



# ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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**3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR (C)**

**4th 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 3rd	<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>	Charlie McShane  Noreen McLnerney (wellbeing)
<b>Sunday 4th</b>	<b>St. Margaret's</b> <b>Holy Name</b>	<b>9.30am - Holy Mass</b>  <b>11am - Holy Mass</b>	Fay Payne RIP  Paul McLarnon RIP
Monday 5th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 6th	<b>Holy Name</b> <b>St. Margaret's</b>	<b>9am - Holy Mass</b>  <b>10am - Holy Mass</b>	Dr Edward Kilmurray RIP  Ann Begg RIP
Wednesday 7th	<b>Holy Name</b> <b>St. Margaret's</b>	<b>9am - Holy Mass</b>  <b>10am - Holy Mass</b>	Margaret Sunnie RIP  Irene Hughes RIP
Thursday 8th	<b>St. Margaret's</b>	<b>10am - Holy Mass</b>	Michael McHale RIP
Friday 9th	<b>St. Margaret's</b>	<b>10am - Holy Mass</b>  <b>7pm - Holy Mass</b>	James Delaney RIP  Jane Fentiman (wellbeing)
Saturday 10th	<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>	Peter Doherty RIP  Michael Sheehan 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.

### Second Collection

There will be a special collection this weekend for Lenten Alms which is to be duly sent to the Archdiocesan 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](mailto:stmargaretsnews@gmail.com)



## Daily Opening of St. Margaret's Church

It has been decided that the church will now be opened on a daily basis, excluding Mondays, from 9am-12pm, to allow quiet time for personal prayer and reflection.

## Sacramental Enrolment

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

## Primary 7 Confirmations

Congratulations to all 28 candidates who had their confirmations last week. Thank you to all who contributed to making this year's Confirmations run so smoothly; St Margaret's and Holy Name schools, Archbishop Cushley and the beautiful spread provided by a combination of the people from the 'Tea and Toast' providers and the Ladies group. As well as the people who helped out on the night, there were others who helped to set up and provided the biscuits and cakes. The Crypt has not been so full for a long time. A real community event and memorable celebration for the children and their families.

## 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.

## Volunteer Photographer

We are looking for a volunteer photographer to cover all parish events, so that we may be able to update our website with current photographs and news. If you are interested, please contact the parish office.

## 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 May 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 have received £5,220 in generous donations, exceeding our target of £5,100 for completion of this project. Thank you to everyone for your generosity. A detailed list of contributors will be shared when the project is completed.

## One World Group AGM

The One World Group will hold it's AGM on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May in the crypt after 10am mass. All are welcome especially potential new members.

## The Big Picture

The Bible study course continues with session 9 on Tuesday 6th May 6:30-8:30pm St Margaret's Crypt.. Even if you have not been to any of the previous sessions you are welcome to join at any time - a workbook and DVD are available so can catch up at home. This is a great follow up to RCIA. For more info, contact David on 01383 872739.

## 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: **Mike Dorris, 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.

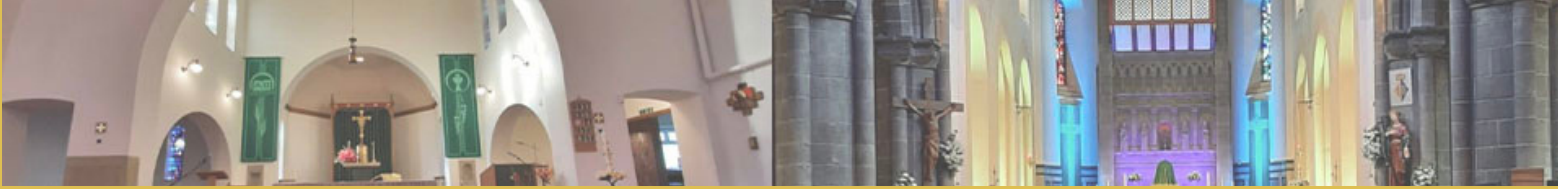
# ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

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

World Day of Prayer for Vocations is on Sunday 11 May. We pray especially for Gerard Holden and Matthew McCafferty who are seminarians of the Archdiocese. We also keep in our prayers [your parish priest] and all priests 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)



## SPOTLIGHT: DAY OF PRAYER – CALLED TO CARE, NOT TO KILL

### A Pastoral Letter on Assisted Suicide

**Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,**

Last year we alerted you to a Bill in the Scottish Parliament to introduce assisted suicide for citizens in Scotland aged sixteen and over.

We urged you to contact your MSPs, asking them to reject this dangerous proposal which devalues human life in itself and puts our most vulnerable brothers and sisters under terrible pressure to take their lives prematurely. We advised you to encourage your MSPs to champion the improvement of palliative care instead across Scotland.

Thankfully, many of you wrote to or met your MSPs to express your concerns and it has influenced a number of them to oppose the bill.

Now we are reaching another critical stage in the process where two bills, one before the Westminster parliament and the other before the Holyrood parliament, are coming up for their next voting stage in the coming weeks.

So, the Bishops of Scotland are calling the Catholic community to **a Day of Prayer today, Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May**: to pray for our parliamentarians to cast their vote to care and not to kill; and to pray for Catholics across Scotland to reach out to their MSPs and MPs to urge them to work to improve palliative care and reject assisted suicide.

Assisted suicide, allows the state to provide the means of killing our brothers and sisters. Not only is this wrong in itself but it takes us down a dangerous spiral that inevitably harms the most vulnerable members of our society, by which we mean the elderly, the disabled and those who struggle with mental health; all those, in fact, who cannot stand up for themselves. One of the tests of good law is that it ensures our weakest citizens can feel safe. This law does the opposite and frightens the most vulnerable all around us.

