

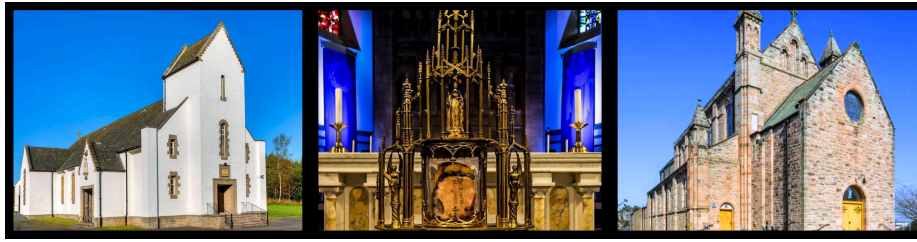


ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR (A)

19th 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 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)
Sunday 19th <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	St Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am – Holy Mass 11am – Holy Mass	Special Intention Alan Cox RIP
Monday 20th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 21st	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass 7pm – Confirmations by Archbishop Leo Cushley	Albert Gatt RIP Angela Margaret Buchan RIP, Winnie Cassells RIP
Wednesday 22nd	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass	Gerard Nolan RIP Hughes & Rocks Families
Thursday 23rd	St. Margaret's	10am – Requiem Mass for Margaret Woodland	
Friday 24th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass	Captain David Seath RIP
Saturday 25th <i>St Mark, Evangelist (Feast)</i>	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 10.30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession 5.30pm – Vigil Mass	Joseph & Anne O'Neil RIP Barbara Chamberlain & Family

Second Collection next weekend

Sunday 26th April, is the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**, and in recognition of this there will be an additional collection on the 25 & 26 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.

Primary 7 Confirmations

Please keep in your prayers the candidates for Confirmation, and their families, who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Archbishop Leo on Tuesday, 23rd April at 7pm at St Margaret's. May the Holy Spirit strengthen them, help their parents and families to support them in faith, and renew our whole parish in courage and joy in following Christ.

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.

Sick in the Parish

We would like to ask your prayers for: **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

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

For a full list of upcoming events in the Diocese
visit:

www.archedinburgh.org/news-events

Crib Collection

A total of £5,412 was raised in crib collections over Advent for the Infant Welfare Centre in Jerusalem. Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, wrote to Archbishop Cushley to thank parishes. He said: "Your generosity is a concrete witness of the transforming power of love that Christ calls us to as members of His body, especially toward the most vulnerable in our society."

Playlist: What's Happening at Mass

The Archdiocese recently hosted a Faith Day at the Gillis Centre titled What's Happening at Mass. Watch the six talks from guest speakers on our Archdiocesan YouTube channel and deepen your understanding of what you are seeing, hearing, saying, and doing at Mass: bit.ly/happensatmass

Family Picnic & Mass

Join families from around the Archdiocese at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB for a picnic at 1pm on Saturday 9 May, followed by a time of catechesis, games, a Rosary procession, and concluding with a Vigil Mass at 4pm. Bring your own picnic, tea/coffee & a dessert will be provided. The day is aimed especially at families with school-age children. Register at bit.ly/archpicnic26. Event hosted by the Marriage & Family and Catechetics Commissions of the Archdiocese.

Organ Recital and demo of Cathedral organ

If you want to find out how the massive and complex organ at St Mary's Cathedral works, and to hear some excellent music, join organist Tom Wilkinson this Sunday (19 April) at 1.30pm-2.30pm for a recital and demonstration.

Rosary and National Pro-Life Chain in Edinburgh

SPUC's annual Edinburgh Pro-life Chain is on Saturday 25 April on Lothian Road, Edinburgh. The day includes three simple opportunities to take part – come along for all of it or join in for whatever you can: 10am: Rosary for Life, Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston Road, EH3 9DJ, led by Archbishop Cushley; 11am: Pro-Life Chain; 1:15pm: Refreshments and social in Sacred Heart Church Hall.

