



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR (C)
26th 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 25th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 10.30am – Confession 10.30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 5.30pm – Holy Mass	William (Billy) Robertson Helena Popowicz RIP
Sunday 26th	St Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am – Holy Mass 11am – Holy Mass	James Joseph RIP Jennifer Williams RIP
Monday 27th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 28th Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles (Feast)	St. Margaret's Holy Name	10am – Holy Mass 11am – Term Mass for Holy Name Primary School	Ron Price RIP Matt Cusick RIP
Wednesday 29th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass	Albert & Pauline Gatt (wellbeing) Ivana Dunkerley RIP
Thursday 30th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass	Patricia Dunkerley RIP
Friday 31st	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 7pm – Holy Mass – Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession	Scott Hunter (special intention) John Bain (wellbeing)
Saturday 1st	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 10.30am – Confession 5.30pm – Holy Mass	James Joseph RIP Winifred Brannan RIP

Holy Name Primary School Mass

On Tuesday 28th October, Fr Syriac will be saying Term time Mass for Holy Name Primary School at HN.

N.B. Mass Census will be taken this weekend at St. Margaret's and Holy Name.

Light Up for Poppy Scotland

As part of November's month of Remembrance, St Margaret's will again be participating in Light Up for Poppy Scotland with the church lit up in red from Monday 3rd Nov – Monday 1st Dec.

Mass Intentions

If you would like a mass to be offered in November for your deceased love ones, 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.



Bereavement group, Thursday 30th November

The next session will be held on Thursday 30 Nov, 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!

One World Group Craft Fair – call for Tombola

The OWG is hosting a Craft Fair on 9th November in the Crypt at St Margaret's. As part of the Fair, we are having a Tombola – any donations would be greatly appreciated and can be handed to the music groups.

Musical Theatre Fitness class and Coffee afternoon

This Sunday 26th October, Musical Theatre Fitness is hosting a 45 minute fitness class & coffee afternoon, 2–4pm in the Crypt at St Margaret's. It's a 'Pay what you can' class in aid of Brain Tumour Research charity. No need to book – come and join the fun!

AGAP Theatre presents "Pilgrim of Hope" (an uplifting comedy for the Jubilee Year)

Straight from the Edinburgh Fringe, the hit play based upon themes in Pope Francis' letter for the Year of Hope! Written and Performed by Stephen Callaghan. Sunday 23rd November 2025 at 2.30pm. At St Paul's, Warout Road, Glenrothes KY7 4ER. Tickets: £10/£7/£5 (Pay What You Can) from St Mary Magdalene's parish or from www.agap.org.uk/pilgrimofhope

St. Andrew's Children's Society – Adoption and Foster Care

There are many children across Scotland who need stable, loving families to care for them on a long-term or permanent basis. Their birth families are not able to provide the nurturing or safe environment that would allow them to flourish and become confident and well balanced adults. Could you provide the stability and love these children deserve? Would you like to hear more about whether adopting or fostering a child could be an option for you? info@standrews-children.org.uk

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.

Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary to The Connors

Jean, nee Paterson, and John Connor were married in St. Margaret's Church on Saturday 23rd October 1965.

Jean has been a lifelong member of St. Margaret's and has devoted her life to serving the church in various roles. Jean even roped John in to help look after the church and presbytery gardens.

Jean and John have four children, four grandchildren and are excited to being great-grandparents next year.



Thanks from Fr Aelred Connoly

Father Aelred would like to thank all the parishioners who came along last Saturday to Holy Name Church to the celebration to mark his 40 years in the priesthood. It meant a great deal to him and his family.



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.

Thanks

SCIAF thanks parishioners across the Archdiocese for contributing a total of £21,834 to its annual WEE BOX campaign.

Ignatian Spiritual Exercises: Mens' retreat, 4 & 11 February 2026

A fantastic opportunity to experience St Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises in a 5-day, shortened form. The retreat will be guided by the monastic community of St Joseph's Abbey, Flavigny (France), who were founded with the specific charism of offering this version of the Exercises and with a particular apostolate to men. The retreat is open to men in all states of life, who wish to seek God's will through a deepened detachment from the world. Book early to secure your place.

