

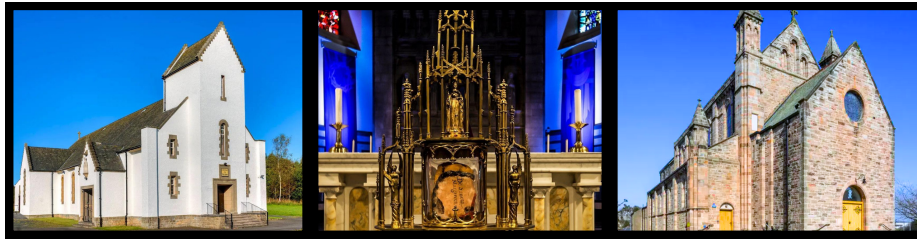


ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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FEAST OF ST MARGARET - YEAR (C)

16th November 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 15th	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass 10.30am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession 3pm - St Margaret's Hungarian Pilgrimage Mass 5.30pm - Holy Mass & Enrolment for Children	Deceased members of the Little & Gray Families, Fr Chris Diana Loizidou RIP, Fr Syriac's family
Sunday 16th <i>Feast of St Margaret, World Day of the Poor, Catholic Education Week</i>	St Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am - Holy Mass 11am - Holy Mass	For the People of the Parish Joseph McGuinness RIP, Martin Halliday RIP
Monday 17th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 18th	St. Margaret's Holy Name	10am - Holy Mass & Novena of St Margaret 11.15am - Requiem Mass for Margaret (Peggy) McPhail	Elizabeth Dowels
Wednesday 19th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am - Holy Mass 10am - Holy Mass	Mr & Mrs Cornalius Fern & the Deceased Family members For the deceased members of the Donaldson & O'Neil Families
Thursday 20th	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass	Florence Reynolds RIP
Friday 21st	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass 7pm - Holy Mass 8pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession	Fr Chris Margaret Cherouski RIP
Saturday 22nd	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass 10.30am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession 5.30pm - Holy Mass	Kathryn Turner RIP Justine Popowicz RIP

World Day of the Poor – There will be a second collection at Mass this weekend for World Day of the Poor.

Mass Intentions in November, Month of Remembrance

November is a sacred month of remembrance, and many of its days carry more than one Mass intention. To give each intention its own solemn celebration, the Holy Mass will be celebrated separately on the dates assigned to each intention, and will be offered by priests who are not already scheduled for another intention. If you would like a mass to be offered in November for your deceased loved 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.



Obituary – Please remember in your prayers:

Margaret (Peggy) McPhail – Her funeral will be on Tuesday 18th November, 11.15am at Holy Name followed by burial at Saline Cemetery. Our thoughts & prayers go to the bereaved family and friends. May her soul rest in peace.

Contemplative Prayer is held at St M every Wednesday afternoon. Please note the time has changed to earlier time of 3pm-4pm for the winter months.

First Confession & First Holy Communion for Children not attending Catholic School

Reminder for all parents of children who are enrolled for sacramental preparation and not attending a Catholic School are welcome to attend a preparatory meeting on Saturday 14 Nov, 4pm in St Margaret's Crypt, ahead of the children's enrolment at Vigil Mass that evening.

Catholic Deputies Scotland St Margaret's Pilgrimage

On Friday 14 Nov, around 30 Catholic Headteachers from across Scotland are making a Pilgrimage to honour their patron, St Margaret. After visiting St Margaret's Cave, they are visiting the relics in St Margaret's.

Hungarian Pilgrimage for St Margaret

We are honoured to receive the Hungarian Bishop László Kiss-Rigó and Father János, Ambassador, Consulate General & pilgrims who are coming to celebrate a special Hungarian pilgrimage Mass on Saturday 15th Nov at 3pm.

Gin Tasting in the Crypt, 29 Nov

The Men's Group invites all adult parishioners to a Gin Tasting evening in the Crypt at St Margaret's on Saturday 29 Nov, 7.30pm. For £10, your ticket includes: a selection of gins, matched mixers, garnishes, tasting notes and quiz. Tickets are on sale after weekend Mass.

Dunfermline Gilbert & Sullivan Festive Concert, 29 Nov

G&S Society would like to entertain you all with a Seasonal Concert, following Vigil Mass on Saturday 29 Nov, 6.45pm-8.30pm at St Margaret's. The concert will be filled with songs from musicals, Scottish folk songs, well known hymns and ending with Christmas favourites. Donations for the concert will go to the church building funds.

SSVP Christmas Appeal

This Christmas, help us to ease the financial burden for the 85 families in need who we work with throughout the year. If you can, please donate a gift card or power card. You'll find a donation box in the church foyer or cash donations can be paid to the SSVP bank account (details on reverse of newsletter). Thank you in advance for your kindness and support.

Sick in the Parish – We would like to ask your prayers for: **Herbert Adams, Therese Walsh, 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.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

For a full list of upcoming events in the Diocese
visit:
www.archedinburgh.org/news-events

Support and Property Administrator

The Archdiocese is seeking to appoint a permanent full-time Administrator to provide support to the Property Director and general administrative support within the Archdiocesan offices. Job description at bit.ly/archjobdetails 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 by Wednesday 26 November 2025.

MONDAY: How to use AI to speak up for the vulnerable

This beginner level webinar will show you how to use AI tools to find key pro-life points and express them naturally in your own tone of voice – helping you write to politicians with clarity and confidence. Monday 17 November, 7.45pm on Zoom. Register at bit.ly/prolifeai

Catholic Education Week

This Week celebrates the importance of educating children and young people in the Faith. There will be a special collection next Sunday for the work of the Scottish Catholic Education Service which promotes and supports Catholic Education. The Archdiocesan Mass for pupils and teachers will be celebrated by Archbishop Cushley in St Mary's Cathedral on Tuesday 25 November at 11am. Please keep teachers, school staff, parents and pupils in your prayers.

