



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

HOME OF ST. MARGARET'S RELIC

PENTECOST SUNDAY - YEAR (A)
24th 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 23rd	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass 10.30am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession	Desmond Hughes, Hughes and Rock Families
	Holy Name	3pm - Wedding of Zinnia Hall & Frederick Barratt, blessed by Archbishop Leo Cushley	
	St. Margaret's	5.30pm - Vigil Mass	Sada & Allan MacDonald RIP
Sunday 24th Pentecost Sunday	St Margaret's	9.30am - Holy Mass	People of the Parish
	Holy Name	11am - Holy Mass	Sally Canning RIP
Monday 25th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 26th	Holy Name	9am - Holy Mass	Deceased members of McGuinness Family
	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass	Lady Caroline Ukamaka Odineze RIP
Wednesday 27th	Holy Name	9am - Holy Mass	Thanksgiving for an answered Prayer, Albert Gatt RIP
	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass	Our Lady of Lourdes
Thursday 28th	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass	Andrew Penman RIP
Friday 29th	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass	Noreen McInerney RIP
		2pm - Baptism of Maximillian Cairns	
Saturday 30th	St. Margaret's	11am - First Holy Communion	Ciaran Moore RIP
	St. Margaret's	5.30pm - Vigil Mass	Michael Sheehan RIP

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.

Safeguarding Reminder

A reminder to all Parents and Guardians that children are not to be left unattended in the church at any point. Please ensure that you know where your children are at all times. Please accompany them to the toilet and around the building.



Congratulations!

Wishing our best to Zinnia Hall and Frederick Barratt on their wedding which was blessed by Archbishop Leo Cushley at Holy Name on Saturday 23rd May.

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!

Can't make it to a Service? Watch the Livestream

A reminder that all services and masses at St Margaret's are live-streamed on the Parish website. If you have family members further afield who can't attend a baptism, funeral, wedding or significant mass, they can watch online at www.stmargaretsdunfermline.co.uk.

Donated item

A used copy of a Chinese Bible (English-Chinese dual language) is available to pick up from the Sacristy.

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

National Catholic Event

Join others from across Scotland at Glasgow Caledonian University on Saturday 6 June for Trust in God Still – a Celebration of the Catholic Church in Scotland. Whether involved in parish life, diocesan leadership, education, ministry or simply seeking to grow deeper in mission, this day is for you. Lunch is included on the day. Tickets £45: Register bit.ly/synodality26

New Catholic Retreat Day

Have you joined the Church in the last three years? On Saturday 20 June join other new Catholics at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Rd EH9 1BB for a day including Mass, short talks, testimony and time for prayer. Register your interest with Sr Miriam Ruth: srmiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk

Corpus Christi Procession

The Archdiocesan Corpus Christi procession, led by Archbishop Leo, 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.

Edinburgh Seven Hills Pilgrimage

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

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.

Mass for Married & Engaged Couples

Archbishop Cushley will celebrate Mass for Married and Engaged Couples at St Mary's Cathedral on Friday 19 June at 7pm with a reception afterwards in Coffee Saints. All welcome!

Annual Caritas, Justice & Peace Mass

The annual Caritas, Justice & Peace Mass takes place at St Peter's Church, 9 Carmondean Centre Road, Deans, Livingston, EH54 8PT on Thursday 18 June 2026. Guest speaker is Peter Diamond from Aid to the Church in Need.

Making God-Centred Decisions

A day-retreat for young adults in their 20s and 30s takes place from 10am to 4pm Sunday 30 May at Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9DJ There will be workshops, prayer and discussion, led by Fr Roger Dawson SJ. Free event, register at bit.ly/4unDxiw

St Margaret's Church Stall

Our custom-made stall sells a wide selection of suitable Christian gifts for the significant sacraments and liturgical times of year along with items to help our prayer life.

Thanks to the generous custom of our parishioners, the stall sold £805.47 of goods at the last count.

We have focus times during the year most recently First Communion and Confirmation.

This month we are focusing on Mary as part of the month of May with different styles of Rosary, Prayer Cards (including Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Miraculous) and battery votives among the items available to help prayer.

There is a wide range of cards priced at £1 from Mass Cards, Sympathy, Get Well Soon, Thinking of You, Baptism, Wedding etc.

We also have 'I lit a candle for you' and 'I attended a Mass for you' cards which are a different way to show you care and involves the recipient in the Church life when they cannot attend in person.

Prayer cards relating to the statues found around the church are also available with medals to help continue prayer at home.

Payment is made in cash into the marked safe boxes on the wall next to the glass doors.

If there is anything you would like us to consider stocking, please put your suggestion in the Parish Suggestion Box found at the back of the church.



THANK
YOU

A thank you to Cathy & Amanda Dellar

On behalf of all of the congregation, I'd like to take the opportunity to give my heartfelt thanks to Cathy and Amanda Dellar for their dedication in running the shop. They thoughtfully check the stock, source and order to ensure that there are cards and gifts married to the liturgical calendar.

With few Catholic cards which reflect our beliefs available in commercial shops, it is a great service for our parishioners.

**May God bless you both for your services to the
Church
- Fr Syriac**

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.

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	Day for Life 21 June	Peter's Pence 27 June
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WEEKLY OFFERTORY & MONTHLY STANDING ORDERS/DIRECT DEBITS

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

SM - OFFERTORY 16/17 MAY: TO FOLLOW SO/DD £1020.00	HN - MONTHLY OFFERTORY: 12 Mar-14 Apr: £1449.53 SO/DD £1127.38	COMMUNICATION SUNDAY 17 MAY HN: £132.27
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PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

ACCOUNT NAME, SORT CODE & ACCOUNT NO

CHARITY BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

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 If you're a UK Tax payer, contact Parish office to register for Gift Aid

Archdiocese of St Andrews & St Margaret 83-06-08 21522638 	The Holy Name Parish 83-33-00 ~ 00176355 	St. Margaret's One World Group 83-33-00 10191867	SM SSVPAE02044 80-06-55 00768139	HN SSVPAE02040 80-22-60 13364166
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SCRIPTUREREADINGS

PENTECOST SUNDAY – YEAR (A)



FIRST READING Acts 2:1-11

When the day of Pentecost arrived, the Apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians – we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Brothers and Sisters: No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except in the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptised into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL John 20:19-23

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.'

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



Responsorial Psalm

Ps 104(103):1ab, 24ac, 29b-30, 31, 34. R. cf. 30

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.**

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.

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:

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