



# ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

## HOME OF ST. MARGARET'S RELIC



**23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR (C)**  
**7 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 6th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 10.30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am – Confession  5.30pm – Holy Mass	Mary Steele  John Wailes RIP
<b>Sunday 7th</b>	St. Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am – Holy Mass  11am – Holy Mass	Jennifer Williams RIP People of the parish
<b>Monday 8th</b> <i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	St. Margaret's	7pm – Holy Mass	Amauchenna Odineze (birthday blessings)
Tuesday 9th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass	Kathleen Penman (Wellbeing) Jennifer Williams RIP
Wednesday 10th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass	Danny Herd RIP Terry McGivern RIP
Thursday 11th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass	Eamon Brolly RIP
Friday 12th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass  7pm – Holy Mass – Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession	Ramsay Kessler RIP Martina Kauras RIP
Saturday 13th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 10.30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am – Confession  5.30pm – Holy Mass	David Cochrane RIP  Frances Dunn 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](mailto: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:

**Margaret Paterson:** Her funeral is at 11am on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at Dunfermline Cemetery. Our thoughts & prayers go to the bereaved family and friends. May her soul 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](mailto:priest.stmargaretdunfermline@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!

## One World Group – foreign currency collection

The OWG would like to thank the parish for their ongoing support: Thanks to your generosity we sent **£500 to the UNICEF Afghan Earthquake Appeal** this week. 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.

## Parish Golf Outing, 28 September

Last call for any golfers to register for the Parish outing at Pitreavie Golf Club on 28 Sept. Your £50 cost includes golf, tea/coffee, rolls, and a two-course dinner. Tee off times are around noon, with rolls and refreshments earlier. Contact Francis to sign up: E: [francis.mcnicoll@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:francis.mcnicoll@yahoo.co.uk), T: 07749 731 259. We're gratefully accepting donations of prizes from any parishioners please!

## 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.

## Happy 50th Birthday

Warmest birthday wishes to Amanda Dellar of St Margaret's on her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday!

## SCIAF Shield Cup

Our Parish Team of 8 players travelled to the football capital and bravely represented us with gusto. They succeeded in their mission to survey the new SCIAF Shield and be ready for 2026! With a few close calls in their opening games, the team came away with plenty of next steps in their learning. "Next year, we'll win this thing!" was their collective cry.



## Double celebrations for the Lowes

Warmest congratulations to St Margaret's parishioners George & Maureen Lowe who are celebrating their Diamond (60<sup>th</sup>) wedding anniversary, and felicitations to George for his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sunday.

# ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

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

## Fife Pilgrims Way

Walk in the footsteps of medieval pilgrims on the Fife Pilgrim Way to continue from St Margaret's at 11am on Saturday 6 Sept. A great way to mark the Jubilee Year. No registration required.

## Saint Ninian Declaration

This is an historic declaration of friendship between the Catholic Church in Scotland and the Scottish Episcopal Church. It will be signed at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, at 4pm on Tuesday 16 September 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 Catholic and the Scottish Episcopal churches is at 2pm at St Mary's Catholic Cathedral. An Evensong service takes place at St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Palmerston Place, with a further signing of the document. All welcome.

## National Pilgrimage to Carfin

The National Pilgrimage takes place this Sunday (7 Sep) at Carfin Grotto. Archbishop Leo will be the principal celebrant and preacher at the 3:15pm Mass. 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.

# SPOTLIGHT: SEASON OF CREATION 2025

Each year from September 1 to October 4, the Christian family unites for the **SEASON OF CREATION**, a worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home.

It is a special season where we celebrate God as Creator and acknowledge Creation as the divine continuing act that summons us as collaborators to love and care for the gift of all that is created. As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share 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.

Each year there is a particular theme and for 2025 it is To Hope and Act With Creation, and the symbol is The first fruits of hope, inspired by Romans 8:19-25.

In 2015 Pope Francis issued his encyclical *Laudato Si: Care for Our Common Home*, that invited the Churches, religions and all people of good will, to recognise the reality of climate change and take radical action to care for our fragile planetary home before it became too late. He warned of the dangers of minimising or denying the scientific evidence and thereby failing to take the bold decisions required.

The biblical image pictures the Earth as a Mother, groaning as in childbirth (Rom 8:22). Saint Francis of Assisi understood this when he referred to the Earth as our sister and our mother in his *Canticle of Creatures*. The times we live in show that we are not relating to the Earth as a gift from our Creator, but rather as a resource to be used. "Creation is groaning" because of our selfishness and our unsustainable actions that harm her. Along with our Sister, Mother Earth, creatures of all kinds, including humans, cry out because of our destructive actions causing climate crisis, loss of biodiversity, and human suffering as well as Creation's suffering.

