



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

HOME OF ST. MARGARET'S RELIC

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - YEAR (A)

12th April 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 11th	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass & Novena of St. Margaret, Baptism for Ayla Wilson 10.30am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession 5.30pm - Vigil Mass	Tom Goldie RIP Anna Hughes (wellbeing)
Sunday 12th <i>Divine Mercy - 2nd Sunday of Easter</i>	St Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am - Holy Mass 11am - Holy Mass - Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	Fr David Baar RIP (Anniversary) Janet Lamont RIP
Monday 13th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 14th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am - Holy Mass 10am - Holy Mass & Novena of St. Margaret	Albert Gatt RIP Brian Devlin RIP, Winnie Cassells RIP
Wednesday 15th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am - Holy Mass 10am - Holy Mass & Novena of St. Margaret	Tom Smith RIP Kay Frizzell (wellbeing), Mary Kilmurray (wellbeing)
Thursday 16th	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass & Novena of St. Margaret	Femi (Thanksgiving), For the veneration of Our Lady of Lourdes
Friday 17th	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass & Novena of St. Margaret	James Scott RIP
Saturday 18th	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass & Novena of St. Margaret 10.30am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession 5.30pm - Vigil Mass	Agnes (Nessie) Brown RIP, Winnie Cassells RIP Theresa & Brian Little, Kay Frizzell (wellbeing)

Second Collection next weekend - Next Sunday, 19th April, is the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**, and in recognition of this there will be an additional collection on the 18 & 19 Apr for Ecclesiastical Students' Fund.

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 that Mass intention slots are often filled well 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.



Obituary – Please remember in your prayers:

Margaret Woodland – Her funeral is on Thursday 23rd April with a Requiem Mass at 10am in St Margaret's, followed by internment at Dunfermline Crematorium.

Janet Lamont – Her funeral will take place on Wed 29th April at 11.30am at Holy Name, thereafter at Dunfermline Crematorium 1.15pm.

Kay Gilfillan – A former member of St. Margaret's for decades and sang in the choir. Her funeral is on Tuesday 21st April 10am at St Joseph's in Burntisland.

Our thoughts & prayers go to the bereaved families and friends. May their souls rest in peace.

Children's Liturgy Easter break

The Children's Liturgy is on a hiatus for the school Easter holidays and will return on Sunday 26th April.

OWG Annual Meeting

One World Group AGM will be held on Saturday 18th April at 10.30am in the Crypt at St Margaret's. All are welcome to attend.

Join ACN Scotland's Camp Out for Hope—an inspiring night of prayer, learning, and community!

ACN Scotland invites you to the Camp Out for Hope—an overnight vigil to stand in solidarity with suffering and displaced Christians worldwide. Enjoy prayer, learning about ACN's work, social time, and community building. Join us from Saturday 30 May to Sunday 31 May at Carfin Grotto, 8pm–8am. Spaces are limited, so sign up for free on Trybooking.com. Participants aged 16+ are encouraged to fundraise £50 and will receive a fundraising pack.

Sick in the Parish

We would like to ask your prayers for: **Kay Frizell, Billy McGuigan, Barbara Fotheringham Larkin, Chic Irvine, Tommy McGowan, Ann Shaw, Maureen Hunter, Yvonne McRoberts, Mike Pendlowski, Therese Walsh, Pauline Gatt, Kathleen Penman, John Cassells, Helen Ssim, 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, or email details to the Parish Office office.stmargaretdunfermline@staned.org.uk

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our warmest congratulations to Courtney and Blair on their Confirmation and full communion to the Catholic Church at Easter Vigil Mass on Sat 4th April.

Wishing a lifetime of blessings and happiness on your wedding to Daniel Watson and Gabrielle Caldwell who were married at St Margaret's on Friday 10th April.

Blessings to Ayla Wilson and her family on her baptism at St Margaret's on Sat 11th April.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

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

Catechist formation: First Reconciliation

Join the Catechetics Commission on Saturday 18 April, 9am-12.30pm, for a morning focused on preparing children for the sacrament of reconciliation. Morning will include Mass, a testimony, and presentations on engaging children & parents. Location: the Gillis Centre 100 Strathearn Rd, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Register: <https://bit.ly/3O4eC3z>

Let the little children come...for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven!

SPOTLIGHT: PRAYER VIGIL FOR PEACE



Leo P.P. XIV



In a week of unprecedented global events and turmoil, His Holiness Pope Leo shared his thoughts on the announcement of a two-week ceasefire on the evening of 7 April, the Pope said he welcomed the news "with satisfaction and as a sign of deep hope".

The Pope reminded the faithful that on **Saturday 11th April a Prayer Vigil for Peace** will be celebrated in St Peter's Basilica, and that *everyone*, both in person or following from home, is invited to join. The Vigil will take place at 6pm Rome time (5pm UK) and will be presided over by the Holy Father.

Our Parish Response

Those attending Vigil Mass on Saturday are invite to come a little earlier where there will be silent prayer and reflection from 5pm, gathered in Spirit with those in Rome, and our Catholic brothers and sisters around the World in praying for peace.

We will place the candles in front of the Cross and invite our Parishioners to light a candle.

In this year of St Francis, you may wish to follow St Francis' example by repeating this prayer:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace ~ Amen

In your Daily Prayers

Remember all those who are suffering, are displaced and have lost loved ones in conflict around the World.



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 - 2026

SM & HN Building Fund
1st Sun every month

Ecclesiastical Students
26 April

Communications
17 May

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.



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WEEKLY OFFERTORY & MONTHLY STANDING ORDERS/DIRECT DEBITS

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

SM - OFFERTORY
4/5 Apr: £1464.07
SO/DD £1020.00

HN - MONTHLY OFFERTORY:
12 Feb-11 Mar: £1025.84
SO/DD £1015

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS
N/A

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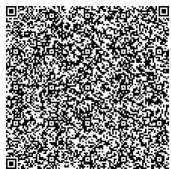
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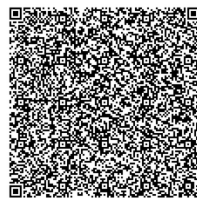
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SCRIPTUREREADINGS

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FIRST READING Acts 2:42-47

The believers devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the Apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the Temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they shared their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith – more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire – may be found to result in praise and glory and honour at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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Thanks be to God

GOSPEL John 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.'

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord'. But he said to them, 'Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.'

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 118(117):2-4. 13-15b. 22-24. R1
Give praise to the Lord, for he is good,
his mercy endures for ever.

Gospel Acclamation
John 20:29
Alleluia, alleluia.
You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord.
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.
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.

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