up at home. 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.

## Easier access at Holy Name

For parishioners who are less mobile, there is an alternative entrance to the main steps: please use the entrance, top left, with ramp and graduated access into the main aisle. The door will be open before and throughout the service.

## 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. If any Parishioners intend to use the Church Car Park, please be aware that access may be limited to only 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.

## Offertory Cash Collection Counters

We are looking for volunteers from St Margaret's to help count and bank the weekend cash collections after 9.30am Sunday Mass in the crypt. We want to build a team and start a rota so that volunteers don't have to be there every week. We will take you through the process, which on average takes 30 to 40 minutes. If you can help please email [priest.stmargaret@dunfermline.stanad.org.uk](mailto:priest.stmargaret@dunfermline.stanad.org.uk) or come down to the crypt any Sunday after mass.

## 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.

# ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

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

[www.archedinburgh.org/news-events](http://www.archedinburgh.org/news-events)

## Tuesday: Mass for Married & Engaged Couples

The annual Archdiocesan Mass for Married Couples (and those preparing for marriage) takes place at 7.15pm Tuesday 27 May at St Mary's Cathedral. Archbishop Leo will be the principal celebrant and will give a blessing to couples. Refreshments after Mass in Coffee Saints.

## Communications Sunday

World Communications Day is on Sunday 1 June and a collection will take place that weekend 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.

## Laudato Si' webinar

Bishop John Arnold of Salford Diocese is the guest speaker at a webinar to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si'. Bishop John is the environment spokesperson for the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. It takes place at 7pm on Friday 30 May. Register at [bit.ly/laudatowebinar](http://bit.ly/laudatowebinar)



## PARISH SPOTLIGHT: PARISH REGISTER

**“Help each other to build bridges, with dialogue, with meetings, uniting us all to be one people” Pope Leo XIV**

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am writing this letter to express my sincere thanks to you for your generous response to my request to collaborate with our Parish Register Project which is officially coming soon to an end. I am confident that this would serve as an important document to help us to have a better understanding about our parish. I firmly believe that it will enable us to see the wider picture of our faith community by serving as an essential document for future planning through effective communication and competent administration.

Since the inception of this project there has been a steady progress in terms of the number of entries. It has been encouraging to learn that we have **388 registrations** within a few months!

However, we have a few individuals who haven't yet registered either due to their own personal reasons or by the habit of procrastination. We will be contacting them again with further reminders. To this end, we have included in the Newsletter the QR code and other essential guidelines for the registration.

I take this occasion to thank all those who have designed and executed this challenging project in a most incredible way. All credit goes to our team: Especially, Mike Glancy as the project coordinator and Colleen Izatt, John McIllduff, Peter Swanson, Aileen Mirrey, Tim Hall and Andrew Flynn as members. On behalf of the Parish, I thank all of them for their dedication and uncompromised commitment to this difficult task. Certainly, they will be coming back to us with the final report of the project and all other details and demographics.

**I would like to let you know that, from 1<sup>st</sup> of August onwards, I will be using this document as the primary source of evidence to prove the membership status of the parishioners especially when it becomes a concern in the context of issuing weddings, baptisms, testimonial letters, certificates, approval forms etc.**

Once again thanking you all from the bottom of my heart,

**Father Syriac**



### How to Register

**You have a choice of how to register. You can use your mobile & the QR code below 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.**



#### 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

### Registration Instructions

1. Use QR code or enter following link into your browser  
[stmargaretsrccchurch.churchsuite.com/forms/8e2u8r3e](http://stmargaretsrccchurch.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](mailto:priest.stmargaretdunfermline@staned.org.uk)

or 07706 083493 or 01383 625611



# PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

Presbytery & Parish Office Address:

St. Margaret's Presbytery, 4 Viewfield Terrace, Dunfermline, KY12 7HZ



[www.stmargaretsdunfermline.co.uk](http://www.stmargaretsdunfermline.co.uk)



All Liturgical Services in St. Margaret's Church are livestreamed.

**Fr. Syriac Palakudiyil**  
**Parish Administrator**

frsyriac.palakudiyil@stanned.org.uk  
Phone: 01383 625611

**Colleen Gilchrist**

**Parish Office Admin Asst & Crypt Bookings**

priest.stmargaretdunfermline@stanned.org.uk  
Phone: 07706 083493 / 01383 625611

**Parish Website & Social Media**

stmargaretsnews@gmail.com  
**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

**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: 17th & 18th May**  
**Offertory** £847.36  
**SO/DD** £1020.00

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

**SM: Ecclesiastical Students**  
**10th & 11th May**  
**SM** £529.59

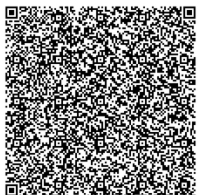
## PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

ACCOUNT NAME, SORT CODE & ACCOUNT NO

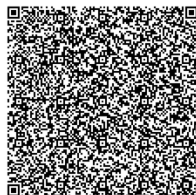
## CHARITY BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

ACCOUNT NAME, SORT CODE & ACCOUNT NO

**'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.

ST. MARGARET'S IS A PARISH OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. ANDREWS AND EDINBURGH,  
A CHARITY REGISTERED IN SCOTLAND SC0008540



Transform your living space  
Ronan 078111 29689

FINE DESIGNS ARCHITECTURE



[www.vizzini.co.uk](http://www.vizzini.co.uk)

01383 624 888

Dunfermline, KY11 4RA



**Cusick Motors**  
Oakley

**MOTs and REPAIRS**

01383 852839  
[cusickmotors@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cusickmotors@hotmail.co.uk)



**Windows, Doors & Conservatories**  
07932 771524



# 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





St Margaret's

# CRAFT FAIR



EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE  
1.30-4.30PM  
IN THE CRYPT

RANGE OF STALLS FROM  
QUALITY SELLERS

PLUS... ONE WORLD  
GROUP TOMBOLA &  
PLANT STALL

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





# SCRIPTUREREADINGS

## 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR (C)



### FIRST READING Acts 15:1–2, 22–29

In those days: Some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, 'Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.' And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the Apostles and the elders about this question.

Then it seemed good to the Apostles and the elders, with the whole Church, to choose men from among them and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading men among the brothers and sisters, with the following letter: 'The brothers, both the Apostles and the elders, to the brothers and sisters who are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greetings. Since we have heard that some persons have gone out from us and troubled you with words, unsettling your minds, although we gave them no instructions, it has seemed good to us, having come to one accord, to choose men and send them to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will tell you the same things by word of mouth. For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements: that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.'

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### SECOND READING Revelation 21:10–14, 22–23

The angel carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed – on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve Apostles of the Lamb.

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL John 14:23–29

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

'These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I will come to you." If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe.'

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia.

**If anyone loves me, he will keep my word,  
says the Lord,  
and my Father will love him, and we will  
come to him.  
Alleluia.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 67(66):2–3. 5. 6, 8. R4

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.**

### 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.