



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

HOME OF ST. MARGARET'S RELIC

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR (A)

26th 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 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
Sunday 26th <i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i>	St Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am – Holy Mass 11am – Holy Mass	Liz & Paddy Mallan (Golden Anniversary) Crilly & Cusick Families
Monday 27th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 28th	St. Margaret's Holy Name	10am – Holy Mass 11am – Term Mass with Holy Name Primary School	Maria Marciana Fernandes RIP Janet Lamont RIP. Albert Gatt RIP
Wednesday 29th <i>St Catherine of Siena (Feast)</i>	St. Margaret's Holy Name	10am – Holy Mass 11.30am – Requiem Mass for Janet Buchanan Lamont	John McBride, For the Veneration of Our Lady of Fatima
Thursday 30th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass	Kay Gilfillan RIP, Sheila Emerson (wellbeing)
Friday 1st May	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass	Fr Chris
Saturday 2nd	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 10.30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession 5.30pm – Vigil Mass	Willie Cassells RIP Cathy McMahon

Second Collection this 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.

Finance Update

There will be a Finance Update at Mass on Sunday – a paper copy of the report will be available at the back of the Churches.



Obituary – Please remember in your prayers:

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

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

Children's Liturgy Easter break

The Children's Liturgy returns this Sunday, 26th, after a hiatus for the school Easter holidays – we look forward to welcoming children from age 4 at nursery, to Primary 7. Parent/guardian welcome to join those with additional needs.

Contemplative Prayer weekly meeting

The Contemplative Prayer group will continue study of Fr Thomas Keating's videos, "The Spiritual Journey", on Wednesday 29th April. The meeting begins at 3pm in the Lady Chapel in St Margaret's with 20 minutes of silent contemplative prayer. After that will follow a discussion of the material in the video assigned for this coming week. Participants view the video at home in advance via YouTube. For the 29th of April this will be No. 6. "0a. Introduction: Attitudes to God, Part 1", which can be viewed on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLBE6fmRmYU8g6CAOwq4-IEvpSnbBxKfRO>. All are welcome.

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](https://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: **Jean Connor, 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

The Gillis Centre

The Archdiocese has announced that The Gillis Centre, which has long served as its administrative home, will be placed on the market for sale later this year. This follows a long process of review and time of reflection and discernment about how best to support the mission and future needs of the Archdiocese. The Gillis Centre holds a special place in the life of many, and Archbishop Cushley asks us to keep this transition in our prayers. The Curia team will continue their work there for now and will move to new premises in due course. Further information is available on the Archdiocesan website: archedinburgh.org/news

World Day of Prayer for Vocations – World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life is today. We give thanks for the men and women in the Archdiocese who have generously answered God's call to serve His Church. We particularly pray for Father Syriac and thank him for his service to the parish. Please pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, that more hearts may be open to hearing and responding to the Lord's call. There is a special collection for Ecclesiastical students at Mass this weekend. Your donation helps cover tuition fees and living costs for seminarians. Matthew McCafferty, a seminarian for the Archdiocese from Bathgate, 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

Corpus Christi Procession – Save the Date – The annual Archdiocesan Corpus Christi procession, led by Archbishop Cushley, will take place from Our Lady & St Andrew's, Stirling Street, Galashiels, on the afternoon of Sunday 7 June 2026. Details to follow soon.

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 4:00pm. Bring your own picnic, and the Archdiocese will provide tea/coffee, soft drinks & a dessert. 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.

Pentecost event for young adults – Join young adults from across the Archdiocese to celebrate Pentecost at St Andrew's Church, 77 Belford Road, Edinburgh, EH4 3DP, 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 the young adult ministries at Edinburgh Jesuit Church, St Mary's Cathedral and St Albert's Chaplaincy. Register at bit.ly/pentecost26. Come, Holy Spirit!

Reduce, Re-use, Recycle! Introducing the Parish Kids' Borrow Me, Return Me Wardrobe



The blessed Sacrament of Confirmation is a memorable moment in a young Catholic's life. It is a moment of celebration for their family, God-parents, and our collective congregation as we welcome the next generation into our fold.

For some, a barrier can be what to wear? What is suitable for such an occasion?

We have been generously gifted several dresses, waistcoats, shirts and ties of various sizes suitable for First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Baptism.

In these days of ever increasing living costs we thought it would be helpful to many families to use these beautiful items on a 'Borrow me, Return me' basis.

At this stage in a child's life when they outgrow clothes so quickly and with the trend now going back to days gone by when clothing was handed down from family and friends, buying items for special occasions can be very costly.

Father Syriac encourages us to think about the beautiful world that God created and that by RE-USING and RECYCLING we are protecting our environment.

