



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE - YEAR (C)

23rd 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 22nd	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession 5.30pm - Holy Mass	Kathryn Turner (Birthday, Anniversary) Justine Popowicz RIP
Sunday 23rd <i>Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>	St Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am - Holy Mass 11am - Holy Mass	Tariq Philp RIP Ian Henderson RIP, Martin Haliday RIP
Monday 24th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 25th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am - Holy Mass 10am - Holy Mass	Barbara Orr RIP, Miriam (wellbeing) For the intention of Lydia O'Ryan
Wednesday 26th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am - Holy Mass 10am - Holy Mass	Peggy McPhail RIP, Fr Syriac's Family For the deceased members of the Welsh & Whyte Families
Thursday 27th	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass	Desmond Hughes RIP
Friday 28th	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass 7pm - Holy Mass followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession	The Holy Souls Femi Hughes (Thanksgiving)
Saturday 29th	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession 5.30pm - Holy Mass	The deceased relatives & friends of Samantha James Francesca & Rocco Guidice RIP

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.

Collection for Catholic Education - there will be a 2nd collection this weekend for Catholic Education in Scotland. See the Spotlight for more information.

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.

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.



Obituary - Please remember in your prayers:

Barbara Orr: Funeral arrangements to follow. May her soul rest in peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends.

Ladies Group Craft evening, 25 Nov

Reminder that the Ladies Group is holding a Card Making evening on Tuesday 25 November at 7pm in the Crypt at SM. All women in the Parish are welcome. Bring your own nibbles and beverages.

Bereavement group, Thursday 27 November

The next monthly group is on Thursday 27 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!

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 fund.

One World Group - Thank you & last breakfast of 2025

A huge thank you to the parish for your support of the Christmas Craft Fayre. We raised £401.50! The next OWG breakfast will be in St M's Crypt on Sunday 30 November. Hot filled breakfast rolls, tea & coffees in return for a small donation.

Christmas Music & Words concert with Queen Anne Singers, 14 Dec

Join the Queen Anne Singers for their annual Christmas Concert at St Margaret's on Sunday 14 Dec, 7pm. Tickets are £10 for adults, under 18s free - in aid of Mary's Meals. Available from One World Group and Choir members, or on the door.

Christmas Flower workshop, 15 Dec

Liz and Sonia Mallan from the SM Florist team invite you to an evening to make your own Christmas table arrangement on Monday 15 Dec, 6.30-8.30pm in St Margaret's Crypt. £25 each, to cover cost of materials with proceeds going to Fife Women's Aid. Refreshments will be provided.

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

St Margaret's Feast Food-collection - THANK YOU!

Sincere thanks to all of the Parishioners who responded to the call of Charity, following St Margaret's example. Thanks to your generosity, Amanda and Cathy Dellar delivered two car loads of food and essential items to Dunfermline Food Bank from St M's. **322.9kg - the equivalent of a female polar bear!**

Holy Name's impressive collection was delivered by Tom Canning to the Oakley Pantry.

These goods will help the most needy in our local community. God Bless.



ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

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

Mass for Young Adults

Archbishop Leo invites Young Adults from across the Archdiocese to Mass on the Feast of Christ the King, Sunday 23 November at 7pm, in the Jesuit Church of the Sacred Heart, 26 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh.

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 and how to apply here: bit.ly/archjobdetails

Facilities Manager

St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh is recruiting a Facilities Manager to manage the buildings maintenance and health and safety requirements of the Cathedral Complex. A full job description & instructions to apply here: stmaryscathedral.co.uk/complex

Diploma in Catechetics

Explore the richness of the Catholic faith in 2026 by taking the Diploma in Catechetics. The popular course is run by the Archdiocese and takes place at 7.30pm each Thursday on Zoom, starting on 22 January. Be quick, places limited to 100. Cost £220. Register at bit.ly/diploma2026

SPOTLIGHT: CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK



Dear Friends in Christ,

It takes a village to raise a child, so says an African proverb. That is something the Catholic community has long recognised. And, in this Catholic Education Week, we know that Family, Parish and Schools must all work together for the sake of our children.

