



# ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

## HOME OF ST. MARGARET'S RELIC



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR (A)  
1st FEBRUARY 2026



*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 31st	St. Margaret's	5.30pm - Holy Mass	Mary Bell
<b>Sunday 1st Feb</b> <i>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>St Margaret's</b> <b>Holy Name</b>	<b>9.30am - Holy Mass</b> <b>11am - Holy Mass</b>	Herbert Adams RIP Albert Gatt RIP
Monday 2nd		NO MASS	
Tuesday 3rd	<b>Holy Name</b> St. Margaret's	<b>9am - Holy Mass</b> <b>10am - Holy Mass</b>	Albert Gatt RIP Veronica Black RIP
Wednesday 4th	<b>Holy Name</b> St Margaret's	<b>9am - Holy Mass</b> <b>10am - Holy Mass</b>	Albert Gatt RIP Wilma Ovenden RIP
Thursday 5th	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass	Catherine Brodley RIP
Friday 6th	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass	James & Janet Gray RIP
Saturday 7th	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass 5.30pm - Holy Mass	Savino Bruno RIP Etta MacLeod RIP

### Primary 7 School Enrolment Mass for Confirmation

Primary 7 children who are due to be confirmed in April are to attend enrolment mass which will take place at Vigil Mass at 5.30pm on Saturday 7 February, and Sunday Mass 8 February, 11am at Holy Name. Please note that Children and Parents can attend and enrol at either Mass, regardless of where your child attends school.

### Handmade Rosary Beads from India

Fr Syriac has brought back a selection of Rosary Beads from India which are for sale in the shop at St Margaret's and Holy Name. These were handmade by orphans. They would make for a unique and thoughtful gift.

### Mass Intentions

If you would like a mass to be offered, complete a Mass Intention envelope (for SM in the card stand and at the back of the church; 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.



## Obituary - Please remember in your prayers:

**Toni Cascarino** - His funeral is at 10am on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February with Requiem Mass at St Margaret's, followed by interment at Dunfermline Cemetery.

Our thoughts & prayers go to the bereaved family and friends. May his soul rest in peace.

## Rite of Election

The Rite of Election will take place during midday Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on the first Sunday of Lent (22 February).

## Annual Car Parking Fee - St Margaret's

It's time to renew your car park access - you will be emailed directly to renew and arrange fee payment. If you would like to purchase all-year round access (outwith Mass times) to the St Margaret's Car Park you can do so for a fee of £50 per person, per year. Email [office.stmargaretdunfermline@staned.org.uk](mailto:office.stmargaretdunfermline@staned.org.uk) with your full name and mobile phone number to register. You can pay to the St M's bank account (details on page 4) or drop an envelope with cash to the Presbytery. One fee and mobile number per user.

## Men's Group

Our next meeting is on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in the Crypt at St Margaret's - all men in the Parish are welcome.

## One World Group

The next One World Breakfast will be in the Crypt at St Margaret's on 15<sup>th</sup> February after the 9.30am mass.

## Mindfulness for Carers

Carers are invited to a free 6-week Canine Mindfulness course (with a therapy dog). It will be held in the Crypt at St Margaret's, 2.15-4.15pm on Mondays from 9 February until 16 March.

**Sick in the Parish** - We would like to ask your prayers for: **Mike Pendowski, Therese Walsh, Pauline Gatt, Kathleen Penman, Frances Henderson, Peter McCourt, James Payne, 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](http://www.archedinburgh.org/news-events)

### Valentine's Day afternoon retreat

This Valentine's Day (Saturday 14 February) couples are invited to join the Archdiocese's afternoon retreat reflecting on the Gift of Marriage. It takes place 2pm-5pm at St Kentigern's Church, 26-28 Parkgrove Avenue, Edinburgh, EH4 7QR and is led by renowned Scottish Catholic playwright Stephen Callaghan and wife Rachel. Details and registration at [bit.ly/archretreat26](http://bit.ly/archretreat26)

### Catechists for Special Needs

SPRED (Special Religious Development) groups need more catechists! Your role will be share the Lord with adults with special needs at fortnightly term-time meetings. Catechists are trained by the Archdiocese and meet fortnightly for preparatory sessions. Interested? Contact Sr Mary Benedicta Maier RSM, SPRED Coordinator, at [srmary.benedicta@staned.org.uk](mailto:srmary.benedicta@staned.org.uk) to serve.

