



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR (C)
31st 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 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
Sunday 31st	St. Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am – Holy Mass 11am – Holy Mass	Blessing on the Marriage of Peter & Valentina People of the parish
Monday 1st		NO MASS	
Tuesday 2nd	St. Margaret's Holy Name	10am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass	Mary Duffy RIP Deceased Members of McLellan Family
Wednesday 3rd	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Name 10am – Holy Mass	Jane Cuning RIP Birthday Blessings
Thursday 4th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass	Hugo Donaldson RIP & Family
Friday 5th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 7pm – Holy Mass – Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession	John Davidson RIP Frances Dunn RIP
Saturday 6th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 10.30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am – Confession 5.30pm – Holy Mass	Mary Steele RIP John Wailes 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.

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 is open daily, excluding Mondays, from 9am–12pm, to allow quiet time for personal prayer and reflection.



Obituaries: Please remember in your prayers:

Jane Fentiman: Funeral Mass to be held at St Serf's R.C Church, High Valleyfield on Wednesday 3rd September at 10am, followed by interment at Culross Cemetery at 11am.

Margaret Paterson: Funeral details to follow.

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

Sacramental Preparations for Children

Parents who's children attend a non-Catholic school and want their children to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation / First Holy Communion / Confirmation next year are requested to contact the office: priest.stmargaretndunfermline@staned.org.uk

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 to learn more about the Gospel and do related activities. Parents, please encourage your children to be a part of it!

Teas & Coffees after Sunday Morning Mass

Our informal Tea & Coffees after Sunday Mass are a great opportunity to meet and get to know one another. St Margaret's tea & toast resume from Sunday 31st August, weekly. Teas 'n' coffees at Holy Name are fortnightly after the 11am Mass. A huge thank you to the organisers and volunteers at HN and SM who provide refreshments and connect our parishioners.

One World Group

The OWG is collecting any unwanted foreign currency that you may have at home. Please hand in the currency to the 9am music group or Elaine McNicoll of the 5.30pm music group. And a huge thank you to all who supported the OWG Breakfast last Sunday. A total of £277.06 was raised! Thank you.

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: **Barbara Orr, 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.

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

Fife Pilgrims Way

Walk in the footsteps of medieval pilgrims on the Fife Pilgrim Way over six stages each Saturday, beginning 30 August. Meet at 11am at the Fife Pilgrim Way information board, Battery Rd, North Queensferry, walking to St Margaret's, Dunfermline. A great way to mark the Jubilee Year. No registration required.

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 Catholics in Scotland to come together to celebrate.

Season of Creation Conference

The Bishops' Office for Care of Creation invites you to its National Season of Creation Conference on Saturday 6 September 2025 in St. Margaret's, Raploch, 10am – 3pm. Special guest is Lorna Gold, the Executive Director of the global Laudato Si Movement. Registration and details at www.bcos.org.uk/scc25

Altar Servers' Day

The Archdiocesan Day for Altar Servers, our Guild of St Cuthbert, is on Saturday 13 Sept, 11am-3pm at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. This year we will be in the presence of a saint – the relics of Carlo Acutis will be there! This is a day of faith, formation and fun, and concludes with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Leo. Register with Fr Syriac.

Follow the Archdiocese on social media

The Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh shares updates across social media (Facebook, X, Instagram) and is now on TikTok @standrewsedinburgh. News and events at archedinburgh.org/news-events

SPOTLIGHT: OUR PARISH RESPONSE TO THE SEASON OF CREATION



Season of Creation 2025

The Season of Creation 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, we join Christians from around the globe in sharing 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.

The Season of Creation theme for 2025 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.

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.

You are warmly invited to participate in one or more of the following activities as your personal expression of care for creation.



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

This is open to only Parishioners and their families. Send us your nature photos that reveals the beauty and wonder of the creation (with no people in the shot), also you may include pictures of human-inflicted distortion on nature.

