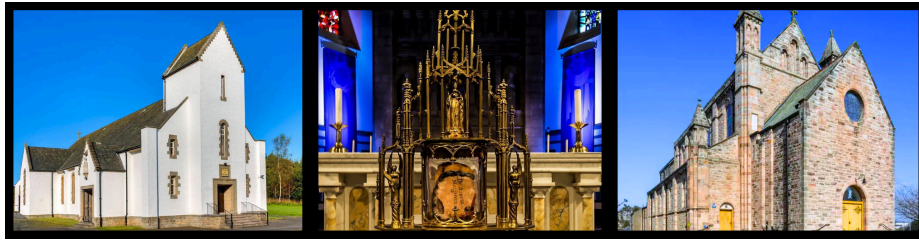




ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH – YEAR (A)
28th December 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 27th	St. Margaret's	5.30pm – Holy Mass	Ian Henderson RIP, Deceased of Lamont Family
Sunday 28th <i>The Holy Family, Feast</i>	St Margaret's	9.30am – Holy Mass	Anne Callaghan RIP, Brian Cuthill
	Holy Name	11am – Holy Mass	Bridget, Patrick & Eamon Brolly, John Shields
Monday 29th	Holy Name	10am – Requiem Mass for Annmarie McNeely	
Tuesday 30th	Holy Name	9am – Communion Service	Deceased of Lamont Family
	St Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass	
Wednesday 31st New Year's Eve	Holy Name	9am – Communion Service	
Thursday 1st Mary, The Holy Mother of God	St. Margaret's	10am – Communion Service	
Friday 2nd St Basil & St Gregory		NO MASS	
Saturday 3rd	St. Margaret's	5.30pm – Holy Mass	Barbara Orr RIP, Alex McQuillan

Fr Syriac's annual leave – Please note that Fr Syriac is on leave, visiting with his family at home in India, from Friday 26 Dec through to 30 January. Father Peter Kelly and Fr Ajeesh will be covering Masses for us this month.

Obituaries – Please remember in your prayers:

Annmarie McNeely: Her funeral be at Holy Name with a Requiem Mass on Monday 29 Dec, 10am followed by internment at Culross Cemetery.

Herbert Adams: His funeral will be at St Margaret's with a Requiem Mass on Tuesday 13 Jan, 10am.

May their souls rest in peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with their family and friends.

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. N.B. On days when multiple Mass intentions are mentioned, each intention will be celebrated individually by priests who experience a shortage of Mass offerings.

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.



SCRIPTUREREADINGS

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FIRST READING Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

The Lord honoured the father above the children,
and he confirmed the judgement of the mother over her sons.
Whoever honours his father atones for sins,
and whoever glorifies his mother is like one who lays up treasure.
Whoever honours his father will be gladdened by his own children,
and when he prays he will be heard.
Whoever glorifies his father will have long life,
and whoever obeys the Lord will refresh his mother.

O son, help your father in his old age
and do not grieve him as long as he lives;
even if he is lacking in understanding,
show indulgence;
in all your strength do not despise him.
For kindness to a father will not be forgotten,
and against your sins it will be credited to you.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING Colossians 3:12-17

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The Word of the Lord
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GOSPEL Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

When the Magi had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 'Out of Egypt I called my son.'

But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, 'Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead.' And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

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

Responsorial Psalm Ps 128(127):1-2. 3. 4-5. R1a

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

Gospel Acclamation Col3:15,16

Alleluia, alleluia!

**May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts;
let the message of Christ find a home with you.
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.