



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR (C)
20th 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 19th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass & Novena of St Margaret 10.30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am – Confession 5.30pm – Holy Mass	Jim Cusick RIP Keiran Crawford RIP
Sunday 20th	St. Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am – Holy Mass & Novena of St Margaret 11am – Holy Mass	Hugh Gerard Short RIP Euphemia McGowan RIP
Monday 21th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 22nd <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass	Jim Cusick RIP Stephen Thomson RIP
Wednesday 23rd <i>St Bridget of Sweden</i>	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Name 10am – Holy Mass & Novena of St Margaret	Tom Lamont (Birthday) Andrew Penman RIP
Thursday 24th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass & Novena of St Margaret	Gerard Kennedy (Wellbeing)
Friday 25th <i>St James the Apostle</i>	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass & Novena of St Margaret 7pm – Holy Mass – Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession	Maria Watson RIP (50th Anniv) Sheila Emmerson (Birthday)
Saturday 26th <i>St Joachim & St Anne</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

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.

The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Next Sunday will be celebrated as the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The theme chosen for this year's celebration is "Blessed are those who have not lost hope" – (Sir 14:2). This theme is connected to the Jubilee of Hope 2025. On the 27th, we will be gratefully remembering our Grandparents in our liturgy to acknowledge the blessings that they have brought into our families and communities.

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.



St. Margaret's Live Stream

The technical issues with our Live Stream has now been resolved. Many apologies to all those who missed watching by live stream these last few weeks. It is a joy to have you back with us again.

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.

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.

SCI AF Shield Parish Football Team

Put your faith into action and take part in the SCI AF 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 SCI AF 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 SCI AF'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, Jane Cumming, Peter McCourt, 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, 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

Archbishop's Anniversary

Archbishop Leo will mark his 40th anniversary of priestly ordination at midday Mass on Sunday 20 July in St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. All are welcome.

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 3:00pm 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: ST. MARGARET'S PARISH DUST BUSTERS

The service of the Church Cleaners, holds a significant role within the Catholic Church, reflecting a commitment to the sacredness of the house of God. This role, although often unseen, contributes significantly to the spiritual well-being of the community and is rooted in long-standing Church teachings on the care of sacred spaces and the importance of lay participation in the Church's mission, alongside various other ministries and initiatives.

The Catholic Church emphasises the importance of maintaining churches with cleanliness and beauty. As Pope Pius VI stated, "Such beauty and splendour often greatly inspire the faithful, and draw them to the veneration of sacred realities". The Code of Canon Law further mandates that "All those responsible are to take care that in churches such cleanliness and beauty are preserved as befit a house of God and that whatever is inappropriate to the holiness of the place is excluded" (Code of Canon Law 1220).

Volunteer cleaners directly contribute to fulfilling these directives, ensuring that the physical space where the community gathers for worship is a fitting and reverent environment. Their work goes beyond mere tidiness; it is an act of reverence for the sacred. Their service is a tangible expression of their commitment to the Church and its mission, offering their time and effort without expecting any material reward. Their dedication reflects a "disinterested and free commitment" to the well-being of our parish community. Their service also fosters a sense of community and belonging within the parish and strengthens communal bonds. Their dedication ensures that the house of God remains a place of beauty and reverence.

What Do They Do?

A corps of redoubtable dust-busters cleans the Church every Thursday morning after Mass at St. Margaret's and weekly at Holy Name.

At St. Margaret's Henrys and Henriettas follow behind their mistresses hoovering up the dust deposited by the feet of the Faithful. The Sanctuary, the Four Aisles, the Sacristy, the Lady Chapel: each one has a dedicated member of the team.

The high-dusting is the job of the Feather Duster member: Statues, Stations of the Cross, the large Crucifix and sanctuary lamp chains... their spider-webs must be whisked away to discourage these little fly-hunters from further spinning.

The Entrance Porch and toilet are washed (whiter than snow) by one member who checks supplies and co-ordinates materials.

Abandoned hymn books, lost toys, sweetie wrappers... are swiftly tidied away.

Other tasks such as glass cleaning and brass-polishing take place as necessary.

Tea and coffee is available in the Crypt after cleaning.



From L to R:

Aileen Mirrey, Teresa Little, Ann Paris, Kathleen Lock & Frances Rice

These ladies are also part of the team but sadly were unavailable on the day the photo was taken:

Margaret MacPherson & Ludi Kotesovska

The cleaning team at Holy Name are:

Catherine Brown, Maureen McKeown, Bernard McKeown, Linda Ferrari, Anne Quinn & Catherine Corrigan



Anyone who would like to join either merry band is very welcome.

Please speak to one of the ladies or get in touch with the Parish Office.

A huge thanks and appreciation to all the ladies for all you do and have done over the years to keep our Church as a place of reverence and beauty!

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

Presbytery & Parish Office Address:

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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 July: To be counted
SO/DD £1020.00

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

SM: Candles Offering - £1104.94
Sea Sunday
12/13 July SM: To be counted

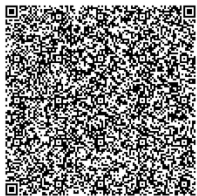
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ACCOUNT NAME, SORT CODE & ACCOUNT NO

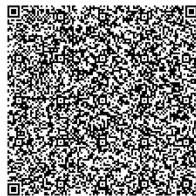
CHARITY BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

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

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SCRIPTUREREADINGS

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FIRST READING Genesis 18:1–10a

In those days: The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth and said, 'O Lord, if I have found favour in your sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on — since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, 'Quick! Three measures of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.' And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. Then he took curds and milk, and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, 'Where is Sarah your wife?' And he said, 'She is in the tent.' The Lord said, 'I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING Colossians 1:24–28

Brothers and Sisters: Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body — that is, the Church — of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known — the mystery hidden for ages and generations, but now revealed to his saints.

To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL Luke 10:38–42

At that time: Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 15(14):2–3a. 3b–4b. 5. R1b

O Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Cf. Luke 8:15 Alleluia, alleluia.

**Blessed are those who hold fast to the word of God
in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.
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.