



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

HOME OF ST. MARGARET'S RELIC

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - YEAR (C)

9th 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 8th	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass 10.30am - Confession 5.30pm - Holy Mass	Moyra McDonald RIP Fr Chris
Sunday 9th <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	St Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am - Holy Mass 11am - Holy Mass	Thomas Charnley (wellbeing), Fr Syriac's intentions All Service Men & Women of the Parish (past & present)
Monday 10th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 11th	St. Margaret's Holy Name	10am - Holy Mass & Novena of St Margaret 7pm - Holy Mass and Candle Service for the Deceased	Mary McPherson RIP, Farrell & McPherson Families Martin Haliday RIP, McAlpine Family
Wednesday 12th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am - Holy Mass 10am - Holy Mass & Novena of St Margaret	Fr Patrick Kelly RIP, John Fusco RIP Cross Family, Eithne Clayton RIP
Thursday 13th	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass & Novena of St Margaret (with St Margaret Primary School)	Kathleen Holligan RIP, Ian Henderson RIP
Friday 14th	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass & Novena of St Margaret 7pm - Holy Mass - Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession	For the repose of the souls of Richard, Teresita and others Charles Wickham, James Joseph RIP
Saturday 15th	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass & Novena of St Margaret 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

Holy Mass & Candle Service for the Deceased will be held at Holy Name on Tuesday 11th Nov at 7pm.

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. Please note mass intentions slots can regularly already be filled, up to a month in advance.



Obituary – Please remember in your prayers:

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

The Novena of St Margaret will be held every month from the 10th-18th, after morning Mass at St Margaret's.

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

Enrolment for the First Confession & First Holy Communion

Children who are being prepared for the Sacraments this year will be enrolled on Saturday 8th Nov during the Vigil Mass at St Margaret's, and during 11am Mass on Sunday 9th at Holy Name. We would like to wish them God's abundant blessings on every step of their journey toward their First Confession and the Holy Communion.

St Margaret's Primary school attending mass

On Thursday 13th Nov, pupils from STMPS will attend the 10am Mass at St Margaret's to celebrate the Feast of St Margaret, the Patroness of the school.

Preparatory meeting for the First Confession & First Holy Communion

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 14th Nov, 4pm in St M's Crypt.

Catholic Deputes 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.

St Margaret's Feast Day

Next weekend at Vigil Mass on Sat 15th and on Sunday 16th Nov, we will be celebrating and commemorating our Patron Saint, the Pearl of Scotland, 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 at 3pm.

Ecumenical service, 16 Nov

Will be held at 3pm at St Margaret's church, Woodside Road, Glenrothes, to mark the 3rd anniversary of the signing of the St Margaret's Declaration of Friendship between the Roman catholic Church in Scotland and the Church of Scotland. This service is an initiative of Fife Presbytery of the Church of Scotland, and all Catholics in Fife are invited.

One World Group Craft Fair, 9 Nov

This Sunday 9th Nov, the OWG is holding a craft fair from 12-3pm in the Crypt at SM. There are a range of local crafters, Tombola and refreshments. Please support! NB: To allow for set up, there will be no Tea & Toasts in the Crypt after Mass.

Ladies Group Craft evening, 25 Nov

Our women's group card making evening is on Tuesday 25 November at 7pm in the Crypt. All women in the Parish are welcome. Bring your own nibbles and beverage(s).

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. For £10, your ticket includes: a selection of gins, matched mixers, garnishes, tasting notes and quiz. Tickets are on sale after weekend Mass.

SSVP Christmas Appeal

We are asking for your valued support at Christmas for people and families in need. There are currently 85 families who we support throughout the year and we know some of the parents dread Christmas. To ease the burden, we're asking for donations of power cards, gift cards & vouchers – a donation box is placed in the Porch for your donations. Please give cash donations via the SSVP bank account (details on last page of the newsletter) – these will be used to purchase vouchers for the families. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

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.



New Parish Office email address

The Archdiocese has updated the Parish office email address which is now: office.stmargaret.dunfermline@staned.org.uk Please use this address going from now on. The priest email is still being kept active as an alias for a short while.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

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

Day for the Poor

Sunday 16th November is the annual special collection for World Day for the Poor. All funds will go to the Mercy Centre, run by the Sisters of Mercy at St Catharine's Convent, Lauriston. Sr Aelred Timmins said: "Homeless people come here every day for food, sometimes for sleeping bags, most of all they're looking for friendship and a listening ear. Please keep us in your prayers, and we are grateful to anybody who is able to support the works of mercy in this house." Donate online at bit.ly/dayforpoor. Watch the 45 second video at bit.ly/mercycentre

