



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR (C)
21 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 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
Sunday 21st	St. Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am – Holy Mass 11am – Holy Mass	People of the Parish Anne Wilson RIP
Monday 22nd		NO MASS	
Tuesday 23rd St Padre Pio	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass	Mathew McDonald RIP Liam & Peggie Ryan (wellbeing)
Wednesday 24th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass	Philip Docherty RIP Cross Family
Thursday 25th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 12pm – Requiem Mass for Charles Henry Wickham	Scott Hunter (special intention)
Friday 26th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 7pm – Holy Mass – Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession	Jane Fentiman RIP Femi Hughes (wellbeing)
Saturday 27th Saint Vincent de Paul	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 10.30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am – Confession 5.30pm – Holy Mass	Connell McNellis RIP Helena Popowicz 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.

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

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 St Margaret's and afterwards at Hillend Cemetery.

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

Doors Open Day

Takes place this weekend with St. Margaret's participating on Saturday & Sunday & Holy Name on Sunday.

Bereavement Group

The next session will be held on Thursday 25 Sept, 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!

Parish Golf Outing, 28 September

Join us for the 2025 golf outing on Sun 28 Sept 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 & 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.

Ladies' Group news

On September 11th, the ladies had their Retreat through in the Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Glasgow and it went very well - everyone gained spiritually from it. We'll keep the parish notified of any upcoming retreats. The group is updating the ladies' contacts list - all women in the Parish are invited to be added. Please email Charlotte with your details to be included: cjm909@btinternet.com

Stop assisted suicide - further action needed!

As the assisted suicide Bill progresses through the Lords, Peers have made it clear that receiving physical letters will have the most influence at this stage of the process. *Right To Life UK* has launched a new EasyAction tool that creates a personalised letter to be sent in the post to a Peer, highlighting a key concern with the Bill. The tool selects a Peer to receive it, and customises the letter so that it is addressed from you. Please take action now and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeersletter to send a letter to Peers asking them to oppose assisted suicide.

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.



ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

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

Vacancy at BCOS

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland seeks a National Director of Marriage, Family & Life Office Hours: The role is 15 hours per week and the salary is £11,746 per annum. Closing Date: 26 September 2025. For a full job description email info@marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk

Venerable Margaret Sinclair

The Centenary Pilgrimage to pray for the Beatification of Venerable Margaret Sinclair will take place on Sunday 21 September from 12.30pm-5.30pm at St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh, 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 Family Conference

The Inaugural National Family Conference takes place on Saturday, 25 October 2025, from 10am to 5pm at St Bride's Hall, Coursington Road, Motherwell. Featuring keynote speaker Chris Stefanick (live from the USA), the event celebrates marriage and family life with talks, prayer, and community. Register with VEmarriage@staned.org.uk, indicating your parish.

Safeguarding event

The National Safeguarding Conference takes place at the University of Strathclyde Technology & Innovation Centre on Saturday 8 November at 10am. For more details and to register visit <http://bit.ly/4IZwirY>



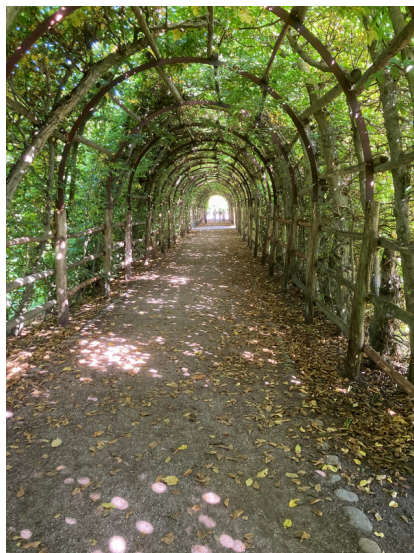
Season of Creation 2025

Season of Creation – Nature Photography Contest

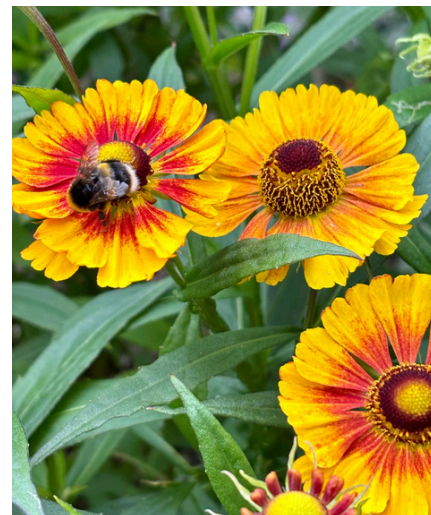
Here are some of your nature photos so far that reveal the beauty and wonder of creation. Thank you for all your entries so far. Inspired? Please send your photo by 30th September!



ABERDOUR
BY ELLEN CUTHILL



PATH
BY TIM HALL



BEE ON HELENIUM
BY SHEILA STEPHENS



GREYLAG GOOSE AT VINE FARM
BY SHEILA STEPHENS



ROCKIN ROBIN
BY SHEILA STEPHENS



Let us be inspired this Season of Creation by Pope Francis who said, “The common home is not a storehouse of resources for us to exploit; for believers, the natural world is the ‘Gospel of Creation,’ expressing God’s creative power.”

• **Pray with and for creation**

- Include a prayer of thankfulness for creation in our daily prayers.
- "Pray with the news" or incorporate people impacted by climate into our daily prayer.
- Pray outside in the Garden, or go for a meditative nature walk.
- Dedicated bidding prayers for creation each week.
- Confession: bringing sins against creation to confession and performing spiritual works of mercy, such as "grateful contemplation of God’s world".

• **Drawing competition for the Primary school children on the theme ‘The Mother Earth’.**

• **Place a plant/crop in front of the Altar**

• **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

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
13/14 Sept: £717.21
so/DD £1020.00

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

N/A

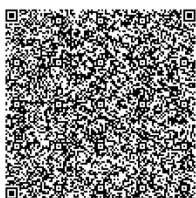
PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

ACCOUNT NAME, SORT CODE & ACCOUNT NO

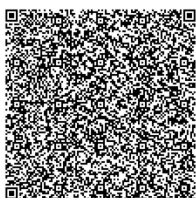
CHARITY BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

ACCOUNT NAME, SORT CODE & ACCOUNT NO
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



'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

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONTACT INFO:

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SCRIPTUREREADINGS

25TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – YEAR (C)



FIRST READING Amos 8:4–7

Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, saying, 'When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, that we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and sell the chaff of the wheat?'

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: 'Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING 1 Timothy 2:1–8

Beloved: First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

For this I was appointed a preacher and an Apostle – I am telling the truth, I am not lying – a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarrelling.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL Luke 16:10–13

At that time: Jesus said to the disciples, 'One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful with the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 113(112):1–2. 4–6. 7–8. R cf. 1a, 7b
Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.
or: Alleluia.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Corinthians 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia.

**Jesus Christ, though he was rich,
yet for your sake he became poor,
so that you by his poverty might become rich.**
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.