



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR (C)

24th August 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 23rd	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass 10.30am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am - Confession 5.30pm - Holy Mass	Martin McDonagh RIP Keiran Crawford RIP
Sunday 24th	St. Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am - Holy Mass 11am - Holy Mass	Jane Fentiman RIP T T Antony & Lilly Antony RIP
Monday 25th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 26th	St. Margaret's Holy Name PS	10am - Holy Mass 11am - Term Mass at Holy Name Primary School	Anne McGhie RIP
Wednesday 27th <i>St Monica</i>	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am - Holy Name 10am - Holy Mass	Danny Herd RIP William Davidson RIP
Thursday 28th <i>St Augustine</i>	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass	Henry Dellar RIP
Friday 29th <i>The Passion of St John the Baptist</i>	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass 7pm - Holy Mass - Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession	Emma Lamb RIP Rebecca Knought RIP
Saturday 30th	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass 10.30am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am - Confession 5.30pm - Holy Mass	Deceased Members of McDonnell Family Edward O'Donnel 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.

Holy Name Term Mass

Pupils from Holy Name Primary school will attend a special term mass on Tuesday 26th August. All HN parishioners are welcome to attend.

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.



Obituaries: Please remember in your prayers:

Jane Fentiman: Funeral details to follow.

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

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.

Children's Liturgy

The Children's Liturgy group at St Margaret's runs fortnightly during Sunday morning mass. It's a fun and educational short session open for all children from Primary 1 up.

One World Group Breakfast

The next OWG Breakfast is this Sunday in the Crypt after 9.30am mass at St Margaret's. Please join us for breakfast and a chat. We're collecting any foreign currency you may have left over after your summer holiday for Mary's Meals.

Teas & Coffees after Sunday Morning Mass at Holy Name

Teas 'n' coffees at HN recommence this Sunday (24th) after the 11am Mass and will run every fortnight thereafter.

Parish Bereavement group

The next session will be held on Thursday 28 August, 1.30-3pm for any 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!

Support St Margaret's & Holy Name at the SCIAF Shield

Thanks to the parishioners who will represent our congregation at the SCIAF Shield - a new 5-a-side football tournament to bring people together raise funds for SCIAF's work overseas. 16 teams will compete in four groups during the group stage, followed by a knockout to crown the Shield champions. Come cheer on the team on Saturday, 30 August 2025 from 12pm, kick-off at 1pm at Goals South, Pollokshaws Road, Glasgow. There will be music, a bouncy castle, face painting and more to keep the kids entertained. Expect a day of fun for supporters and players alike!

RCIA invitation for September

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is a course run by a dedicated group of knowledgeable volunteers in the Parish, led by Amanda Dellar. Weekly sessions start from September, running to May 2026. This is ideal for those considering becoming a Catholic or to know more about Catholic faith, and culminates in Confirmation and First Communion. Please contact the Parish office to register.

Parish Golf Outing, 28 September

Join us for the 2025 golf outing on Sunday, 28 September at Pitreavie Golf Club. The cost is approx. £50, including golf, tea/coffee, rolls, and a two-course dinner. Tee off times are around noon, with rolls and refreshments earlier. After dinner, we'll cheer on the European team in the Ryder Cup! Contact Francis to sign up: E: francis_mcnicoll@yahoo.co.uk, T: 07749 731 259. Donations of prizes from any parishioners are greatly appreciated.

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, Gail Pearce, Margaret Fotheringham, Elaine Cormack, Denise Reilly, 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.



Happy 80th birthday!

Belated birthday wishes to David Humbly who recently celebrated his eightieth!

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

For a full list of upcoming events in the Diocese visit:
www.archedinburgh.org/news-events

Pilgrimage Walk of Hope for Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals warmly invites you to join their Pilgrimage Walk of Hope. This event will take place on Saturday 30 August from 10.30am to 3.45pm at Craig Lodge House of Prayer, Dalmally, Argyll. In this Jubilee Year when we are called to become Pilgrims of Hope, join members of the Mary's Meals team and supporters from around the country as we walk together, reflecting on stories of hope and praying for our mission. The day will include Mass and the opportunity to see The Shed where Mary's Meals began. Find out more and book your place at: <https://MMWalkOfHope.eventbrite.co.uk>

Fife Pilgrim Way

The first stage of our Deanery event takes place on Saturday 30th August as we travel from the medieval ruins of the church of St James's, North Queensferry to St Margaret's church and shine in Dunfermline via the Abbey. No need to register for the 11am start. See the poster on the reverse of the Reading Sheet for more details.

SPOTLIGHT: SEASON OF CREATION 2025 – 6TH SEPT TO 5TH OCT



Season of Creation 2025

The Season of Creation serves as a vital period for Christians worldwide to unite in prayer and action for the protection of our common home, guided by Catholic social teaching, particularly as articulated in encyclicals like *Laudato Si'*.

It is celebrated by Christians worldwide from September 1st, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, to October 4th, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common call to care for Creation. We are co-creatures and part of all that God has made. Our well-being is interwoven with the well-being of the Earth.