Victory: A day to explore the gift of confession

The Church instructs us to go to confession - Why? If you'd like to deepen your understanding of this limitless gift join the Archdiocese on Saturday 22 November, 10am-3.45pm at St Patrick's, 30 Low Craigends, Kilsyth, G65 0PF, for a day hosted by the Catechetics Commission - its first 'on the road' event. The day includes talks, testimony, and an opportunity for Confession. There is also Mass ahead of the event at 9.30am. Register on Eventbrite at bit.ly/returntoconfession

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

Advent Rosary for Life

Every Monday in Advent at 7.45pm to pray for unborn children, their mothers, and all pro-life intentions. Each session is on Zoom and lasts about 30 minutes. Following the Rosary there is a short reflection from a guest speaker: Deacon David Harper (1 Dec, Diocese of Motherwell), Isabel Vaughan-Spruce (8 Dec, March for Life UK), Fr Jamie McMorris (15 Dec, St Margaret's, Edinburgh), and Archbishop Leo Cushley (22 Dec). Register at bit.ly/rosary25

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

Red Wednesday at Cathedral

Archbishop Cushley, 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.

St Margaret's Feast 2025

To honour St Margaret, our beloved patron - who never sat at a table without first feeding the hungry - we will hold a **food-collection drive** for the Dunfermline Food Bank on Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 November—the very day of her feast. The Sunday also coincides, fittingly, with World Day for the Poor.

How you can join the mission

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 when you attend the weekend Masses. If you prefer a weekday drop-off, you may leave your contributions at the presbytery or at the church before or after the morning Mass.

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.

Let us follow St Margaret's example, uniting prayer with concrete action. Together, our hearts and hands can bring God's love to the hungry in our neighbourhood.

We look forward to your generous participation.



PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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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

16 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
1 & 2 NOV: £937.13
SO/DD £1020.00

HN - MONTHLY OFFERTORY:
13 Aug-10 Sep: £1172.02
SO/DD £1061

BUILDING FUND
SM: £529.05

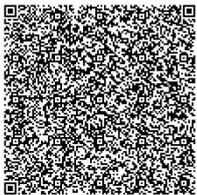
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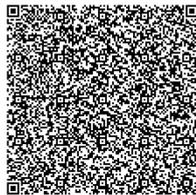
CHARITY BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

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

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SCRIPTUREREADINGS

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FIRST READING

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

In those days: The angel brought me back to the door of the Temple, and behold, water was issuing from below the threshold of the Temple towards the east (for the Temple faced east). The water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the Temple, south of the altar. Then he brought me out by way of the north gate and led me round on the outside to the outer gate that faces towards the east; and behold, the water was trickling out on the south side.

And he said to me, 'This water flows towards the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, and enters the sea; when the water flows into the sea, the water will become fresh. And wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish. For this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes. And on the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither, nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.'

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17

Brothers and Sisters: You are God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL

John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the Temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the Temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, 'Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade.' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.'

So the Jews said to him, 'What sign do you show us for doing these things?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46(45):2-3. 5-6. 8-9. R5

**The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
the holy place, the abode of the Most High.**

Gospel Acclamation

2 Chronicles 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia.

**I have chosen and consecrated this house, says the Lord,
that my name may be there for ever.**

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.

SPOTLIGHT: REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



On this Remembrance Sunday

we remember, before God, those brave men and women who have died in military service and those civilians affected by war - old and young - and those enduring today.

We remember them, we grieve for them, and we yearn and pray for the healing of memory and our broken world.

We pray for the great blessing of peace as we look for the good, and the signs of hope that fulfil God's blessing for all his children.

Let us remember and pray for these men of the Parish who lost their lives in WWI and WWII



<i>Dignan, Francis</i>	<i>McConville, George</i>
<i>Dixon, Williams</i>	<i>McDonald, Francis</i>
<i>Finnerty, William</i>	<i>McGuire, James</i>
<i>Flaherty, Edward</i>	<i>McHale, John</i>
<i>Geary, Stephen</i>	<i>McLaughlin, Francis</i>
<i>Gilmour, William</i>	<i>McMahon, William</i>
<i>Green, Hugh</i>	<i>O'Donnell, Joseph</i>
<i>Johnston, Robert</i>	<i>Philp, John</i>
<i>Jordan, James</i>	<i>Tracey, James</i>
<i>Kissane, Patrick</i>	<i>Tracey, Thomas</i>
<i>Laverty, Daniel</i>	<i>Tully, James</i>
<i>Lodge, William</i>	<i>Wilding, David</i>



A prayer for peacemakers

History can inspire or trap.
Walls can protect or divide.
Words can encourage or inflame.
Power can free or destroy.
Touch can comfort or violate.
Peace can be shared or withheld.
Almighty God, on this day,
When we remember past
or present conflicts,
we pray for the divided peoples
of the World,
that leaders, governments
and each one of us
may use our resources,
our opportunities and our lives
in the service of reconciliation,
for the sake of future generations
and to the glory of your name.

-Amen