We want all our children to have a good education. We want them to grow in knowledge and understanding, to develop the wisdom with which to live a good life, to come know their place in the world as a beloved child of God, and to acquire values based on the teachings of Jesus.

Some of this our children learn through teaching, some is not taught but caught, when our children are inspired by the example of those around them.

Our Catholic schools are so important as they partner with parents in the challenging task of helping our children grow in knowledge and love. The work of teachers and support staff in our schools is a great blessing to so many.

All of us, though, as parishioners and members of that "village" which is the Church share in the responsibility of raising the child. Catholic Education Week reminds us of that.

May God give strength to parents and families, may God inspire all who work in our schools, and may God be with us to enable each of us to play our part in the education of our children.

With every good wish and blessing,
Devotedly in Christ,

William Nolan
Bishop President for Education

Catholic Education Week celebrates the importance of educating children and young people in the Faith.

This Catholic Education Week, we pray that our schools should be 'schools of hope' for our young people so that they might see beyond their fears for the world and patiently trust in the Lord.

There is a special collection this Sunday for the work of the Scottish Catholic Education Service which promotes and supports our schools.

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.

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

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
15 & 16 NOV: £774.75
SO/DD £1020.00

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

World Day of the Poor
SM: £828.66
HN: £197.33

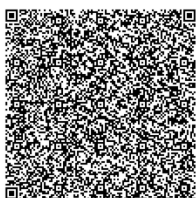
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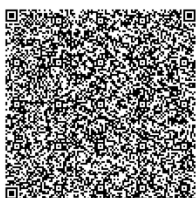
CHARITY BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

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
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SM
'SSVP AE02044'
80-06-55
00768139

HN
'SSVP AE02040'
80-22-60
13364166

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SCRIPTUREREADINGS

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FIRST READING 2 Samuel 5:1-3

In those days: All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, 'Behold, we are your bone and flesh. In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was you who led out and brought in Israel. And the Lord said to you, "You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be prince over Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God



SECOND READING Colossians 1:12-20

Brothers and Sisters: Let us give thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the Church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

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GOSPEL Luke 23:35-43

At that time: The rulers scoffed at Jesus, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there railed at Jesus, saying, 'Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.' And he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' And he said to him, 'Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 122(121):1-2. 3-4a. 4b-5. Rcf.1

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!
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 LADIES GROUP

FESTIVE CARD MAKING EVENING

TUESDAY 25
NOVEMBER
7.30PM

PLEASE BRING YOUR
OWN NIBBLES & BEVERAGES

ALL LADIES OF THE
PARISH ARE WELCOME!

CIN CIN



Gin in the Crypt

Sat 29 Nov, 7.30pm

Sample a selection of Gins & matched mixers
Tasting notes by resident Gin Experts

Tickets £10 from Men's Group



MORE CHRISTMAS MUSIC AND WORDS

With the Queen Anne Singers

Musical Director: Nancy Crook

Sunday 14th December 2025 at 7pm

Tickets: £10 / Under 18's free

Available from Choir and One World Group members
or at the door

In aid of Mary's Meals



St Margaret's Memorial Church,
East Port, Dunfermline KY12 7HZ

Christmas

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT WORKSHOP

*Liz & Sonia from the St M Florist team invite you
to spend a fun evening learning how to make a
Christmas table arrangement for you to take home.*

*We'll be using fresh greenery, flowers and adornments
to create a candle table arrangement.*

★ *Cost £25 per person (to cover cost of materials) with
proceeds going to Fife Women's Aid* ★

December 15

From 6.30-8.30pm

St Margaret's Crypt
Refreshments provided

EMAIL SONIA.MALLAN@GMAIL.COM
BY 8 DEC TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