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Season of Creation 2025



## 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.
- "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.

## 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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. Lighting of Creation Candle

Different age groups will be represented each week.



## 6. Thanksgiving mass for the Creation and 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 & Holy Name Primaries will be joining the liturgy on the day.





Leo P.P. 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 1 of 2 (to be continued next week)*



Season of Creation 2025

### Dear Brothers and Sisters!

The theme of this World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, chosen by our beloved Pope Francis, is “Seeds of Peace and Hope” On the tenth anniversary of the establishment of this Day of Prayer, which coincided with the publication of the Encyclical *Laudato Si’*, we find ourselves celebrating the present Jubilee as “Pilgrims of Hope.” This year’s theme thus appears most timely. In proclaiming the Kingdom of God, Jesus often used the image of the seed. As the time of his Passion drew near, he applied that image to himself, comparing himself to the grain of wheat that must die in order to bear fruit (cf. Jn 12:24) Seeds are buried in the earth, and there, to our wonder, life springs up, even in the most unexpected places, pointing to the promise of new beginnings...In Christ, we too are seeds, and indeed, “seeds of peace and hope.”...

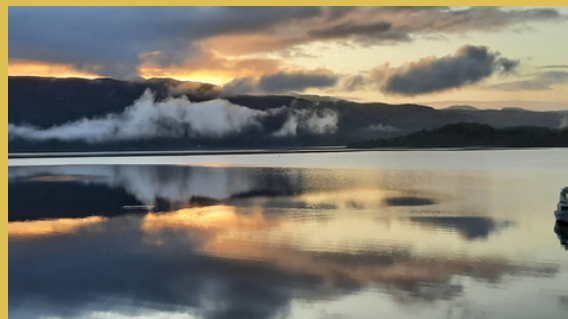
My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places” (Is 32:15–18). These words of the prophet will accompany the “Season of Creation,” an ecumenical initiative to be celebrated from 1 September to 4 October 2025. They remind us that, together with prayer, determination and concrete actions are necessary if this “caress of God” is to become visible to our world (cf. *Laudato Si’*, 84) The prophet contrasts justice and law with the desolation of the desert. His message is extraordinarily timely, given the evidence in various parts of the world that our earth is being ravaged. On all sides, injustice, violations of international law and the rights of peoples, grave inequalities and the greed that fuels them are spawning deforestation, pollution and the loss of biodiversity. Extreme natural phenomena caused by climate change, provoked by human activity, are growing in intensity and frequency (cf. *Laudato Deum*, 5), to say nothing of the medium and long-term effects of the human and ecological devastation being wrought by armed conflicts. As yet, we seem incapable of recognizing that the destruction of nature does not affect everyone in the same way. When justice and peace are trampled underfoot, those who are most hurt are the poor, the marginalized and the excluded. That is not all. 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... *(to be continued)*.

**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 30<sup>th</sup> September!





# SCRIPTUREREADINGS

## 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR (C)



### FIRST READING Wisdom 9:13–18b

What human being can learn the counsel of God? Or who can discern what the Lord wills? For the reasoning of mortals is worthless, and our designs are likely to fail, for a perishable body weighs down the soul, and this earthly tent burdens the mind full of thoughts. We can hardly guess at what is on earth, and what is at hand we find with labour; but who has traced out what is in the heavens? Who has learned your counsel, unless you have given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high? And thus the paths of those on earth were set right, and people were taught what pleases you, and were saved by wisdom.

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

### SECOND READING Philemon 9b–10, 12–17

Beloved: I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus — I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother — especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me.

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### GOSPEL Luke 14:25–33

At that time: Great crowds accompanied Jesus, and he turned and said to them, 'If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother, and wife and children, and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, "This man began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.'

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**  
**Psalm 119(118):135**  
**Alleluia, alleluia.**  
**Let your face shine forth on your servant,**  
**and teach me your decrees.**  
**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.

# 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:** To Follow  
**SO/DD** £1020.00

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

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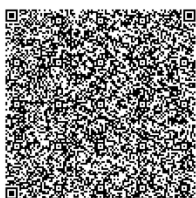
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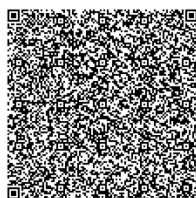
## CHARITY BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

ACCOUNT NAME, SORT CODE & ACCOUNT NO  
If you're a UK Tax payer, contact Parish office to register for Gift Aid

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