



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR (C)
19th 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 18th <i>Saint Luke, Evangelist (Feast)</i>	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass & Novena of St Margaret 10.45am – Baptism of Arabella & Olivia	Hughes & Rocks Families
	Holy Name	12pm – Special Commemorative Mass for Fr Aelred Connolly	
	St. Margaret's	5.30pm – Holy Mass	Derek Napier RIP
Sunday 19th	St Margaret's	9.30am – Holy Mass	Sandra McNicoll RIP
	Holy Name	11am – Holy Mass	Nellie Breen RIP
Monday 20th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 21st	Holy Name	9am – Holy Mass	Margaret McAlpine RIP
	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass	James Daxon RIP
Wednesday 22nd	Holy Name	9am – Holy Mass	Danny Herd RIP
	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass	Fr Syriac & Family
Thursday 23rd	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass	Brian McDonagh RIP
Friday 24th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 7pm – Holy Mass – Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession	Kathleen Mary Dewar Elizabeth Leonard
Saturday 25th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 10.30am – Confession 5.30pm – Holy Mass	Helena Popowicz RIP

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.



Second Collection at Mass 19 Oct

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.

Special Commemorative Mass at Holy Name for Fr Aelred Connolly

As shared in the newsletter two weeks ago, 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 18th October at 12pm.

One World Group Craft Fair

The OWG is hosting a Craft Fair on 9th 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.

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children

The SPUC's will be holding their annual Candlelight Procession to ensure the lives of aborted children are not forgotten. On Thursday 30th October, SPUC's Candlelight Procession will leave John Street at Glasgow City Chambers at 6.30pm, heading toward St Andrew's Cathedral. There will then be the praying of the Rosary in the Cathedral at 7pm, followed by Mass at 7.30pm.

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

Vacancy

The Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh is seeking to appoint an Administrator. The position is for a period of one year for maternity cover. Full job description and how to apply, visit bit.ly/archadmin1.

The Calix Society

The Calix Society is an association of Catholic alcoholics who meet for prayer and meditation. Meetings are on Tuesdays, 7–8pm, starting 21 October at St Patrick's Church, The Cowgate, Edinburgh, EH1 1TQ. www.calixsociety.org

Catholic Conversations for Women

Saturday, 25 October, 3.45pm–4.45pm in St Andrew's parish rooms (77 Belford Road, Edinburgh, 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 or call 0131 343 3380.

Talk for Young Adults

St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh welcomes Bishop Brian McGee (Argyll & the Isles) on Tuesday 21 October for a talk titled 'The Global Family'. Cathedral buildings, 63 York Place, EH1 3JD at 7.30pm. Each session concludes with Night Prayer and the chance to socialise at a nearby pub. All those aged 18–40 welcome.

LETTER OF THANKS

Dear beloved Parishioners, Priests, and Admin Team,

I'm still trying to process the sudden loss of my dear brother, James, but one thing is clear - I'm overwhelmed with gratitude for each and every one of you. Your prayers, consoling words, and messages brought immense comfort to me and our family during this difficult time.

