

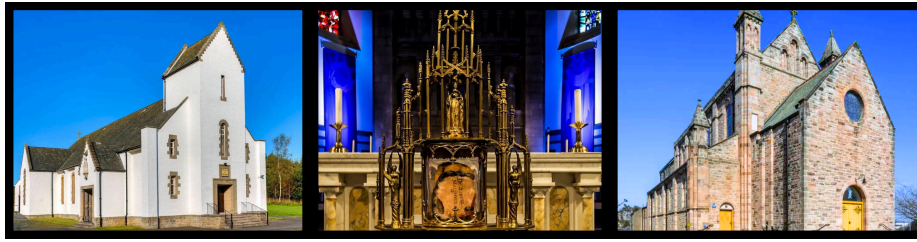


ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR (A)

17 May 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 16th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass & Baptism of Pheobe Evans, followed by & Novena of St. Margaret 5.30pm – Vigil Mass & Baptism of Dylan Harrison	Moira McGuigan RIP Longin Winski RIP
Sunday 17th <i>World Communications Day</i>	St Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am – Holy Mass 11am – Holy Mass	Nessie and Ben Farrell RIP Janet Lamont RIP, John Bowes RIP
Monday 18th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 19th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass	Jean Glancy, Fr Patrick Kelly RIP Margaret Quinn (Blantyre) RIP
Wednesday 20th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass	Deceased members of McGuinness Family, Albert Gatt RIP Louisa Weymes RIP
Thursday 21st	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass	George Toal (wellbeing)
Friday 22nd	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass	John Elston RIP
Saturday 23rd	St. Margaret's Holy Name St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 10.30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession 3pm – Wedding of Zinnia Hall & Frederick Barratt, blessed by Archbishop Leo Cushley 5.30pm – Vigil Mass	Desmond Hughes, Hughes and Rock Families Sada & Allan MacDonald RIP

Novena of St Margaret - The Novena of St Margaret will be held every month from the 10th-18th, after morning Mass at St Margaret's.

Second collection this weekend - World Communication Sunday

There will be a special collection for the apostolate of communications at Vigil Mass and on Sunday 17 May. Your donation supports the work of the Office of Communications and Evangelisation (led by Bishop Frank Dougan of Galloway Diocese) to help fund initiatives that amplify the Gospel and strengthen the Church's voice in Scotland and in the digital sphere. Read more in the Spotlight on Page 3.

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.



Scam Emails

Please be cautious of emails or messages claiming to be from priests or parish members asking for money or gift cards. Do not respond or send money. Our parish will never request funds in this way. Please report any suspicious messages to the parish office at office.stmargaretdunfermline@staned.org.uk.

Baptism Congratulations

We are blessed in our congregation to celebrate the baptism of three children - last weekend, Ronnie Fitzsimmons was baptised, and this Saturday, Pheobe Evans and Dylan Harris will be baptised. God bless them and their beloved parents.

OWG Breakfast this Sunday

The One World Group breakfast is today (Sunday) after 9.30am mass. Please join us in the Crypt to enjoy a bacon or sausage roll and a cuppa. It's a great way to meet other Parishioners. The breakfast is sponsored by Lorna and Tommy Stewart to celebrate their wedding anniversary. Congratulations to them!

Bereavement Group

The next monthly group is on Thursday 28th May, 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!

Sick in the Parish

We would like to ask your prayers for: **Angela Cusick, 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

Communications Sunday

Today the Church marks Communications Sunday. Digital communication has become an important part of evangelisation and outreach. A video, livestream, social media post, or message of hope can often become the first step in someone's journey towards Christ. The second collection this weekend will support the work of the Office of Communications & Evangelisation of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland as we continue to share the Gospel through digital media, social platforms, video, news, and resources reaching people across Scotland and beyond. Please keep this work in your prayers and support the second collection.

Fr Norman Cooper

Mass for the 30th Anniversary of the death of Fr Norman Cooper will take place at 7pm on Wednesday 20 May in St John's, 35 Brighton Place, Portobello, EH15 1LT. Fr Norman died tragically climbing in the Cuillin in Skye in May 1996. All are welcome to celebrate his life and pray for the repose of his soul.

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 from Fr Daniel Magaji, Eucharistic Adoration & opportunity for Confession, Holy Mass celebrated by Archbishop Cushley 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!

Corpus Christi Procession

The Archdiocesan Corpus Christi procession, led by Archbishop Cushley, will take place from Our Lady & St Andrew's, Stirling Street, Galashiels, at 3pm on Sunday 7 June 2026. Afterwards there will be Benediction in the Church followed by refreshments in the presbytery garden. This annual event is a beautiful, public celebration of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. All welcome.

Mothers and Daughters: May Crowning and Procession

Mothers and Daughters of all ages are invited by the Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma for an afternoon to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary. Activities include a May Crowning and procession, Marian crafts and cookie decorating. The event is hosted on Saturday 23 May from 1-2.30pm at St. Andrew's, 77 Belford Rd. Edinburgh, EH4 3DS. RSVP by 20 May to edinburgh@almamercy.org.

St Margaret Pilgrimage

This annual national Catholic event takes place on Sunday 14 June in Dunfermline. Schedule: 12pm Angelus at St Margaret's Cave; 1pm Prayer Service at St Margaret's tomb at Dunfermline Abbey; 2pm Procession from Glen Gates to St Margaret's Memorial Church, East Port; 3pm Mass at St Margaret's Memorial Church, celebrated by Archbishop Cushley.