Each year, the Season of Creation has a specific theme. For 2025, the theme is **Peace with Creation**, accompanied by the words of the prophet Isaiah: "My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places" (Is 32:15-18) 6.

Popes have consistently used the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and the Season of Creation to issue appeals and messages, urging concrete commitment to environmental stewardship.

Pope Francis frequently highlighted the urgency of addressing the "grave planetary crisis" and the "senseless war on our common home". He called for an "ecological conversion," emphasising the importance of examining one's conscience and recognising sins against creation. He also stressed the interconnectedness of the world, noting that "Every violation of solidarity and civic friendship harms the environment."

Pope Leo XIV, in his message for the 2025 Season of Creation, underscored the need for determination and concrete actions alongside prayer. He also pointed out the increasing intensity and frequency of extreme natural phenomena caused by human-provoked climate change, as well as the human and ecological devastation from armed conflicts. Pope Leo XIV emphasised that the destruction of nature disproportionately affects the poor, marginalised, and excluded, and lamented that nature is sometimes reduced to a commodity for economic or political gain, turning God's creation into a "battleground for the control of vital resources."

Our Parish response

In our parish, we are celebrating this season from September 6th to October 5th, when we celebrate God as Creator and acknowledge Creation as the continuing divine act that summons us as collaborators to love and care for the gift of all that is created.

During this period, we will be focusing on the following **five activities**. More details & instructions how to participate in 2-5 will be covered in next week's newsletter.



1. Pray with and for creation

- Include a prayer of thankfulness for creation, and that we will protect our common home, in our daily prayers. This includes personal prayer, communal prayer services, and Eucharistic Adoration, recognising that through the Eucharist, "The whole cosmos gives thanks to God".
- "Pray with the news" or incorporate people impacted by climate or ecological issues into our daily prayer.
- Pray outside in the Garden, or go for a meditative nature walk.
- Dedicated bidding prayers for creation each week.
- Confession: Pope Francis encouraged bringing sins against creation to confession and performing spiritual works of mercy, such as "grateful contemplation of God's world".



2. Nature Photography contest



3. Drawing competition for the Primary school children on the theme 'The Mother Earth'.

4. Place a plant/crop in front of the Altar



5. Thanksgiving mass for the Creation and Blessing of pets

Please give thought to how you will personally join in, this Season of Creation!

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 - St Margaret's

SM: OFFERTORY
9th/10th and 16th/17th: £1565.13
SO/DD £1020.00

HN - MONTHLY OFFERTORY:
12 Jun-10 Jul: £1039.27
SO/DD £1006

Building fund 2/3 Aug: 940.05
St Anthony's box: £642.01
Stall/Shop: £333.48
Candles: £456.41

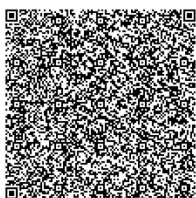
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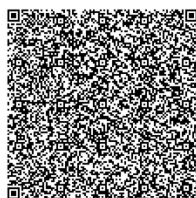
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If you're a UK Tax payer, contact Parish office to register for Gift Aid

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'The Holy Name Parish'
83-33-00 ~ 00176355



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83-33-00
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80-06-55
00768139

HN
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80-22-60
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SCRIPTUREREADINGS

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FIRST READING Isaiah 66:18–21

Thus says the Lord: 'For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the Lord, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem,' says the Lord, 'just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord. And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites,' says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING Hebrews 12:5–7, 11–13

Brothers and Sisters: Have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? 'My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.' It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.

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Thanks be to God

GOSPEL Luke 13:22–30

At that time: Jesus went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying towards Jerusalem. And someone said to him, 'Lord, will those who are saved be few?' And he said to them, 'Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, "Lord, open to us", then he will answer you, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will begin to say, "We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets." But he will say, "I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!" In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 117(116):1. 2. R. Mark 16:15

Go into all the world and proclaim the good news.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord.

No one comes to the Father except through me.

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.



FIFE PILGRIM WAY

In the footsteps of medieval pilgrims

Join us for this special **Jubilee Year 2025** event, walking the historic and picturesque Fife Pilgrim Way over six stages.

Saturday 30 August

11:00am: Fife Pilgrim Way information board, Battery Rd, North Queensferry, to St Margaret's, Dunfermline, via Abbey.

Saturday 6 September

11:00am: St Margaret's Memorial Church, Dunfermline, to St Joseph's, Kelty.

Saturday 13 September

11:00am: St Joseph's, Kelty, to St Mary's, Leslie.

Saturday 20 September

11:00am: St Mary's, Leslie, to St Giles, Kennoway.

Saturday 27 September

11:00am: St Giles Kennoway, to Ceres, Kemback & Springfield Church.

Saturday 4 October

11:00am: Ceres, Kemback & Springfield Church, to St James' Church, St Andrews.

Event organised by the Fife Deanery of the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh. Turn up on the day ready to go. Bring a packed lunch. No registration required. Each stage approximately 8 to 9 miles. Hospitality offered at destination location. Limited number of Fife Pilgrim Way Passports available on first day. Queries to Deacon Pat Carrigan at obl.columba@gmail.com