



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR (C)
14 September 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 13th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass & Novena of St Margaret 10.30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am – Confession 5.30pm – Holy Mass	David Cochrane RIP Frances Dunn RIP
Sunday 14th <i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	St. Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am – Holy Mass & Novena of St Margaret 11am – Holy Mass	Joe McWilliams (90th Birthday) Kathleen Penman (wellbeing)
Monday 15th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 16th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Communion Service 10am – Communion service & Novena of St Margaret	
Wednesday 17th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Communion Service 10am – Communion Service & Novena of St Margaret	
Thursday 18th	St. Margaret's	10am – Communion Service & Novena of St Margaret	
Friday 19th	St. Margaret's	7pm – Holy Mass – Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession	Barnes & Doherty Families
Saturday 20th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 10.30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am – Confession 5.30pm – Holy Mass	Father Chris Keiran Crawford 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.

Father Syriac is on leave from 15th–19th of September and will return for 7pm mass on Friday 19th.

St. Margaret's is 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.



Obituaries: Please remember in your prayers:

Margaret Paterson: Her funeral is at 11.30am on Tuesday 23rd September at Dunfermline Cemetery.

Charles Henry Wickham: Funeral on Thursday 25th Sept with 12pm Requiem mass at SM and afterwards at Hillend Cemetery.

Philip Doherty: (Mr Doherty) to many past pupils of St Columba's High School died last week in Aberdeen. Mr Doherty was a Guidance teacher and housemaster at the school for many years. R.I.P.

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

Sacramental Preparations for Children

Parents whose children attend a non-Catholic school and want their children to receive the sacraments next year of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, Confirmation are requested to email: priest.stmargaretdunfermline@staned.org.uk

One World Group – foreign currency collection

We're continuing to collect any unwanted foreign currency that you have at home. Please hand your currency to the 9am music group or Elaine McNicoll of the 5.30pm music group at St Margaret's.

Sick in the Parish

We would like to ask your prayers for: **Barbara Orr, Tony Cascarino, Albert & Pauline Gatt, Kathleen Penman, 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.

Golden Wedding Congratulations!

Mary-Grace and Andrew Flinn celebrate their Golden Wedding on 13 September 2025 having been married in the Capuchin's Church, Malta 50 years ago. They have been blessed with 4 children and 5 grandchildren and thank God for the joy and happiness over the past 5 decades.



ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

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

St Carlo Acutis

The relic of St Carlo Acutis is at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, until Monday. Archbishop Cushley will celebrate three Masses in the presence of the relic: 6pm Vigil Mass on Sat 13th; Midday Mass on Sun 14th; 12.45pm Mass for Schools on Mon 15th (all welcome).

Vocations Awareness Week Prayer

This week we pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the Archdiocese. If you feel called, explore it! Contact Monsignor Patrick Burke, Archdiocesan Vocations Director, at vocations@staned.org.uk or Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO, Director for Religious Vocations, at religiousvocations@staned.org.uk A prayer for vocations: Heavenly Father, in your mercy you give to your people every good gift. We turn to you in faith, asking that you bless our Archdiocese with vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Inspire us with your Holy Spirit to help young men and women hear your call and respond with joyful hearts. Bless our young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint Ninian Declaration

This declaration of friendship between the Catholic Church in Scotland and the Scottish Episcopal Church will be signed at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, at 4pm on Tue 16 Sep by Archbishop Cushley and the Most Rev Mark Strange, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church. It follows a symposium on the history of the relationship between the two churches at 2pm in the Cathedral.

Venerable Margaret Sinclair

The Centenary Pilgrimage to pray for the Beatification of Venerable Margaret Sinclair will take place on Sun 21 Sep from 12.30pm-5.30pm at St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, EH1 1NA. 12.30pm-1.30pm. Refreshments & sale of candles/goods; 1.30pm-2.30pm Holy Hour; 3pm-4pm Reflection; 4.30pm Holy Mass concelebrated with Archbishop Leo. Confessions available all day.

