



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - YEAR (A)
31st 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 30th	St. Margaret's St. Margaret's	11am - First Holy Communion 5.30pm - Vigil Mass	Ciaran Moore RIP Michael Sheehan RIP
Sunday 31st <i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>	St Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am - Holy Mass 11am - Holy Mass & First Holy Communion	For First Holy Communion Children Ian Henderson (Birthday Remembrance)
Monday 1st June		NO MASS	
Tuesday 2nd	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am - Holy Mass 10am - Holy Mass	Albert Gatt RIP Fr Chris
Wednesday 3rd	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am - Holy Mass 10am - Holy Mass	James Joseph RIP Lorna & Tommy Stewart (wedding Anniversary)
Thursday 4th	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass	Kay Frizell (wellbeing)
Friday 5th	St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass	Bridget Brolly RIP
Saturday 6th	St. Margaret's St. Margaret's	10am - Holy Mass 5.30pm - Vigil Mass	Elaine Miller (wellbeing) Rosa Ranken RIP

First Holy Communion - This Saturday and Sunday, children from across the Parish will receive the blessed sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time. We give our thanks to their parents, families, school staff and children's sacramental group for helping the children to prepare for this most holy point in their spiritual life. Please hold them in your prayers.

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. A digital copy is emailed to everyone on the Parish register, weekly.

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.

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: your name, date of birth, home address, contact phone number, email address. Find us on Sunday 31st May, at St Margaret's after Sunday Mass, and Saturday 6th June, at St Margaret's after Vigil Mass.



Obituaries - Please remember in your prayers:

Janet McGuinness - Her funeral will be a Requiem Mass at Holy Name on Wednesday 17th June at 11.30am, followed by interment at Culross Cemetery.

Virginia Shaw - Her funeral will be Requiem Mass at St Margaret's on Tuesday 23rd June at 10am, then at Dunfermline Crematorium at 11.30am.

May their souls rest in peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with their family and friends.

Men's Group, 4 June

There will be a Men's Group Meeting on Thursday 4th June starting at 7.30pm in the Crypt at St Margaret's. All men of the Parish are welcome to attend.

Auld Town 10k, Sunday 7 June - impact on Road access to St Margaret's

The Auld Town 10k run is taking place in Dunfermline town on Sunday 7 June in the morning. East Port will be closed from the entrance of Viewfield Terrace at the time of Sunday Mass. Therefore Viewfield Terrace Car Park will be closed. While the church car park will be open and accessible, once it is full please use alternative parking. The closest is available at Lays Park.

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 Pendrowski, 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 to the Newly Weds!

Tim and Lisa Hall would like to thank the Holy Name team for all their support in ensuring that the wedding of their daughter, Zinnia, to Freddie Barratt, was a huge success. Holy Name looked magnificent, and left a memorable impression on all the guests.

On behalf of the Parish, we wish Zinnia and Freddie a blessed marriage!

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

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

www.archedinburgh.org/news-events

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. Event guide at bit.ly/corpus26.

Magnifica Humanitas - In his first encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas ('Magnificent Humanity'), Pope Leo XIV reflects on the challenges and opportunities of artificial intelligence in light of Catholic social teaching, calling all people to safeguard human dignity, truth, justice, and peace. The full text of the encyclical may be read at the Vatican website.

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

Thanksgiving service - An ecumenical service of gratitude for the defeat of the recent Assisted Suicide bill at Holyrood takes place on Wednesday 3 June, 7.30pm, at Cornerstone Free Church of Scotland, The Old School House, 140 Morningside Road, Edinburgh, EH10 4PX.

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 Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB for a Mass, short talks, testimony and time for prayer. Registration and details at bit.ly/newcatholicsretreat

2 weeks to go...

Dunfermline will once again step into its historic role as a centre of pilgrimage on Sunday 14th June as hundreds of people are expected to take part in the annual St Margaret's Pilgrimage.

The colourful procession will make its way through the city centre, celebrating the legacy of St Margaret of Scotland – the 11th-century Queen whose life and work helped shape Scotland's religious and civic identity.

Around 950 years ago, Queen Margaret, wife of King Malcolm, lived here in Dunfermline where she walked the very streets we walk on now, and lived a life of charity, piety and immense devotion to God. This led to her Sainthood and would also secure a strong foothold for Christianity here in Scotland. St Margaret's story still speaks powerfully today because she combined faith with practical care for ordinary people, especially the poor and vulnerable.