This is just the beginning of 'BORROW ME – RETURN ME'. If you have any items suitable for children receiving their Sacraments please get in touch.

HOW TO BORROW

- Contact (in confidence) Lorna Stewart – email address lorna_stewart9@hotmail.co.uk
- Let us know what you need/age/size of child
- If slight adjustments need to be made we can help
- Pay a small deposit of £5
- After use, return to us for cleaning

HOW TO DONATE SPECIAL OCCASION ITEMS

- Use the above email address and we will contact you
- We are looking for Christening gowns – babies and young children
- White dresses/accessories suitable for First Holy Communion age 8-13
- Smart shirts, waistcoats, blazers, jackets, ties age 8-13

We hope that this is something that will help out many families. Please share with other parents in the Parish and Schools.

Many thanks for your support.

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.

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
 18/19 Apr: £958.13
 SO/DD £1020.00

HN - MONTHLY OFFERTORY:
 12 Mar-14 Apr: £1449.53
 SO/DD £1127.38

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS
 N/A

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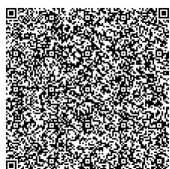
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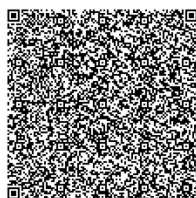
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SCRIPTUREREADINGS



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR (A)

FIRST READING Acts 2:14a, 36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the Apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?' And Peter said to them, 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.' And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this crooked generation.' So those who received his word were baptised, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING 1 Peter 2:20b-25

Beloved: If when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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Thanks be to God



GOSPEL John 10:1-10

At that time: Jesus said, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.' This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.'

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

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 23(22):1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6. R̥
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation
John 10:14
Alleluia, alleluia.
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord.
I know my sheep and my own know me.
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.

P7 CONFIRMATIONS CONGRATULATIONS



Warm congratulations to our children!

On the evening of the last Tuesday, by the laying on of hands and the anointing with holy chrism by Archbishop Leo, 28 of our children received the Sacrament of Confirmation, and the Church called them to be strong and perfect Christians and true soldiers of Jesus Christ.

Dear Children, Your Confirmation is not a “finish line” in the faith journey—it is a milestone of growth. If Baptism is the sacrament of birth, Confirmation is the sacrament of growth, and it is also a sacrament of witness: it should lead you toward a more mature Christian life and an active participation in the life of the Church.

What does Confirmation mean in your faith journey?

Confirmation is the sacrament that perfects what began at Baptism. Through Baptism, you became reborn in the Spirit and were incorporated into Christ and his Church. Confirmation, in turn, makes you share more fully in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit—rooting you more deeply in Christ, binding you more firmly to the Church, and strengthening you to witness to the faith.

So your Confirmation is meant to show itself in your life: in courage, honesty, forgiveness, prayer, and choices that make sense in the light of Christ. You are not confirmed only for personal comfort or private faith; you are confirmed for mission—to build up the Body of Christ and to contribute to the Church’s work in the world.

An invitation for what comes next

Dear Children, As you leave this day behind and step into the next season of your faith journey, I invite you to commit to three practical steps:

- **Pray daily, even briefly**—begin and end your day with God, asking for the Holy Spirit’s strength to live your faith.
- **Stay close to the Church**—Mass, the Sacraments, and participation in parish life help your Confirmation become a living reality, not just a memory. Our parish needs you!
- **Practice witness**—in school, at home, and with friends: be truthful, forgive, stand up for what is right, and speak about Christ when you can.

The Holy Spirit has been given to you. Guard what you have received, and let your life spread the “fragrance of Christ” wherever you go.

A special word for parents, catechists, and teachers

And dear parents, catechists, and teachers: thank you for accompanying these children in faith. May the Lord reward your efforts, strengthen your families, and continue to build His Church through the gifts He pours out.

To your parents: your role is irreplaceable. Adults who surround children must support their spiritual growth by witness—marked by attention, acceptance, forgiveness, and faithful love—so that young people can learn what God is like through the example of your faithful witness.

Dear catechists and teachers: thank you for teaching the faith not only with words, but also with patience and consistent effort. Your time and effort help our children to form their hearts ready to receive the Holy Spirit’s gifts and to live them.

**Yours in faith,
Fr Syriac**

**Come, Holy Spirit.
Fill the hearts of your faithful with the gift of your strength.
Root us more deeply in Christ, bind us
more firmly to the Church,
and make us bold witnesses of Jesus in word and deed.
Amen.**



Congratulations to Jamie McLean on his Confirmation at St Patrick’s church in Lochgelly on 19 April.