When vulnerable people, including the elderly and disabled, express concerns about being a burden, the appropriate response is not to suggest that they have a duty to die. Rather, it is to commit ourselves to meeting their needs and providing the care and compassion they need to help them live.

Until now, we have trusted our doctors without question to be on the side of our life, health and wellbeing. It is wrong to think of them asking our loved ones if they would be better off dead. Introducing killing as medical treatment would, at a stroke, end all confidence in our treasured doctor patient relationship.

At a time when suicide is on the rise in Scotland and we are doing our best to reduce it, what message are we sending when we say that suicide is the right choice provided it is overseen by a doctor? Laws like this normalise suicide and, with it, the false idea that some people's lives are beyond hope.

We all feel compassion for those who are terminally ill and dying and are perhaps in fear of a painful death. Our desire for better palliative care is about ensuring those at the final stages of life feel valued, treated with compassion, given the benefit of modern pain relief and helped feel some peace at the end. We owe a common responsibility to each other, especially to those who are weak, ill and dying. Legalising assisted suicide amounts to a rejection of this shared duty. Focussing the energies of both parliaments on improving palliative care, which is underfunded and inaccessible to many, is the right and the better way to go.

We invite you to join us in praying at today's Masses and in your personal and family prayers for the defeat of assisted suicide, the safety of the vulnerable and the dignity of life.

*Yours devotedly in Christ,*

- + John Keenan, President, Bishop of Paisley
- + Brian McGee, Vice-President, Bishop of Argyll and the Isles
- + Andrew McKenzie, Episcopal Secretary, Bishop of Dunkeld
- + Leo Cushley, Archbishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh
- + William Nolan, Archbishop of Glasgow
- + Joseph Toal, Bishop of Motherwell
- + Hugh Gilbert, Bishop of Aberdeen
- + Francis Dougan, Bishop of Galloway

The Scottish Parliament is expected to vote on assisted suicide in the coming weeks. Please scan the QR code or visit <https://carenokilling.scot/> to email your MSPs in a few easy clicks!



# 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>4th May - Diocesan</b> Lenten Alms	<b>11th May - Diocesan</b> Ecclesiastical Students	<b>1st June - Bishops Conf</b> Communication	<b>15th June - Diocesan</b> Day for Life
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## WEEKLY OFFERTORY & MONTHLY STANDING ORDERS/DIRECT DEBITS

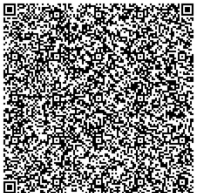
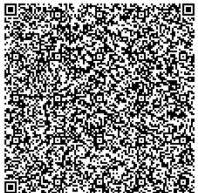
<b>SM: 19th &amp; 20th Apr</b> Offertory £2509.87 SO/DD £1020.00	<b>SM: 26th &amp; 27th Apr</b> Offertory £901.38 SO/DD £1020.00	<b>HN - MONTHLY OFFERTORY: 12/12 - 13/1/25</b> Offertory £1974.63 - SO/DD £1069.42
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## PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

ACCOUNT NAME, SORT CODE & ACCOUNT NO

## CHARITY BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

ACCOUNT NAME, SORT CODE & ACCOUNT NO

<b>'St Margaret's RC Church'</b> 80-06-55 ~ 00720303 	<b>'The Holy Name Parish'</b> 83-33-00 ~ 00176355 	<b>'St. Margaret's One World Group'</b> 83-33-00 10191867	<b>SM 'SSVP AE02044'</b> 80-06-55 00768139	<b>HN 'SSVP AE02040'</b> 80-22-60 13364166
<b>GIFT AID</b> - If you are a taxpayer and would like to enrol for Gift Aid, please contact the parish office.				

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# SCRIPTUREREADINGS

## 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR (C)



### FIRST READING Acts 5:27b–32, 40b–41

In those days: The high priest questioned the Apostles, saying, 'We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us.' But Peter and the Apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.'

Having called in the Apostles, the council beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonour for the name.

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

### SECOND READING Revelation 5:11-14

I, John looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!' And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, 'To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!' And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' and the elders fell down and worshipped.

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### GOSPEL John 21:1-14

At that time: Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, do you have any fish?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred metres off.

When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared ask him, 'Who are you?' They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 30(29):2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12a, 13b. R2a

**I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Lk 24:32

**Alleluia, alleluia.  
Christ is risen, who created all things  
and has shown compassion on the  
human race.  
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.

YOU, THE BIBLE & GOD'S BIG PLAN

# THE BIG PICTURE



**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May**  
**6.30–8.30pm, St Margaret's Crypt**

Session 9 will start with small group discussions about the topic of Session 8 'The Cross'. This showed that we had reached the 'cruz' of the Big Picture course. The violent death of Jesus Christ was no accident, but a scenario written in advance by God for the redemption of the world.

We will then watch the video 'New Life' which shows the great gift of new life which flows into our everyday lives from Calvary.

"It is no longer I who live but it is Christ who lives in me. The life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me"  
*Galatians 2:20*

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## Reflection emails

Mary's Meals, named after Mary the mother of Jesus, provides nutritious school meals to over 2.6 million children around the world.

Join us in prayer during the month of May to pray for God's blessing on this mission, and to pray for all children who are hungry in today's world.

**Scan the QR code to sign up for fortnightly reflection emails during May**



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