



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR (C)
27th July 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 26th <i>St Joachim & St Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 10.30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am – Confession 5.30pm – Holy Mass	People of the Parish Kathryn Turner RIP
Sunday 27th	St. Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am – Holy Mass 11am – Holy Mass	People of the Parish Elizabeth McGuinness RIP
Monday 28th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 29th <i>S's Martha, Mary and Lazarus</i>	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass	Jim Cusick RIP David McPherson RIP
Wednesday 30th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Name 10am – Holy Mass	Albert & Pauline Gatt (wellbeing) Louis & Helen Lamont RIP
Thursday 31st <i>St Ignatius of Loyola</i>	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass	John & Judy McQuillan
Friday 1st <i>St Alphonsus Liguori</i>	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 7pm – Holy Mass – Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession	George Beattie RIP Christine Patel RIP
Saturday 2nd <i>Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 10.30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am – Confession 5.30pm – Holy Mass	Special intention Patricia Doherty (90 th Birthday)

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 to receive the weekly newsletter.



Children's Liturgy Catechists

We are looking for more volunteers for the Children's Liturgy to provide more frequent service to the children. If this is something you think you would be interested in doing, please get in touch with the Parish Office.

Parish Bereavement drop-in group

The next session will be held on Thursday 31 July 1.30-3pm for bereaved members of the Parish. You are invited to join us for 'Tea and a Chat' in the Crypt. No formal counselling, just support and socialising. Bring a friend if you like!

SSVP Mystery Tour and Meal

This has been planned for Wed 13th August. This is the first trip since COVID and we wish that everyone enjoys themselves and takes up the offer of our trip. Some points to note: 1) The tour is for over 60's only. 2) The Menu will be available very soon. (Dietary needs must be highlighted). 3) Names must be added to the poster on the notice board in the porch. 4) If people drop out please let us know, as in the past there were usually reserve names. 5) By exception only; if a Carer is needed to assist with a wheelchair or walker and are under 60, please speak to one of the SSVP Members or note on the poster.

SCIAF Shield Parish Football Team

Put your faith into action and take part in the SCIAF Shield – our inaugural knock-out tournament that uses football to raise money for the world's poorest people. Get ready for a day of fun, football & fundraising. The SCIAF Shield is a new 5-a-side tournament that brings together 16 teams for an exciting afternoon of community and sport – all in support of SCIAF's life-changing work overseas. If you wish to represent St. Margaret's Team please pass your details to the Parish Office. If we have more than 8 parishioners interested we will develop a specific selection procedure. It's 18+ participants only.

Contemplative Prayer will not be running on 23rd & 30th July. It will resume on Wed 6th August.

Sick in the Parish

We would like to ask your prayers for: **Tony Cascarino, Albert & Pauline Gatt, Frances Henderson, Wilma Ovenden, John Ashe, Peter McCourt, James Payne, John Cassells, Andrew Kelly, Teresa Lynch, Jane Cumming, Gail Pearce, Margaret Fotheringham, Elaine Cormack, Denise Reilly, Jane Fentiman, Maureen Black, Margaret McPherson, Anne Donaldson, Nan Lomas, Janet McIlwaine, Esther Wren, Anne McPherson 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

Are you a catechist?

Learn about events and resources and collaborate with the Archdiocesan Catechetics Commission by registering for the catechist contact list. Go to bit.ly/archcatechists. This is for anyone involved in teaching the faith – such as RCIA, Children's Liturgy, First Holy Communion, Marriage prep, SPRED etc.

World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly

To celebrate this day, the National Marriage, Family and Life Commission of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland invites everyone to St Francis Xavier's in Carfin for Mass with Bishop John Keenan at 3pm on Sunday 27 July.

Christian peace vigil against nuclear weapons

This Justice & Peace Scotland event takes place at 10:30am on Saturday 2 August at HM Naval Base Clyde and will be led by Archbishop William Nolan of Glasgow. Free bus from Edinburgh at Waterloo Place (beside Waverley Station), departing 7.45am. To book your seat email: office@justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk

Faith in the Footlights: Tuesday 12 August at 7:30pm

Join renowned author Ian Bradley and the Cathedral's Schola Cantorum for a concert exploring the spiritual resonances of musical theatre. Professor Bradley will uncover the spiritual implications of much-loved musical shows, and the Schola Cantorum will bring the music to life! With music from The Sound of Music, South Pacific, Fiddler on the Roof, Phantom of the Opera, Les Misérables and more. Book here: <https://bit.ly/FaithFootlights>

National Pilgrimage to Carfin

The National Pilgrimage takes place at Carfin Grotto on Sunday 7 September at 3:00pm. Archbishop Leo will be the principal Celebrant and Preacher. On this day Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, will be canonised so it is an ideal day for the Scottish Catholics to come together to celebrate.

