



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR (C)

3rd 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 2nd	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)
Sunday 3rd	St. Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am – Holy Mass 11am – Holy Mass	Fay Payne RIP People of the Parish
Monday 4th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 5th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass	Jim Cusick RIP Archie McIntosh RIP
Wednesday 6th <i>The transfiguration of the Lord (Feast)</i>	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Name 10am – Holy Mass	Jim Cusick RIP Daniel Corr RIP
Thursday 7th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass	Ann Brown RIP
Friday 8th <i>St Dominic</i>	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 7pm – Holy Mass – Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession	Martin Little & Family Steve Leech RIP
Saturday 9th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 10.30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am – Confession 5.30pm – Holy Mass	Martin Wilkinson (80 th Birthday) Veronica Fogherty 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.

Novena of St Margaret

The Novena of St Margaret will be held every month from the 10th-18th, after morning Mass at St Margaret's.

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.

SSVP Mystery Tour and Meal

The first SSVP tour since COVID is planned for Wed 13th August. If you'd like to reserve a place, please speak to one of the SSVP Members or note on the poster on the church noticeboard. If you have already signed up, please see the Noticeboard in the entrance of St Margaret's to make your preference and add any dietary requirements.

Contemplative Prayer will resume on Wednesday 6th August.

What is God? Philosophical, Christian and Islamic Approaches, 22 – 25 August 2025

The Christian Heritage Centre's annual course, in partnership with CEPHAS, will look at the nature and knowledge of God from a pre-religious, philosophical understanding, before comparing the Islamic concept of God with the Christian, leaning on St Thomas Aquinas' elaboration of the Trinity and the Incarnation. For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/what-is-god/>

The Martyr-Saints of the North-West, 12 – 14 September 2025

Join us for this weekend studying some of the Reformation-era martyrs of the North-West region. Part-retreat, part-biographical, the weekend will be led by Mgr John Allen of Salford Diocese, who has recently published a history of the diocese with a foreword by Eamon Duffy. For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-martyr-saints-of-the-north-west/>

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.

National Pilgrimage to Carfin

The National Pilgrimage takes place at Carfin Grotto on Sunday 7 September at 3pm. 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.

Archbishop Leo meets Pope Leo in Rome



Archbishop Leo offered the "prayers and affection" of everyone in the Archdiocese when he met Pope Leo XIV in Rome this week.

The happy encounter took place at St Peter's Basilica on Tuesday after a Mass for digital missionaries and Catholic influencers.

He said: "It was a great honour to meet the Holy Father. He thanked me for the affection and prayers of the Catholics of the Archdiocese, and especially our young people who are on pilgrimage with me to Rome in this Jubilee Year."

A heartfelt invitation to deepen your participation in the life of our parish

My Dearest Parishioners,

The universal Church is currently engaged in a process of reflection and renewal through the recommendations and deliberations of the Synod on Synodality, a journey initiated by Pope Francis.

Pope Leo XIV, in his various public addresses, emphasised the importance of synodality and the active participation of the laity in the life and mission of the Church. This highlights his view that the synodal process is fundamentally about enhancing the involvement of all the baptised. This synodal path reminds us that all members of the People of God are called to journey together and actively participate in the Church's mission of evangelisation.

This call to synodality is not merely about meetings or discussions; it is about recognising and activating the unique gifts and vocations that each one of us has received. By the sacrament of Baptism, we all share in the priestly, prophetic, and kingly offices of Christ, making us jointly responsible for the life and mission of the Church.

In light of this profound understanding, I extend a heartfelt invitation to each of you to deepen your participation in the life of our parish. Our parish community is the ordinary place where we gather to grow in faith, live the mystery of ecclesial communion, and take part in the Church's mission. To truly build a "participatory Church," as the Synod Fathers called for, we need to acknowledge, develop, and effectively utilise every member's unique charism.

There are numerous ways in which you can contribute your time, talents, and charisms to enrich our parish family and further our shared mission. I invite you to prayerfully consider becoming involved in at least one of our many ministries. Your participation is vital for our parish to truly embody the synodal spirit. Your insights and perspectives are invaluable in shaping the future direction of St Margaret's Parish.

For your consideration, I would like to mention some of the important areas of our mission where we need more participation from the parishioners:

Liturgical Ministries – Enhance our worship by serving as lectors, welcomers, altar servers, members of the choir, florists, cleaners, etc. Your service helps create a prayerful and welcoming environment for all who gather.

Catechetical Programs – Share your faith with the next generation by becoming a catechist for our children's liturgy or assisting with sacramental preparation programs.

Social Outreach and Charity – Extend Christ's love to those in need by participating in our outreach initiatives.

Youth and Young Adult Ministry – Help us create vibrant spaces for our young people to encounter Christ, grow in faith, and build community. The Synod Fathers specifically highlighted the need for parishes to provide greater opportunities for fellowship and communion for young people. We need you who are talented and skilled in this ministry.

Parish Events and Community Building – Assist in organising parish events, social gatherings, Catering & Hospitality or initiatives that strengthen the bonds of communion and belongingness within our community.

Maintenance and Administration – Offer your practical skills in maintaining our parish facilities, money counting or assisting with administrative tasks.

Communication Team – Website and Social media platforms, Parish Registration etc.

Please prayerfully discern where the Holy Spirit is calling you to serve. I encourage you to speak with me or send an email to discuss further about how you can get involved.

May God bless you and your families.

Fr Syriac

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
26/27 July: £768.32
SO/DD £1020.00

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

N/A

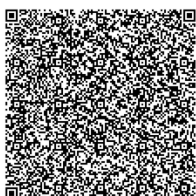
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SCRIPTUREREADINGS

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FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21–23

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

Sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1–5, 9–11

Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

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GOSPEL

Luke 12:13–21

At that time: Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of one's possessions.' And he told them a parable, saying, 'The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, "What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?" And he said, "I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." ' But God said to him, "Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So is the one who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich towards God.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 90(89):3–4. 5–6. 12–13. 14, 17. R1
O Lord, you have been our refuge,
from generation to generation

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
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.