



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

HOME OF ST. MARGARET'S RELIC

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR (A)
25th JANUARY 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 24th	St. Margaret's	5.30pm - Holy Mass	James Healy RIP
Sunday 25th <i>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	St Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am - Holy Mass 11am - Holy Mass	Savino Bruno RIP, Faye Payne, Margaret Gilchrist RIP Albert Gatt RIP, Pauline Gatt, Valerie McLarnon RIP
Monday 26th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 27th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am - Communion Service 10am - Holy Mass	Ian Henderson RIP
Wednesday 28th	Holy Name	9am - Communion Service	
Thursday 29th	St. Margaret's	10am - Communion Service	
Friday 30th		NO MASS	
Saturday 31st	St. Margaret's	5.30pm - Holy Mass	Mary Bell

Car Parking barrier - St Margaret's

We apologise for the malfunctioning of the car park barrier at St Margaret's last Sunday. Unfortunately there are many more cars at the 9.30 Mass than there are parking spaces. If the "Car Park Full" sign is displayed, all the spaces are occupied but it is still possible to drop off at the front door before seeking a space in the Viewfield Car Park. It would be helpful if drivers who are fit and able use the Viewfield car park thus leaving spaces for older parishioners and those with mobility issues.

Please remember that the area in front of the main door has to be kept clear to enable drop-offs and access for emergency vehicles. This area is a No Parking Zone.

Fr Syriac's annual leave - Please note that Fr Syriac is on leave, visiting with his family at home in India. We are looking forward to welcoming him back next weekend on 30th January. Fr Peter Kelly and Fr Ajish are covering Masses.

Second Collection

There will be a second collection for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children this weekend at Holy Name. Thank you to parishioners who donated to this special collection at St Margaret's last weekend. A quick reminder that Collection sums are shared weekly from St Margaret's and monthly from Holy Name on the reverse of the newsletter.

Mass Intentions

If you would like a mass to be offered, 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.



Obituary - Please remember in your prayers:

Tony Cascarino - Funeral details to follow. 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).

Reminder: Changes to Bank details - St Margaret's

To streamline our administration and reduce manual paperwork, we are moving our parish bank account from Bank of Scotland to the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS). This change allows us to move away from cheques and paper statements, saving our volunteers and staff significant time. New bank details are on Page 4. Thank you for your continued generosity.

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 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.

Bereavement Group

The Bereavement group are not meeting in January - we will be back in the Crypt at St Margaret's on Thursday 26 February, 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!

Lost Property

New church lost property box now located in St Margaret's at the Repository (Church Shop). Lost property is donated to a local charity shop every 2 months.

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

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

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 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.

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 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.

SPOTLIGHT: ARE YOU ON THE PARISH REGISTER?



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH REGISTER



Dear Friends in Christ,

It's one year since we launched the Parish Register Project. I am confident that this will serve as an important document to help us to have a better understanding about our parish. I firmly believe that it will enable us to see the wider picture of our faith community by serving as an essential document for future planning through effective communication and competent administration. 480 parishioners have registered in the 1st year.

From 1st of August onwards, we started using this document as the primary source of evidence to prove the membership status of the parishioners especially when it becomes a concern in the context of issuing weddings, baptisms, testimonial letters, certificates, approval forms etc.

Additionally, we have made use of the register on several occasions throughout the year to keep parishioners updated. And in December, it was most valuable to communicate in an emergency that Holy Name was closed due to the heating breaking down.

We have a few individuals who haven't yet registered either due to their own personal reasons or by the habit of procrastination. To this end, the QR code and other essential guidelines for registration can be found below.

If you have any technical challenges in registering, please call the Parish Office and, with your permission, we can add your details on your behalf.

Once again thanking you all from the bottom of my heart,

Father Syriac

How to Register

You have a choice of how to register. You can use your mobile & the QR code below or, if you prefer you can fill in the paper form & return it when convenient. Paper forms are at the entrance of each church, along with a box to return them in.



How to scan a QR code with your phone:

1. Open the camera app
2. Point it at the QR code
3. Tap the notification that appears
4. Follow the on-screen instructions

Registration Instructions

1. Use QR code or enter following link into your browser
stmargaretsrcchurch.churchsuite.com/forms/8e2u8r3e
2. Enter your details
3. An email will be sent with an invitation to My ChurchSuite.
You are now on the Parish Register!
You can use My ChurchSuite to edit your personal information, and to update your contact preferences.

If anyone has any queries or issues please let us know:

priest.stmargaretdunfermline@staned.org.uk

or 07706 083493 or 01383 625611

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.

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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.

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 2026

SM & HN Building Fund
1st Sun every month

SPUC
25 Jan (HN)

SCIAF & Episcopal
15 March

WEEKLY OFFERTORY & MONTHLY STANDING ORDERS/DIRECT DEBITS

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

SM - OFFERTORY
17/18 Jan: £738.07
SO/DD £1020.00

HN - MONTHLY OFFERTORY:
11 Dec - 13 Jan: £1206.73
Christmas: £793.95
SO/DD £1095

SPUC
17 & 18 Jan SM £646.94

PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

ACCOUNT NAME, SORT CODE & ACCOUNT NO

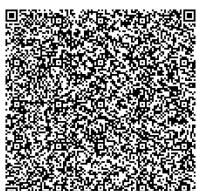
CHARITY BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

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
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SM
SSVP AE02044
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80-22-60
13364166

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

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FIRST READING Isaiah 9:1b-4

In the former time the Lord brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgement. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarrelling among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each one of you says, 'I follow Paul', or 'I follow Apollos', or 'I follow Cephas', or 'I follow Christ.' Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL Matthew 4:12-17

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

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

Responsorial Psalm Ps 27(26):1. 4. 13-14. R1a

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom and healed every affliction among the people.

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.



THE WAY AHEAD

Discernment Retreats

Weekend 1

Date: 13-15 March 2026

Venue: Conforti House, Coatbridge

or Weekend 2

Date: 08-10 May 2026

Venue: Benedictine Monastery, Largs

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