



# ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

## HOME OF ST. MARGARET'S RELIC



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR (C)  
12<sup>th</sup> October 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 11th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass & Novena of St Margaret 10.30am – Confession 5.30pm – Holy Mass	Our Lady of Fatima Peter Thomson RIP
<b>Sunday 12th</b>	St Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am – Holy Mass 11am – Holy Mass	Jessie Kelly RIP Ottavio & Jean Verrecchia
Monday 13th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 14th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass & Novena of St Margaret	Luke O'Donnell RIP Our Lady of Lourdes
Wednesday 15th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass & Novena of St Margaret	John Canning RIP Jane Fentiman RIP
Thursday 16th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass & Novena of St Margaret	Jean Slater (95 <sup>th</sup> birthday)
Friday 17th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass & Novena of St Margaret	Scott Hunter (special intention)
<b>Saturday 18th</b> Saint Luke, Evangelist (Feast)	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass & Novena of St Margaret 10.45am – Baptism of Arabella & Olivia 5.30pm – Holy Mass	Hughes & Rocks Families Derek Napier RIP

### Special anniversary mass at Holy Name for Fr Aelred Connolly

As per last week's Spotlight, Fr Aelred Connolly – originally from Oakley and brother to Marie Glancy – is celebrating 40 years of priesthood. There will be a special commemorative Mass at Holy Name, to celebrate Fr Aelred's anniversary on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 12pm.

### 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.

### 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

Please feel free to take a copy of the newsletter for a family member, a neighbour or anyone unable to come to church. Email the Parish to receive a digital copy.

# P A R I S H N E W S

To receive our weekly newsletter by email,  
please send an email to: [stmargaretsnews@gmail.com](mailto:stmargaretsnews@gmail.com)



## Please remember Father Syriac and his family in your prayers

We ask that you continue to hold Fr Syriac and the Palakudiyil family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of James. For the time being, Fr is in India to be with his family.

## One World Group breakfast

One World Group Breakfast after 9.30am mass at St Margaret's on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October. All are welcome. Enjoy a tasty Bacon or sausage roll plus tea or coffee for a small donation. Please lend your support.

## One World Group Craft Fayre

The OWG is hosting a Craft Fayre on 9<sup>th</sup> November in the Crypt at St Margaret's – a good opportunity to pick up Christmas gifts. As part of the Fayre, we are having a Tombola – any donations would be greatly appreciated and can be handed into the music groups.

## Ladies group Pilates

Vicky is on holiday this week so there will be no Pilates class at SM on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October.

## Stop assisted suicide – further action needed!

*Right To Life UK* advises that sending a physical letter to Members of the House of Lords to ask them to oppose assisted suicide is very effective. They've created a simple tool that generates personalised letters to Peers. You can then print them, or copy them out by hand, sign, and post them. Visit [www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeersletter](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeersletter) to send a letter.

## 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, 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](http://www.archedinburgh.org/news-events)

## Vacancy

The Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh is seeking to appoint an Administrator. The position is for a period of 1 year for maternity cover. Full job description at [bit.ly/archadmin1](http://bit.ly/archadmin1). To apply, please send your CV and a cover letter detailing how your skills and experience make you suitable for this role to [recruitment@staned.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@staned.org.uk) by Friday 24 October 2025.

## Dana and Friends: 'Stories of Faith, Hope, and Love'

Join acclaimed Irish singer Dana for an evening of music and testimony at St Mary's Catholic Cathedral in Edinburgh. She will be joined by two other women whose Catholic faith has shaped their lives: former BBC journalist Martina Purdy, and former barrister Elaine Kelly. The evening is free and will begin at 6.30pm with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary, followed by music from Dana and testimony at 7.30pm. Reserve your tickets here: <https://bit.ly/Dana-and-Friends-17Oct25>

## Special collection – next Sunday

Next Sunday there will be a special collection for World Day of Prayer for the Missions (Mission Sunday). The theme this year is Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples, and Bolivia is the focus country for projects being supported by Missio Scotland. Archbishop Cushley, Bishop President for Missio Scotland, asks us to pray for the missions and to give what you can, saying: "We should support Missio because it is doing what the Lord asks us to do – the Lord sends out his apostles and disciples and that means you and me by extension. There is part of all of us that ought to have a missionary spirit, that ought to have a missionary heart." Donations can be made online at [missioscotland.com/donate](http://missioscotland.com/donate)

## WhatsApp

The Archdiocese has launched a WhatsApp channel – a new and convenient way to stay informed and connected with the life of our Archdiocese. Join the channel at [bit.ly/archwhatsapp](http://bit.ly/archwhatsapp)

## All Souls' Day

Archbishop Cushley will offer Holy Mass for the repose of all the faithful departed who have died in the Archdiocese in the last year, especially those buried at Mount Vernon Cemetery in Edinburgh. This will take place on All Souls' Day, Monday 3 November at 10am in Mount Vernon Cemetery Chapel, 49 Mount Vernon Rd, Edinburgh, EH16 6JG.