Save the Date

The Archdiocesan Day for Altar Servers is on Saturday 13 September 2025 at The Gillis Centre. Details to follow.

SPOTLIGHT: THE WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

"Blessed are those who have not lost hope" (Sirach 14:2)

Pope Francis instituted the **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly** in 2021 to highlight the unique role of older generations within families, the Church, and society. This annual celebration is held on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. The theme for the Fifth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly (Sunday, July 27, 2025) is "Blessed are those who have not lost hope" (Sirach 14:2). This theme is chosen in the context of the Jubilee of Hope 2025.

The establishment of this day reflects the Church's long-standing attention to the elderly, recognising them as a "great treasure" from human, social, religious, and spiritual perspectives.

Pope John Paul II highlighted the Church's respect for the elderly, their dedication, and spirituality.

Pope Benedict XVI emphasised that grandparents should never be excluded from the family circle, viewing them as a treasure for younger generations, especially in their witness of faith.

Pope Francis has repeatedly urged young people to stay close to their grandparents, emphasising that their existence is like an open book offering valuable advice for life.

Pope Leo XIV encourages the elderly to press forward with confidence in the Lord and to be renewed daily through encounter with Him in prayer.

Grandparents are often the primary channels for passing down important values and initiating grandchildren into the Christian life. Their words, affection, and presence help children understand that history precedes them, connecting them to an age-old pilgrimage and fostering respect for what came before. In many secularised societies, grandparents are an indispensable link in educating children and young people in the faith that parents may lack.

Old age is not an end, but a gift and a mission—a true vocation from the Lord. The elderly are called to live old age with wisdom, rediscovering the meaning of their Baptism and their relationship with God. They are encouraged to be privileged witnesses of God's faithful love and missionaries themselves.

In essence, the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is a call to recognise, honour, and integrate the wisdom, experience, and faith of older generations into the fabric of family, Church, and society, fostering a deeper appreciation for their unique contributions and ensuring their well-being.



Prayer for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

O God, Father of mercies, we thank you for the gift of life and for the blessing of being part of your family. We thank you for our grandparents and the elderly, who, with their wisdom and experience, enrich our lives and our communities.

You have promised to be with us always, even to old age and grey hairs. We entrust to you all grandparents and the elderly, especially those who are most alone, those who suffer from illness, or those who feel forgotten. Be their strength and their comfort.

May they be for us a living sign of your faithful love, witnesses of hope and guardians of memory. May their prayers sustain the Church and the world. Inspire us, Lord, to care for them, to listen to them, and to learn from them, so that we may build a future where no one is discarded and everyone is valued.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(The official prayer for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, released by The Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life)



Why we love our Grandparents – Des & Rose By Niamh & Ruby Grattan

"Our Nana and Grandad have always been there for us. They are so kind, loving, and fun – which is why we always enjoy spending time with them. From picking us up from nursery and school, the sleepovers at their house, and the fun games we would play with them. The regular walks and chats to see the horses near where they live, the many times they took us to the park, and the hot chocolates at Costa; they always been a big part of our lives.

They have also been a big part of our faith journey, never missing a Communion or Confirmation, or Nativity at the school. They are a huge inspiration to us and the heart of our family. This is what we see in our Nana and Grandad, and this is why we love them."

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

SM & HN
Building Fund
1st Sun every month

19th Oct - Holy See:
Missio

9th Nov - Diocesan:
Day for the Poor

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: OFFERTORY
12/13 & 19/20 July - £1368.79
SO/DD £1020.00

HN - MONTHLY OFFERTORY
14/5 to 10/6 £766.75
SO/DD £1020

Sea Sunday
12/13 July SM: £544.49

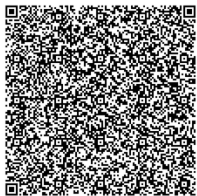
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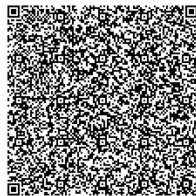
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83-33-00 ~ 00176355



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

SM
'SSVP AE02044'
80-06-55
00768139

HN
'SSVP AE02040'
80-22-60
13364166

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SCRIPTUREREADINGS

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FIRST READING Genesis 18:20–32

In those days: The Lord said, 'Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.' So the men turned from there and went towards Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the Lord.

Then Abraham drew near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' And the Lord said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.' Abraham answered and said, 'Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' Again he spoke to him and said, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' Then he said, 'Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' He answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' He said, 'Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' Then he said, 'Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING Colossians 2:12–14

Brothers and Sisters: You have been buried with Christ in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by cancelling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL Luke 11:1–13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' And he said to them, 'When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.'

And he said to them, 'Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey and I have nothing to set before him"; and he will answer from within, "Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything"? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Ps 138(137):1–2a. 2b–3. 4–5. 7c–8. R3a
On the day I called,
you answered me, O Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Romans 8:15bc
Alleluia, alleluia.
You have received the Spirit of
adoption as sons,
by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!'
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.