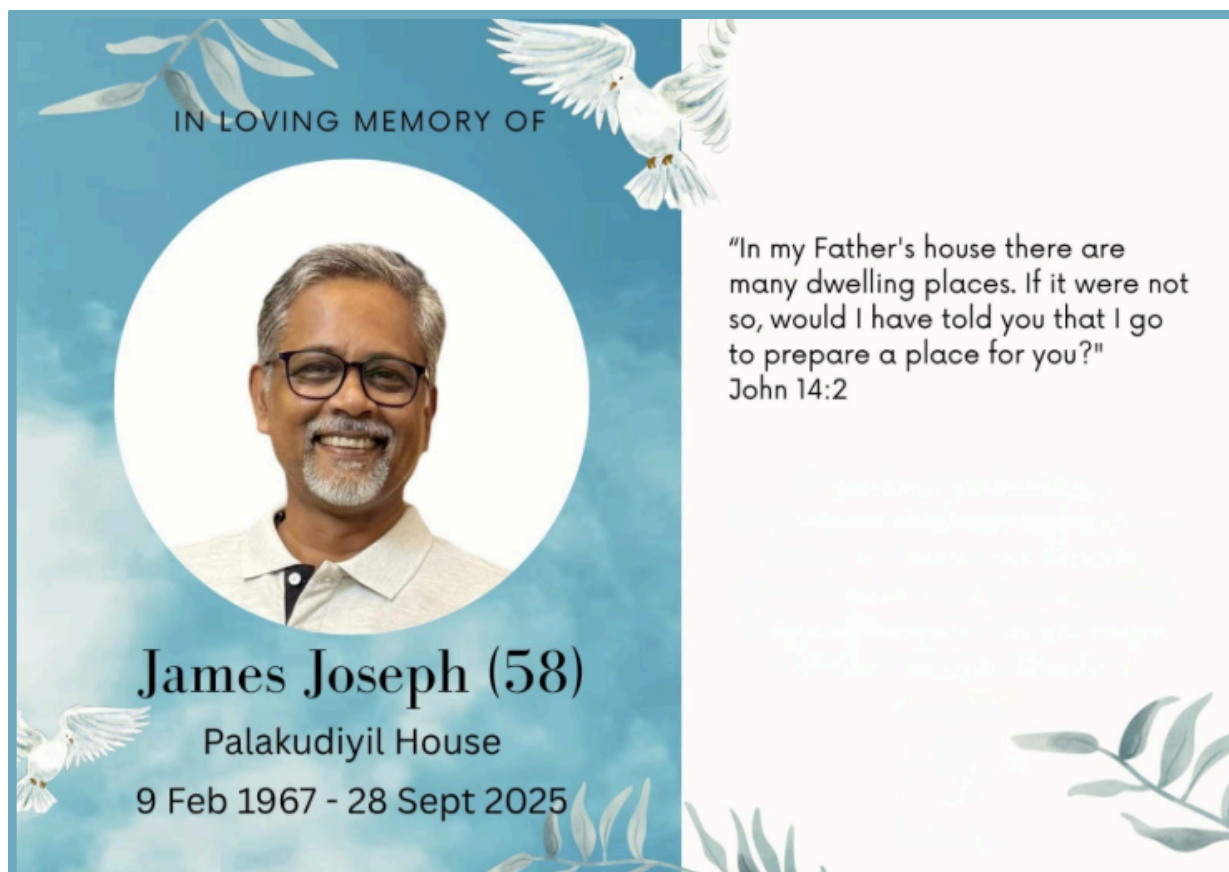
Your kindness and generosity have been a balm to my soul, reminding me that I'm not alone in this journey. The priests who stepped in and covered me in my absence, thank you for your selfless service and dedication to our parish community. Your willingness to serve and support me has touched my heart deeply.

To our admin team, who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure everything ran smoothly, thank you for your hard work and dedication. Your commitment to our community is truly inspiring, and I'm grateful to work alongside such a wonderful team.

My thanks also to those who volunteered to help visiting priests with lifts, access to the churches, opening and locking up and a myriad of other behind-the-scenes activity to keep to 'business as usual' as much as possible.

Your love and support have meant the world to me, and I'm blessed to be part of such a loving and caring community. I'll carry the memories of your kindness and generosity with me always, and I pray that God will bless you all abundantly for your love and support.

Sincerely,
Fr Syriac



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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 - Mission
Sunday

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
11 & 12 Oct: £767.80
SO/DD £1020.00

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

N/A

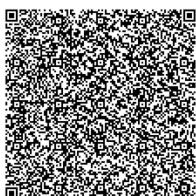
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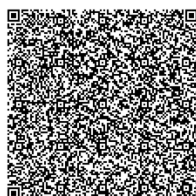
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If you're a UK Tax payer, contact Parish office to register for Gift Aid

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83-33-00 ~ 00176355



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'SSVP AE02040'
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SCRIPTUREREADINGS

29TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – YEAR (C)



FIRST READING Exodus 17:8–13

In those days: Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. So Moses said to Joshua, 'Choose for us men, and go out and fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.' So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.

Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed, and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands grew weary, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it, while Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side. So his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. And Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the sword.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 3:14–4:2

Beloved: Continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

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Thanks be to God

GOSPEL Luke 18:1–8

At that time: Jesus told his disciples a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, "Give me justice against my adversary." For a while he refused, but afterwards he said to himself, "Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming." '

And the Lord said, 'Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

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

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 121(120):1–2. 3–4. 5–6. 7–8. R cf. 2
Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Hebrews 4:12
Alleluia, alleluia.
The word of God is living and active,
discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
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.



ST MARGARET'S R.C.
ONE WORLD GROUP

FESTIVE CRAFT FAIR

9TH NOVEMBER
FROM 12 - 3PM

St Margaret's Crypt

Join us for refreshments and a range of local craft makers stalls and tombola to pick up an early Christmas gift or treat.

- B's Biscuits
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- LDW & KGL Glass
- Crombie Crafts
- Rosyth Men's Shed

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