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-retreat-spiritual-exercises-of-st-ignatius>

SPOTLIGHT: NOVEMBER MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

November 2nd – All Saints' Day

This year, on Sunday, 2nd of November, we celebrate the solemnity of All Saints – a celebration honouring all men and women who have entered Heaven. While this includes every soul in Heaven, the focus is particularly on those who led extraordinarily holy lives on Earth and who the Church has canonised as Saints.

These individuals witnessed their faith in God in a variety of ways: through deep prayer and mystical union, through enduring martyrdom or other forms of religious persecution, and through acts of service, such as caring for the needy or teaching the faith. Some Saints were powerful preachers or miracle workers. Others were leaders. Some lived in obscurity, and still others experienced exile or made significant personal sacrifices for their faith. In various ways, these Saints glorified God during their lifetimes.

The celebration of All Saints has roots in the earliest of days of the Church. Even in the New Testament times, martyrs were honoured by their community of believers, beginning with the Deacon, Saint Stephen, the first martyr. In 844, Pope Gregory IV extended the November 1 celebration to the entire church. In 1484, Pope Sixtus IV made November 1st a holy day of obligation for all the church.

For the year 2025, the calendar shows 1 November falling on a Saturday. Because a Saturday celebration would deprive the faithful of the usual Sunday participation in the Eucharist and would clash with the vigil of All Souls (2 November), the episcopal conference, following the norm that solemnities may be transferred, moved the celebration to the next Sunday, 2 November. This ensures that the solemnity is observed on a day when the whole Church can gather for Mass, respecting both the liturgical law and pastoral need.

Honouring the Saints becomes an invitation to each one of us on Earth to strive after the holiness the saints attained. The Saints give us an example: their lives are a "How To" book in holiness. The lives of the Saints should be studied and pondered so that we can learn from their example. We must also remember that, from Heaven, the Saints become powerful intercessors for us on Earth.

November 3rd – All Souls' day 2025

As we commemorate All Souls' Day on Monday, 3rd November we turn our eyes to those men and women who have gone before us in death but died before being fully purified of the effects of sin. The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains it this way, "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned." (#1030-31).

This commemoration is a call to prayer for those who have died and are being purified in final preparation for their entrance into the Beatific Vision. By praying for those in Purgatory, we are assured that God lavishes upon them all that they need for the complete purification of their souls.

This commemoration also reminds us of the importance of our ongoing deepening conversation. We are all being called to be Saints. Ideally, our central focus in life is to become a living saint today and not wait to be fully purified in Purgatory. Becoming a Saint today means we continuously seek God's mercy, confess our sins, receive forgiveness, and then change our lives completely. This is no small task! It is a life's work.

Our Parish's Response

The book of remembrance

The book of remembrance contains the names of the Deceased of the Parish. On Sundays in November, it will be carried in the offertory procession.

Holy Mass and Candle Service for the Deceased

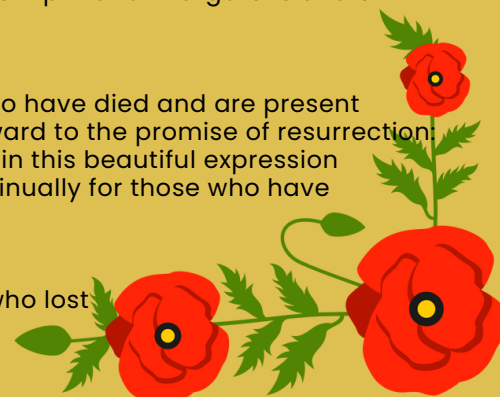
A sacred time to remember and pray for our deceased, especially those who passed away between November 2024 to November 2025 and light a candle for them in front of the altar. Everyone will get the opportunity to light a candle for their loved ones. This service will be held on Monday, 3rd November 7pm at St Margaret's and on Tuesday 11th November 7pm at Holy Name.

Memory Tree

A "Memory Tree" is a simple, tangible way to keep the names of loved ones who have died and are present in the life of the Church. Just as the tree's branches grow upward, we look forward to the promise of resurrection: "the seed of the body will rise in glory" (CCC 1683). We invite every family to join this beautiful expression of love, remembrance, and hope. May the Memory Tree inspire us to pray continually for those who have gone before us, trusting in God's infinite mercy. More details are to follow.