National Youth Pilgrimage to Perth

This takes place on Sat 20 Sep, meeting at South Inch Park (PH2 8AN) at 12.30pm A full day of activities includes historic site visits, talks, and Holy Mass with Archbishop Cushley. If you wish to join fellow pilgrims (18+) from the Archdiocese travelling by train to Perth from Stirling, Falkirk and Edinburgh please contact Sr Isabelle Dufaux FSO at youth.office@staned.org.uk



Leo PP. XIV

Seeds of Peace and Hope

*Message of the Holy Father Pope Leo XIV
on the occasion of the World Day of Prayer
for the Care of Creation 2025
(Part 2 continued from last week's newsletter)*



Season of Creation 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Nature itself is reduced at times to a bargaining chip, a commodity to be bartered for economic or political gain. As a result, God's creation turns into a battleground for the control of vital resources. We see this in agricultural areas and forests peppered with landmines, "scorched earth" policies, conflicts over water sources, and the unequal distribution of raw materials, which penalizes the poorer nations and undermines social stability itself. These various wounds are the effect of sin. This is surely not what God had in mind when he entrusted the earth to the men and women whom he created in his image (cf. Gen 1:24-29). The Bible provides no justification for us to exercise "tyranny over creation" (Laudato Si', 200). On the contrary, "the biblical texts are to be read in their context, with an appropriate hermeneutic, recognizing that they tell us to 'till and keep' the garden of the world [cf. Gen 2:15]. 'Tilling' refers to cultivating, ploughing or working, while 'keeping' means caring, protecting, overseeing and preserving. This implies a relationship of mutual responsibility between human beings and nature".

Environmental justice – implicitly proclaimed by the prophets – can no longer be regarded as an abstract concept or a distant goal. It is an urgent need that involves much more than simply protecting the environment. For it is a matter of justice – social, economic and human. For believers, it is also a duty born of faith, since the universe reflects the face of Jesus Christ, in whom all things were created and redeemed. In a world where the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters are the first to suffer the devastating effects of climate change, deforestation and pollution, care for creation becomes an expression of our faith and humanity. Now is the time to follow words with deeds. "Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience" (Laudato Si', 217). By working with love and perseverance, we can sow many seeds of justice and thus contribute to the growth of peace and the renewal of hope.

I pray that Almighty God will send us in abundance his "Spirit from on high" (Is 32:15), so that these seeds, and others like them, may bring forth an abundant harvest of peace and hope. The Encyclical Laudato Si' has now guided the Catholic Church and many people of good will for ten years. May it continue to inspire us and may integral ecology be increasingly accepted as the right path to follow. In this way, seeds of hope will multiply, to be "tilled and kept" by the grace of our great and unfailing Hope, who is the risen Christ. In his name, I offer all of you my blessing.

Pope Leo XIV

Season of Creation – Nature Photography Contest

Here are some of your nature photos so far that reveal the beauty and wonder of creation.
Inspired? Please send your photo by 30th September!



**RED ADMIRAL
BY JIM BRENNAN**



**RESTING BEE
BY SARA DOWNIE**



**SLOTH HANGS
BY SONIA MALLAN**



**KINROSS
BY ANONYMOUS**

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
31 Aug/1 Sept & 6/7 Sept: £1700.81
SO/DD £1020.00

HN - MONTHLY OFFERTORY:
11 Jul-13 Aug: £1211.28
SO/DD £1084

Building Fund
SM 6/7 Sept: £508.76
HN 6/7 Sept: £195

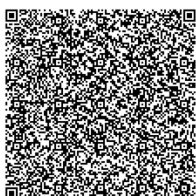
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ACCOUNT NAME, SORT CODE & ACCOUNT NO

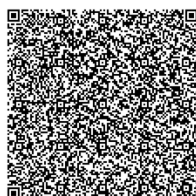
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If you're a UK Tax payer, contact Parish office to register for Gift Aid

'St Margaret's R C Church'
80-06-55 ~ 00720303



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83-33-00 ~ 00176355



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80-06-55
00768139

HN
'SSVP AE02040'
80-22-60
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SCRIPTUREREADINGS

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS – YEAR (C)



FIRST READING Numbers 21:4b–9

In those days: The people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.' Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.' So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING Philippians 2:6–11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL John 3:13–17

At that time: Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 78(77):1–2. 34–35. 36–37. 38. R cf. 7b
Never forget the deeds of the Lord!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your Cross you have redeemed the world.
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.