SPOTLIGHT: WORLD COMMUNICATION SUNDAY

Dear Friends in Christ,

This Sunday the Church marks the World Communications Sunday, a day of prayer and reflection on how God's gift of communication is meant to serve truth, communion, and the proclamation of the Gospel. In a world where information travels instantly, the Church reminds us on this day that communication is not only a technical matter but also it is deeply connected to fellowship and to the moral responsibility to seek what is true and good.

As a parish, it may be a call for us to remain as a community where the Word is heard, shared, and lived. That means communication for us is to deepen our communion with God and each other, not just a piece of information.

In our parish, I believe, the ministry of St Margaret's Communications Team serves as a helping tool to deepen our convictions based on the Gospel values. It helps us to feel less distant from one another. When communication is authentic, it helps people draw nearer, learn about one another better, and grow together in unity.

So today we pray that every Newsletter item, Parish Website, Facebook and social media posts, emails, announcements, Parish registration through ChurchSuite, Birthday Greeting, livestream, and spoken word of welcome becomes a small act of building up our parish as a community of true Love: helping people find one another, remain attentive to Christ, and recognise God's love at work in our parish.

I take this occasion to highlight the meritorious service of our Communications Team past and present, and duly thank them. Please receive my deep gratitude from the bottom of my heart for your faithful work—often quiet, always essential, and frequently unseen. Pope Leo XIV has reminded us that in an age of communication, information is a public good and that the way news and media are handled can form consciences and help people keep the true from the false. In that light, your service is not merely technical: it is genuinely pastoral.

Now, as we observe World Communications Sunday, let me take this space to draw your attention to the importance of **registering with the parish through ChurchSuite**, which is going to shortly be the focal point of all our parish communications. ChurchSuite is a secure, GDPR compliant digital platform that helps the parish to communicate more effectively and efficiently, so that the right information reaches the right people—for example, families with children, specific ministries, and those involved in upcoming events. I also want to single out a simple but beautiful practice that has evolved as one of the effects of our parish register: the birthday messages, many of you have already received! For individuals, those messages can feel like a personal reminder that they are remembered, prayed for, and held in the warmth of parish life—exactly when it matters most. It is our team's behind-the-scenes effort that makes these moments possible.

I am pleased to announce that within this short period of time, we have 533 parishioners who have registered through ChurchSuite. I would like to thank all of them for their timely response to the plea of their priest!

If you haven't registered yet, please do so now. A simple step from you can be of great help to the parish to serve our community better—through more appropriate support, better pastoral initiatives, and more effective care for families and individuals. Details of how to do so are on the reverse of the Reading Sheet.

We have noticed that, in some families, only one member has been registered whereas we would like to have all who attend church are included. Please understand that registering is not about paperwork—it is an individual commitment to the life of the parish.

To make this easier and more welcoming, we will hold a **Parish Registration Day**, with the help of our volunteers, especially for those who find it difficult to register digitally or who do not have access to the necessary gadgets.

May the Lord bless our community and bring us together in truth, charity, and hope—so that our parish becomes more and more a “house of welcome” for all.

Yours in Christ,
Fr Syriac

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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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.

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.

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 2026

SM & HN Building Fund
 1st Sun every month

World Communications Day
 17 May

Day for Life
 21 June

WEEKLY OFFERTORY & MONTHLY STANDING ORDERS/DIRECT DEBITS

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

SM - OFFERTORY
9/10 MAY: £953.31
SO/DD £1020.00

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

BUILDING FUND
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HN: £148.31

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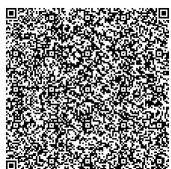
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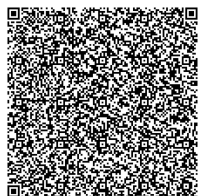
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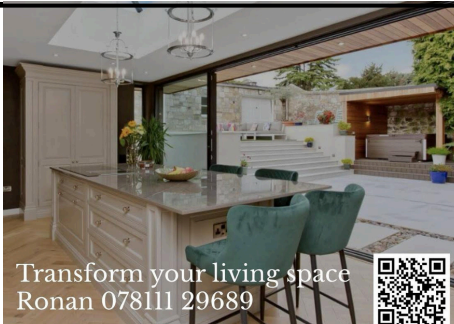
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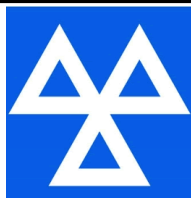
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SPOTLIGHT: ARE YOU ON THE PARISH REGISTER?



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH REGISTER



Parish Registration Days

To help you get onto the Parish Register on ChurchSuite, our Communications Team will be armed with ipads and laptops to add your details.

It's a simple list of information, some mandatory, some optional: your name, date of birth, home address, contact phone number, email address.

Through ChurchSuite, you can manage your information and which communications you would like to receive (or not).

We'll be available at the back of the church after Mass on the following dates:

- **Sunday 24th May, at Holy Name after Sunday Mass**
- **Sunday 31st May, at St Margaret's after Sunday Mass**
- **Saturday 6th June, at St Margaret's after Vigil Mass**

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.



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.

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

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

priest.stmargaretdunfermline@staned.org.uk
or 07706 083493 or 01383 625611



SCRIPTUREREADINGS

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR (A)



FIRST READING Acts 1:12-14

After Jesus was taken up into heaven the Apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers and sisters.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING 1 Peter 4:13-16

Beloved: Rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evildoer, or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL John 17:1-11a

At that time: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.'

'I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Responsorial Psalm Ps 27(26):1. 4. 7-8a. R13

I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation Cf. John 14:18 Alleluia, alleluia.

**I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord.
I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice.
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.