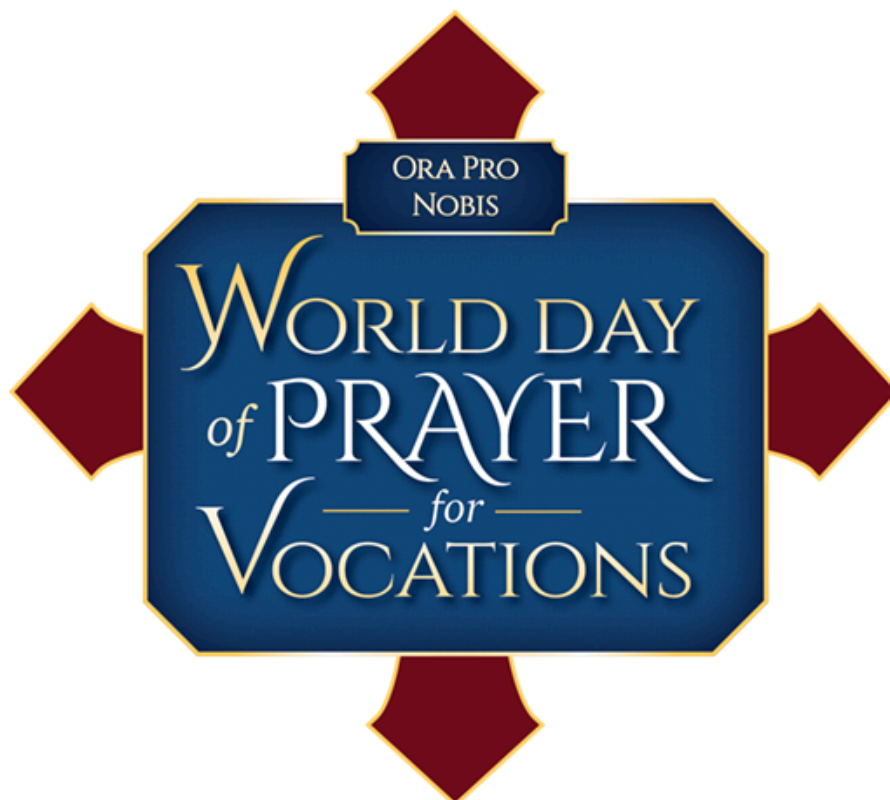
Pentecost event for young adults

Join young adults from across the Archdiocese to celebrate Pentecost at St Andrew's Church, 77 Belford Road, Edinburgh on Saturday 23 May, beginning at 4pm. There will be a talk, Eucharistic Adoration & opportunity for Confession, Holy Mass and a barbecue. Organised by the Archdiocese along with youth ministry at Edinburgh Jesuit Church, St Mary's Cathedral and St Albert's Chaplaincy. Register at bit.ly/pentecost26. Come, Holy Spirit!

Edinburgh Seven Hills Pilgrimage

The Seven Hills of Edinburgh Pilgrimage route is approximately 26km, taking in Castle Hill, Costorphine Hill, Criaglochart Hill, Braid Hill, Blackford Hill, Arthur's Seat and Calton Hill. Starts at St Mary's Catholic Cathedral at 9am on 13 June with a dedicated reflection at each peak from Monsignor Jeremy Milne. Details and registration at bit.ly/sevenhills26

Lord, Give Us the Grace of Discernment!



As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life or to live as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations—and teaching young people how to discern God’s call—is a serious duty, but also a joyful one. During this week, please encourage the young people in your life—children, grandchildren, students, and friends—to be open if God calls them to priesthood or religious life.

Join the Universal Church next Sunday in observing the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**, as we ask the Lord to send laborers into His harvest! This day is a reminder to pray for and support those discerning the priesthood, religious life, and other vocations in the Church.

Here are three simple ways you can participate:

- **Pray:** Offer a Rosary or a personal Holy Hour for an increase in vocations.
- **Encourage:** Take a moment to affirm someone who may have a vocation to priesthood or religious life.
- **Special Intention at Mass:** Offer your Mass intentions for priests, seminarians, and all those discerning their vocations.
- **Additional collection:** There will be a special collection for Ecclesiastical students. Your donation helps cover tuition fees and living costs for seminarians. Matthew McCafferty, a seminarian for the Archdiocese, said: "Knowing that the faithful of the Archdiocese are supporting us—both spiritually and in practical ways—gives great encouragement. It’s a reminder that this vocation is something we share together as a Church." Donations can also be made online at bit.ly/eccstudents25

May we all be open to God’s call in our own lives!

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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.



You can use My ChurchSuite to edit your personal information, and to update your contact preferences.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY & MONTHLY STANDING ORDERS/DIRECT DEBITS

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

SM - OFFERTORY
11/12 Apr: £817.52
SO/DD £1020.00

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

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS
N/A

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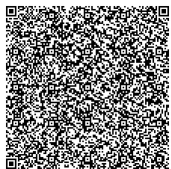
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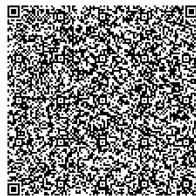
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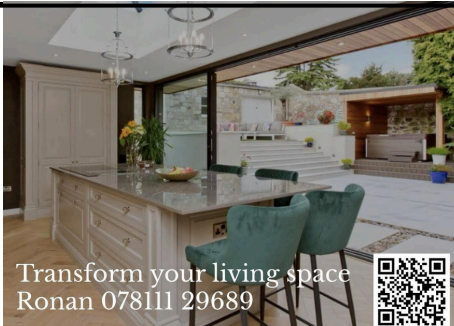
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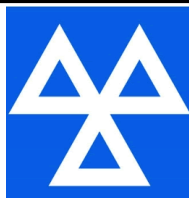
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SCRIPTUREREADINGS



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR (A)

FIRST READING Acts 2:14, 22-33

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst – as you yourselves know – this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

'For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

'Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this which you yourselves are seeing and hearing.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

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.

SECOND READING 1 Peter 1:17-21

Beloved: If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 16(15):1-2a, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11. R1
O Lord, you will show me the path of life.

Gospel Acclamation
cf. Luke 24:32
Alleluia, alleluia.
Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;
make our hearts burn within us
when you speak to us.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL Luke 24:13-35

On the first day of the week, two of the disciples of Jesus were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognising him. And he said to them, 'What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?' And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?' And he said to them, 'What things?' And they said to him, 'Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.' And he said to them, 'O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?' And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going further, but they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, for it is towards evening and the day is now far spent.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognised him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?' And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the Eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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