Remembrance Sunday

On Sunday 9th November, we will commemorate the great sacrifice of those who lost their lives in war or military service. They will be remembered during the Mass and a poppy wreath will be laid on the altar steps.



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

9th Nov - Diocesan:
Day for the Poor

23 Nov - Diocesan:
Catholic Education

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
18 & 19 Oct: TO FOLLOW
SO/DD £1020.00

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

MISSIO SUNDAY
19 OCT: TO FOLLOW

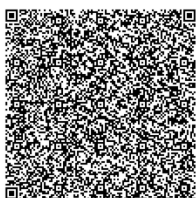
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ACCOUNT NAME, SORT CODE & ACCOUNT NO

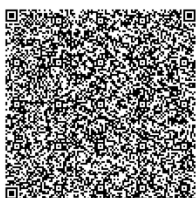
CHARITY BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

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
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83-33-00
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HN
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SCRIPTUREREADINGS

30TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – YEAR (C)



FIRST READING

Sirach 35:15b–17, 20–22b

The Lord is the judge, and with him is no partiality. He will not show partiality in the case of a poor man; and he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan or the widow when she pours out her story. He whose service is pleasing to the Lord will be accepted, and his prayer will reach to the clouds. The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds, and he will not be consoled until it reaches the Lord; he will not desist until the Most High visits him and does justice for the righteous and executes judgement. And the Lord will not delay.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18

Beloved: I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have loved his appearing.

At my first defence no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL

Luke 18:9–14

At that time: Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: 'Two men went up into the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: "God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get." But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 34(33):2–3, 17–18, 19, 23. R7a

The lowly one called, and the Lord heard him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia.

**God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself,
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.
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.

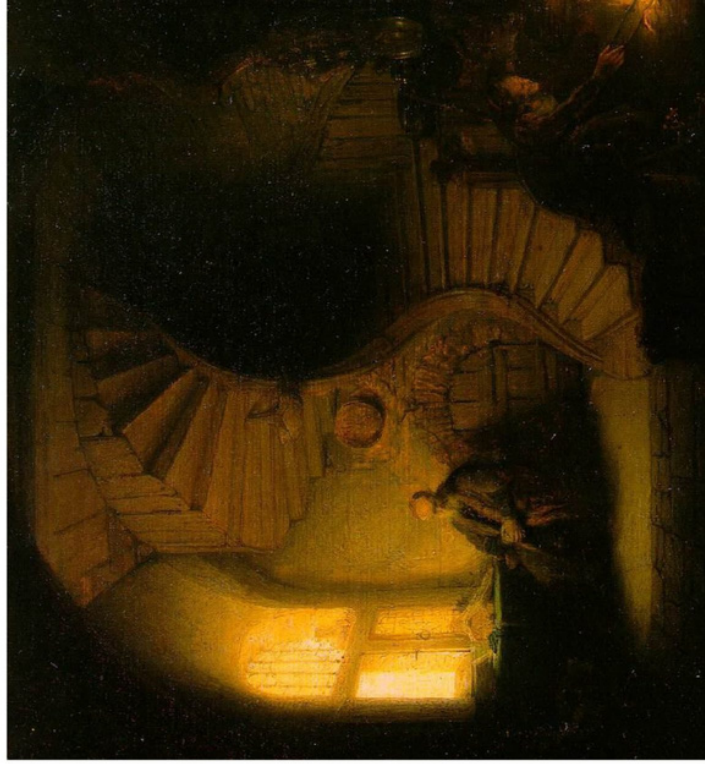


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14th – 17th November 2025



Fife Education Mass

*For all who are, or have been involved in
Catholic Education in Fife. Mass will be celebrated
by Canon Brian*

Offering need continued instruction environmental common leadership Empowering Participating parish moral good academic standards committed body missionary responsibility engaging opportunities accommodations co-curricular Partnering in Fostering Well-being Mission Assistance curriculum excellent Serving learners inspiring Share Promoting Keeping Love Defined discipline involvement inclusive active children excellence Reasonable welcoming healthy financial improvement society activities global spirit school

*St Marie's RC Church,
Kirkcaldy*

*Wednesday 19th November 2025
At 7.00pm*

Tea & coffee after Mass.

"Pilgrims of Faith"