### SPRED: Sacramental Prep & Faith Formation for Children and Adults with Special Needs

Children and adults with special needs are invited to participate more fully in the life of the Church by being welcomed into a SPRED (Special Religious Development) group. If you are interested in your child or adult son or daughter participating, Sr Mary Benedicta Maier RSM, SPRED Co-ordinator, would love to hear from you at [srmary.benedicta@staned.org.uk](mailto:srmary.benedicta@staned.org.uk).

### Catholic Conversations for Women

All women are welcome to this event with the Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma on Saturday 31 January, 3.45pm-4.45pm in St Andrew's Parish rooms (77 Belford Rd, Edinburgh, EH4 3DS) for refreshments and faith-focused discussion on preparing for Lent. A Holy Hour will follow with Adoration & Vespers from 5:10pm. Register at [edinburgh@almamercy.org](mailto:edinburgh@almamercy.org) or call 0131 343 3380.

### Remembering Service

A prayer service those who have suffered the loss of a child, from the beginning of pregnancy onwards, together with those who wish to come in love and support. Ecumenical and open to all. Sunday 22 February at 5.00pm in St John the Baptist Church, Corstorphine, 37 St Ninian's Road, Edinburgh, EH12 8AL.

## President of Hungary Visit

On Wednesday 28th January, we were honoured with a private visit by the President of Hungary, Tamás Sulyok and his wife. Archbishop Leo Cushley welcomed the President to St Margaret's.

The President was accompanied by a delegation from the Hungarian Consulate. St Margaret's Relic was the highlight of the visit, with Archbishop Cushley leading prayers in the Lady Chapel. During his visit, the President emphasised the strong, over one thousand year history between Hungary and Scotland through the life and legacy of St Margaret.

The President kindly presented a beautiful gift to the Parish to mark his visit which Archbishop Cushley accepted on our behalf.

Tamás Sulyok wrote on Facebook: *"In Dunfermline, Scotland, we paid our respects at the tomb of Margaret, who was born on Hungarian soil, descended from English and Hungarian royalty, and canonized as Queen of Scotland. Her story exemplifies the momentum of medieval European history, in which the Hungarian Kingdom envisioned by St. Stephen took its first steps amid the power struggles of the continent."*



# PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

Presbytery & Parish Office Address:

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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.

## 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.



## UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 2026

**SM & HN Building Fund**  
1st Sun every month

**SCIAC & Episcopal**  
15 March

**Ecclesiastical Students**  
26 April

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**  
24/25 Jan: 772.56  
SO/DD £1020.00

**HN - MONTHLY OFFERTORY:**  
11 Dec - 13 Jan: £1206.73  
SO/DD £1095

**SPUC**  
25 Jan HN: £205.77

## PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

ACCOUNT NAME, SORT CODE & ACCOUNT NO

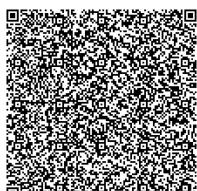
## CHARITY BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

ACCOUNT NAME, SORT CODE & ACCOUNT NO  
If you're a UK Tax payer, contact Parish office to register for Gift Aid

**Archdiocese of St Andrews & St Margaret**  
83-06-08 21522638



**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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# SCRIPTURE READINGS

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### FIRST READING

**Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13**

Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land, who do his just commands; seek righteousness; seek humility; perhaps you may be hidden on the day of the anger of the Lord.

I will leave in your midst a people humble and lowly. They shall seek refuge in the name of the Lord, those who are left in Israel; they shall do no injustice and speak no lies, nor shall there be found in their mouth a deceitful tongue. For they shall graze and lie down, and none shall make them afraid.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### SECOND READING

**1 Corinthians 1:26-31**

Consider your calling, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption; so that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

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### GOSPEL

**Matthew 5:1-12a**

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 146(145):6c-7. 8-9a. 9b-10. R Matthew 5:3**

**Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**  
or: Alleluia.

### Gospel Acclamation

**Matthew 5:12a**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Rejoice and be glad,**

**for your reward is great in heaven.**

**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.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in the glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

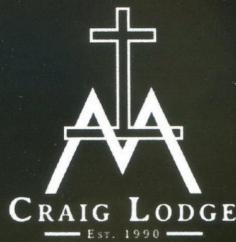
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

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.

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.

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.

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.



## LIVING WATER RETREATS

prayer, adoration, worship, teachings, prayer ministry, fellowship

### retreat dates

January: 27-29

February: 17-19, 24-26

April: 21-23, 28-30

May: 5-7

### family weeks

February: 9-13

April: 13-17

### how to book

[www.craiglodge.org/events](http://www.craiglodge.org/events)

or contact us at

[mail@craiglodge.org](mailto:mail@craiglodge.org)

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