



# ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

## HOME OF ST. MARGARET'S RELIC



**26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR (C)**  
**28 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 27th <i>Saint Vincent de Paul</i>	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
<b>Sunday 28th</b>	St. Margaret's <b>Holy Name</b>	9.30am – Holy Mass  11am – Holy Mass	Lily Scott RIP People of the Parish
Monday 29th		<b>NO MASS</b>	
Tuesday 30th	<b>Holy Name</b> St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass	Mathew McDonald RIP Jessie Kelly RIP
Wednesday 1st	<b>Holy Name</b> St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass	Luke O'Donnell RIP Jane Fentiman RIP
Thursday 2nd	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass	Jennifer Williams
Friday 3rd	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass  7pm – Holy Mass – Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession	Scott Hunter (special intention) Hughes & Rocks families
Saturday 4th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 10.30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am – Confession  5.30pm – Holy Mass	Finlay Smith (Wellbeing)  Benjamin Watson 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](mailto:stmargaretsnews@gmail.com) to receive the weekly newsletter.



## Season of Creation – Thanksgiving Mass for creation and the blessing of pets

To appreciate the gift of creation bring an image of your pets, printed or on phone at masses (9.30am & 11am) on 5th October. St Margaret's and Holy Name Primary school children will be joining the liturgy on the day.

## RCIA – still time to join

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults group runs weekly on Tuesday evenings 7–8.30pm in the Crypt. If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, there is still time to join. Please speak with Fr Syriac.

## Live Stream of Mass at St Margaret's

Over the past few weeks the Fabric team have been endeavouring to resolve a recurring problem with our Live Stream service. We have also experienced Internet problems. We are hopeful we have resolved the issue as we have now installed full fibre broadband. This 'should' prevent any further problems. A big thank you to the Fabric team for their hard work, and to the parishioners for their patience.

## One World Group collection for Mary's Meals

The OWG are still collecting foreign currency to send to Mary's meals. We will send all that we have collected to them mid-October. Last chance to look around the house for any stray coins!

## Fife Education Mass, 19 November

The parish community is warmly invited to attend the annual Fife Education Mass, which will be celebrated at St Marie's Church, Kirkcaldy, on Wednesday 19th November 2025 at 7pm. This is always a special evening where we come together to give thanks for Catholic education across Fife and to pray for our young people, staff, and families.

## Be Still and Know that I am God, Catholic retreat 14 – 17 November

A three-day retreat led by Fr Roger Dawson, SJ, aiming to help participants find a greater attentiveness and disposition to God's presence in their lives through a disciplining of the mind and awareness of the present moment. <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/be-still-and-know-that-i-am-god>

## Sick in the Parish

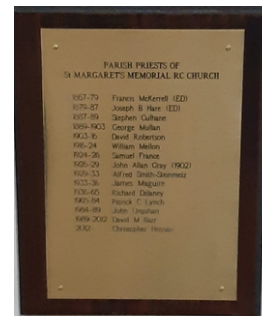
We would like to ask your prayers for: **Barbara Orr, Tony Cascarino, Albert & Pauline Gatt, Kathleen Penman, Frances Henderson, Wilma Ovenden, John Ashe, Peter McCourt, James Payne, John Cassells, Andrew Kelly, Teresa Lynch, Gail Pearce, Margaret Fotheringham, Elaine Cormack, Denise Reilly, Maureen 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.

## Let them not be forgotten!

A plaque with the names with all of the Parish priests who have served at St Margaret's from 1867 has been installed on the altar wall, in honour and memory of their service to God and our Parish. Heartfelt thanks to the Fabric team for completing this work.



# ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

For a full list of upcoming events in the Diocese  
visit:  
[www.archedinburgh.org/news-events](http://www.archedinburgh.org/news-events)

## St Pier Giorgio Frassati book tour

A book tour to celebrate the recent canonisation and the publication of 15 Days of Prayer with St Pier Giorgio Frassati (New City Press, 2025), visits St Albert's Chaplaincy, 24 George Square, Edinburgh. EH8 9LD, on Friday 17 October, 5:15pm. Free event, all welcome.

## Catholic Conversations for Women

Women who are recent converts, those considering Catholicism, and those who are desirous of faith-focused discussion are welcome to this event on Saturday, 25 October, 3.45pm–4.45pm in the St Andrew's Parish rooms (77 Belford Rd, EH4 3DS). All welcome to join for Holy Hour with Adoration and chanted Vespers from 5.10pm in the convent with the Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma. To register, email [edinburgh@almamercy.org](mailto:edinburgh@almamercy.org) or call 0131 343 3380.

## Venerable Margaret Sinclair event

Commemorate the centenary of the death of Venerable Margaret Sinclair on Saturday 22 November 2025 by meeting at her former grave in Mount Vernon Cemetery, Edinburgh, at 9am to pray the Rosary. This will be followed by a walk to her tomb at St Patrick's in The Cowgate. Benediction at 12.15pm followed by Holy Mass at 12.30pm. A Centenary Mass will be offered at the Sacred Heart Altar, in St Patrick's on Monday 24 November at 5.45pm.

## 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 – Nature Photography Contest

Thank you to all of our budding photographers for your entries so far. The deadline to send your photos is **30<sup>th</sup> September**. Please email to [StMargaretsnews@gmail.com](mailto:StMargaretsnews@gmail.com)



**RED SQUIRREL BY SHEILA STEPHENS**



**PLITVICE LAKES NATIONAL PARK BY MHAIRI MCGIRR**



**HELIX PARK BY CATHERINE DELLAR**



**LOTUS BLOSSOM BY MHAIRI MCGIRR**



**HORSES ON CLARE ISLAND BY ELIZABETH DRYBALL**



**COWAL PENINSULA COASTLINE BY JOHN MCGUINNESS**



Season of Creation 2025



**BULL BY JOHN MCGUINNESS**



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

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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**  
**20/21 Sept:** £761.11  
**SO/DD** £1020.00

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

**ST Margaret's Candles**  
**As at 21 Sept:** £318.72

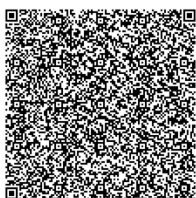
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ACCOUNT NAME, SORT CODE & ACCOUNT NO

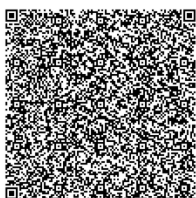
## CHARITY BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

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

## 26TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – YEAR (C)



### FIRST READING Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts: 'Woe to those who are at ease in Sion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria.

'Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.'

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### SECOND READING 1 Timothy 6:11-16

O man of God, pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time — he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL Luke 16:19-31

At that time: Jesus said to the Pharisees, 'There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not do so, and none may cross from there to us." And he said, "Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house — for I have five brothers — so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment." But Abraham said, "They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them." And he said, "No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead." '

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

**Responsorial Psalm**  
**Ps 146(145): 7. 8-9a. 9b-10. R5a**  
**My soul, give praise to the Lord.**  
**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.



# SPOTLIGHT: SEASON OF CREATION

## Drawing competition from Primary school children

The children at Holy Name and St Margaret's Primary schools have been busy with their own artistic creations. The **Drawing competition is open until 30<sup>th</sup> September**. Please email a scan/photo of your entry with your name to [StMargaretsnews@gmail.com](mailto:StMargaretsnews@gmail.com)

### Holy Name PS drawing gallery



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### St Margaret's PS photo gallery, Room 9A