Red Wednesday at Cathedral

Archbishop Leo will celebrate Mass at 7pm on Wednesday 19 November at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, to pray for Christians across the world who suffer for their faith. William More from Aid to the Church in Need, will speak at the Mass.

Prisoners' Week 2025

Prisoners Week runs from 16 to 23 November and a launch service takes place at 3pm on Sunday 16 November at Letham St Mark's, Rannoch Road, Letham PH1 2HH. More at prisonersweek.org.uk

SPOTLIGHT: FEAST OF ST MARGARET

Today we honour our Patron, St Margaret, the Pearl of Scotland (1046–1093)

St Margaret was born in Hungary of Anglo-Saxon and Hungarian parents. When William of Normandy conquered England she found refuge with King Malcolm III of Scotland, and they were married in 1070 and had eight children. She reformed the royal court, founded monasteries, and supported major reforms of Church life. She died in Edinburgh on 16 November 1093. She is remembered for the happiness of her marriage, for her devotion to prayer and learning, and especially for her generosity to the poor.

To honour St Margaret – who never sat at a table without first feeding the hungry – we are holding a **food-collection drive** for the Dunfermline Food Bank. Please bring non-perishable items such as canned goods, pasta, rice, dried beans, or other shelf-stable foods. Drop them in the collection baskets placed at the back of the church.

All donations will be handed directly to the Dunfermline Food Bank, helping families in our community who are struggling to put food on the table.



Novena Prayer to St Margaret of Scotland

Almighty God, we thank you for all of your gifts to us.

We thank you for the gift of our faith, for our families and for the example and prayers of St. Margaret of Scotland.

Through her intercession we approach you now, asking that we may grow in our love for you and in service of our neighbour.

With confidence and through the intercession of St Margaret, we ask you to hear our prayers and grant us the graces that we need.



Let us pray

O God, who made Saint Margaret of Scotland wonderful in her outstanding charity towards the poor, grant that through her intercession and example we may reflect among all humanity the image of your divine goodness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Father.....Hail Mary.... Glory be.....

St Margaret of Scotland.
Pray for us.

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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

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
8 & 9 NOV: £1006.98
SO/DD £1020.00

HN - MONTHLY OFFERTORY:
11 Sep-10 Oct: £1063.96
SO/DD £1080

Missio Scotland
HN: £120.14

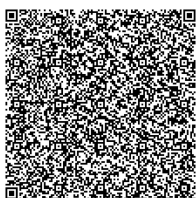
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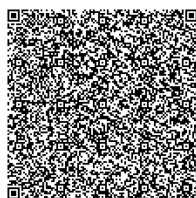
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If you're a UK Tax payer, contact Parish office to register for Gift Aid

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'The Holy Name Parish'
83-33-00 ~ 00176355



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One World Group'
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10191867

SM
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80-06-55
00768139

HN
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80-22-60
13364166

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SCRIPTUREREADINGS

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FIRST READING

Proverbs 31:10–13, 19–20, 30–31

An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands.

She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy.

Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:31–13:13

Brothers and sisters: Earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but not of love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

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GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31–46

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me."

Then the righteous will answer him, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?"

And the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me."

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 128(127): 1–2. 3. 4–5. R. 1.

Blessed are all who fear the Lord, and walk in his ways!

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 25:34

Alleluia, alleluia.

**Come, you who are blessed by my Father, says the Lord,
inherit the kingdom, prepared for you
from the foundation of the world.
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.



Hymns for St Margaret's Feast Mass

Great Saint Margaret, at thy feet

Great Saint Margaret, at thy feet,
Christian past and present meet.
Priest and people sing thy fame,
Call upon thy glorious name.

Hail, saint and Queen!

Margaret; the pearl of our land!

Guide us now and ever to our good,

With gracious heart and hand.

Exile cast upon our shore,
Rich in faith and holy lore;
Scotland claimed thee for her own,
Noble Queen for noble crown!

Home and children thy first care;
Kings and queens were nourished there:
Champions of the sacred truth
In the nation's stormy youth.

Warm thy welcome, wide thy door
To Christ in His suff'ring poor;
Thou didst tend them one by one
For thy Jesus' sake alone.

Mother Sweetman

Take and Eat

*Take and eat; take and eat:
this is my body given up for you.
Take and drink; take and drink:
this is my blood given up for you.*

I am the Word that spoke and light was made;
I am the seed that died to be reborn;
I am the bread that comes from heav'n above;
I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.

i am the way that leads the exile home;
I am the truth that sets the captive free;
I am the life that raises up the dead;
I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.

I am the Lamb that takes away your sin;
I am the gate that guards you night and day;
You are my flock: you know the shepherd's voice;
You are my own: your ransom is my blood.



High Let Us All

High let us all our voices raise
In great Saint Margaret's loving praise
Whose name with saintly glory bright
Shines in the starry realms of light.

Filled with a pure celestial glow
She spurned all love of things below
And heedless here on earth to stay
Climbed to the sky her toilsome way.

O Christ the strength of all the strong,
To whom all our best deeds belong.
Through her prevailing prayers on high
In mercy hear Thy people's cry.

W McClelland

I am the cornerstone that God has laid;
A chosen stone and precious in his eyes;
You are God's dwelling place, on me you rest;
Like living stones, a temple for God's praise.

I am the light that came into the world;
I am the light that darkness cannot hide;
I am the morning star that never sets;
Lift up your face, in you my light will shine.

I am the first and last, the Living One;
I am the Lord who died that you might live;
I am the bridegroom, this my wedding song;
You are my bride, come to the marriage feast.