## The Scottish Catholic Studies Arts Lab

SCAL will bring together expertise from across the University of Glasgow and beyond to engage with the Catholic contribution to Scottish intellectual and cultural life. They are hosting a launch event at the University on Wednesday, 22 October 2025, 4.30–6pm, and will cover SCAL's plans, including a new free online course and a one-day symposium and offer a chance to connect with others interested in Scottish Catholic studies. To register, visit the Eventbrite page: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/scottish-catholic-studies-arts-lab-launch-tickets-1756324005379?aff=oddtcreator>

# SPOTLIGHT: SEASON OF CREATION WINNERS

## Drawing competition for Primary school children

We invited all primary school aged children to share their drawing to celebrate the Season of Creation. The teachers at Holy Name & St Margaret's primary schools rallied the children and we received many imaginative and expressive artworks for the competition.

These were independently judged by Matt Meade, Director of Communications, Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh who enjoyed looking through them all and commends all of the kids on their creativity. **Congratulations and thank you to all the children who took part.**



**It was a tough decision, but here are the three winners:**

### 1st prize: Sara Knut, P7, St Margaret's PS

Matt, the judge, said: "This artwork beautifully captures the wonder and gentleness of nature. The warm sunlight, lush greenery, and curious young deer together create a peaceful scene that celebrates life, growth, and harmony in creation. Congratulations!"



### 2nd prize: Isabella Goyod-Bernardo, P1, St Margaret's PS



### 3rd prize: Matthew Kilgour, P7, St Margaret's PS



Please join us in saying congratulations to Sara, Isabella & Matthew!

The children will be presented with their prizes at the next school assembly, after the October holidays.



# 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:** £683.97  
**SO/DD** £1020.00

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

**SM Building Fund**  
**4/5 Oct:** £409.82

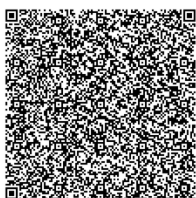
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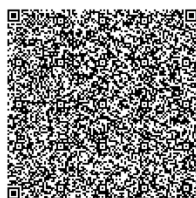
## CHARITY BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

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

**'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

## 28TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – YEAR (C)



### FIRST READING 2 Kings 5:14-17

In those days: Naaman the Syrian went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of Elisha, the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, 'Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none.' And Naaman urged Elisha to take it, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'If not, please let there be given to your servant two mule-loads of earth, for from now on your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the Lord.'

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

### SECOND READING 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Beloved: Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful — for he cannot deny himself.

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

### GOSPEL Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.' When he saw them he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, 'Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' And he said to him, 'Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.'

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

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 98(97):1. 2-3b. 3c-4. R1a

**The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**1 Thessalonians 5:18**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**In everything give thanks;  
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.  
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.





Season of Creation 2025

## Winners of the 2025 Nature Photography Contest

Heartfelt thanks to the many parishioners who responded enthusiastically to this year's Season of Creation photography contest. We had many beautiful and varied entries which thoughtfully captured the bounty of God's blessed creations that surround us. To coin a phrase from the younger generation: You understood the assignment!

Our independent judge - Matt Meade, Director of Communications, Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh - kindly accepted the task of selecting the winning entries. Such was the quality of the photos, it was a tough job.

**Without further a-do, here are the 2025 winners with Matt's comments on what made them winning entries:**

### **1st place - John McGuinness *Craigluscar Bull***

**"John's photo captures both  
the strength and quiet  
dignity of creation."**



### **2nd place - Sheila Stephens *Migrating geese at Vane Farm***

**"A graceful image of the unity and  
rhythm of God's creation in motion."**



### **3rd place - Maria Forrest *Hungry seals, Wiltshire***

**"This image stood out for its perfect timing and  
humour. A combination of action, expression, and  
nature's comedy."**



Please join us in offering our warmest congratulations to John, Sheila and Maria on their winning entries. Prizes will be presented at Mass.

Fr Syriac will be delighted to offer his congratulations on his return.