Criteria for your photo:

- Submit your unedited photo by 30th September.
- Include a brief description about the picture: when it was taken, where it is, and who captured it.
- Must have been taken by the contestant or one of her/his family members between Oct 2024 to Sept 2025.
- All images will be uploaded on our parish website as and when they are received. By forwarding these details you will be giving us a presumed permission to upload these details on our website together with the image you have sent us. If you prefer to be anonymous, please indicate this when you send the picture.

A team of experts will be evaluating the pictures!



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

Share your colourful drawing that reveals the beauty and wonder of the creation also you may include drawings of human-inflicted distortion on nature! Digital images are not accepted. The size of the drawing should be in A4 format. Send your drawing before 30th September. Selected drawings will be uploaded on our parish website. A team of experts will be evaluating the drawing.



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

Bring a plant or a crop as a token of your gratitude for all the blessings you have received from God as the Creator. You may take it back after the mass on each day. You are welcome to do it on any of the 5 weekends within the season of creation: Sep.6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 27-28; Oct.4-5.



5. Thanksgiving mass for the Creation and Blessing of pets

Bring an image of your pets, printed or on phone at masses (9.30am & 11am) on **5th October**. St. Margaret's & Holy Name Primaries will be joining the liturgy on the day.

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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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
23/24 Aug: £1333.84
SO/DD £1020.00

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

N/A

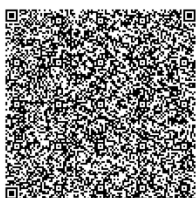
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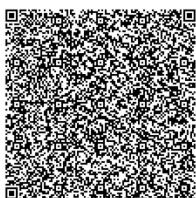
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If you're a UK Tax payer, contact Parish office to register for Gift Aid

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HN
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80-22-60
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SCRIPTUREREADINGS

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FIRST READING

Sirach 3:17–18, 20, 28–29

My son, perform your tasks in meekness; then you will be loved by those whom God accepts. The greater you are, the more you must humble yourself; so you will find favour in the sight of the Lord. For great is the might of the Lord; he is glorified by the humble. The affliction of the proud has no healing, for a plant of wickedness has taken root in him. The mind of the intelligent man will ponder a parable, and an attentive ear is the wise man's desire.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:18–19, 22–24a

Brothers and Sisters: You have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them.

But you have come to Mount Sion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL

Luke 14:1, 7–14

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully.

Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honour, saying to them, 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honour, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, "Give your place to this person", and then you, with shame, will take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher." Then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.'

He said also to the man who had invited him, 'When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends, or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbours, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 68(67):4–5ac. 6–7b. 10–11. R cf. 11b

In your goodness, O God, you provided a home for the poor.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 11:29ab

Alleluia, alleluia.

**Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord,
and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.**

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.

Discover the Catholic Faith: Join Our RCIA Program!

Are you curious about the Catholic Church? Do you feel a calling to explore a deeper relationship with God? Perhaps you've been attending Mass with a loved one and want to understand more, or you're simply seeking a spiritual home. Whatever your journey, our parish invites you to consider the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program!

The RCIA is a welcoming and transformative process for adults who are interested in learning about the Catholic faith and potentially becoming full members of the Church. It's a journey of discovery, spiritual growth, and community, designed for:

- Unbaptized adults who wish to be baptised in the Catholic Church.
- Baptised non-Catholic Christians who are interested in becoming Catholic.
- Baptised Catholics who have not yet received the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation.

What is RCIA?

The RCIA is a gradual process, rooted in the ancient traditions of the Church, that introduces you to the teachings, practices, and rich spiritual life of Catholicism. Through prayer, study, discussion, and community support, you will:

- Explore the core beliefs of the Catholic Church.
- Deepen your understanding of Scripture and Tradition.
- Learn about the Sacraments, especially Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.
- Experience the vibrant life of our parish community.
- Grow in your personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Ready to Learn More?

We invite you to take the first step! There's no obligation to join the Church, just an opportunity to explore and ask questions in a supportive environment.

The Program runs from 16th September to May 2026.

If you or someone whom you know are interested please send an email to: priest.stmargaretdunfermline@staned.org.uk or meet Fr Syriac after a mass.

We look forward to welcoming you and walking with you on this exciting journey of faith!