The format of this year's events is as follows:

12pm – The Angelus will be said at St Margaret's Cave

1pm – There will be a short prayer service at St Margaret's tomb at Dunfermline Abbey

2pm – The Pilgrimage Procession will start at the Glen Gates and makes its way up the high street, to St Margaret's church.

3pm – Holy Mass in St Margaret's Church.

It's an easy schedule to remember 12 noon, 1pm, 2pm & 3pm.

Everyone is invited, and even if you can only come to one or some of the events, please make that effort: it's worth it!

The Angelus at 12noon is a unique opportunity to visit the Cave, where St Margaret prayed, with the Relic of St Margaret present.

The short service at the tomb at 1pm is reflective, inspirational and inclusive. It brings people together across traditions and backgrounds in a spirit of friendship, prayer and welcome and culminates with a floral tribute laid on the tomb.

The pilgrimage starts at 2pm from the Glen Gates at the bottom of the High Street, led by a pipe band. The Relic is carried by the Archbishop, flanked by a guard of honour by the Knights of St Columba, and in the procession are the Knights and Dames of Malta and Holy Sepulchre. It's quite a colourful spectacle with a festival feel.

The mass at 3pm in St Margaret's church is devoted to St Margaret and will be led by Archbishop Cushley.

A reminder, from last year's Pilgrimage...



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	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: £798.94 SO/DD £1020.00	HN - MONTHLY OFFERTORY: 12 Mar-14 Apr: £1449.53 SO/DD £1127.38	COMMUNICATION SUNDAY 17 MAY SM: £597.03
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SCRIPTUREREADINGS

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FIRST READING Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

In those days: Moses rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand two tablets of stone. The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.'

And Moses quickly bowed his head towards the earth and worshipped. And he said, 'If now I have found favour in your sight, O Lord, please let the Lord go in the midst of us, for it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 13:11-14

Brothers and Sisters: Rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL John 3:16-18

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

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



Responsorial Psalm
Dan 3:52. 53. 54. 55. 56. R52b
To be praised and highly exalted for ever!

Gospel Acclamation
Cf. Revelation 1:8
Alleluia, alleluia.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
the God who is and who was and who is to come.
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.

Magnifica Humanitas ("The Magnificent Humanity")

Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas* ("The Magnificent Humanity"), is a timely appeal to safeguard the dignity of the human person in the rapidly developing age of artificial intelligence. While the world is being reshaped by digitalisation, AI and robotics, the Holy Father insists that these powers must be measured against the Gospel—because human life is not data, performance, or profit, but a reality rooted in God.

The Encyclical's Main Challenge: Babel or Jerusalem?

The encyclical frames our moment through two biblical images: The Tower of Babel and Nehemiah rebuilding Jerusalem.

In Babel, a single direction and a single "language", built without reference to God, leads to confusion rather than true unity—because communication collapses when people seek control and self-sufficiency instead of communion.

This "Babel syndrome" is not only ancient; today it can appear in a technical form when systems built for efficiency risk sacrificing the weak, flattening human differences, and reducing the mystery of the person into something measurable.

Nehemiah, by contrast, shows a different path: before rebuilding walls, he fasts, prays, and listens. He coordinates families and communities so each person truly contributes their "section of the wall."

For Pope Leo XIV, this becomes a picture of how to navigate AI responsibly: not by forcing one uniform model on everyone, but by rebuilding a society where listening, dialogue, and shared responsibility make room for justice and fraternity.

Technology Is Not a Simple "Yes" or "No"

A key point of the encyclical is that technology is not inherently evil, and it can genuinely help people heal, connect, educate, and protect.

However, the Holy Father warns that technology is never neutral in practice, because it reflects the values and choices of those who devise, finance, regulate, and use it.

Therefore, the real question is moral and spiritual: Are we building a future that dominates "the heavens," or a common life where people can flourish in truth, justice, and peace—together, in God's light?

This encyclical gives us a moral call to confront the digital revolution with a clear choice: avoid the "Babel" temptation—where a project built without God turns unity into confusion and reduces the person to data—by opting instead for the "Jerusalem" path, where listening, dialogue, and shared responsibility rebuild fraternity in truth.

The encyclical also insists that technology is not simply 'good' or 'bad' in itself, but that it must be judged wisely to ensure that it safeguards human dignity and the common good—especially for those most vulnerable—so that progress becomes humane and truly ordered to peace.

Yours, in Faith,

-Fr Syriac

Read the full text on the Vatican website, www.vatican.va and search for "Magnifica Humanitas"