



# ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

## HOME OF ST. MARGARET'S RELIC

**CORPUS CHRISTI - YEAR (A)**  
**7th June 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 6th	<b>St. Margaret's</b>	<b>10am - Holy Mass &amp; Baptism of Haydon John Vernor</b>	Elaine Miller (wellbeing)
	<b>St. Margaret's</b>	<b>5.30pm - Vigil Mass</b>	Rosa Ranken RIP
<b>Sunday 7th</b> <i>Corpus Christi - The Most Holy Body &amp; Blood of Christ</i>	<b>St Margaret's</b> <b>Holy Name</b>	<b>9.30am - Holy Mass &amp; First Holy Communion</b> <b>11am - Holy Mass</b>	First Holy Communion Children Molly McLarnon RIP
Monday 8th		<b>NO MASS</b>	
Tuesday 9th <i>St Columba (Feast)</i>	<b>Holy Name</b> <b>St. Margaret's</b>	<b>9am - Holy Mass</b> <b>10am - Holy Mass</b>	Albert Gatt RIP Our Lady of Fatima
Wednesday 10th	<b>Holy Name</b> <b>St. Margaret's</b>	<b>9am - Holy Mass</b> <b>10am - Holy Mass &amp; Novena of St. Margaret</b>	Len Brazel RIP Tommy Mooney RIP
Thursday 11th <i>St Barnabus</i>	<b>St. Margaret's</b>	<b>10am - Holy Mass &amp; Novena of St. Margaret</b>	Michael Deane RIP
<b>Friday 12th</b> <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	<b>St. Margaret's</b>	<b>10am - Holy Mass &amp; Novena of St. Margaret</b> <b>7pm - Holy Mass</b>	Jean Davidson RIP James Joseph RIP
Saturday 13th <i>St Antony of Padua</i>	<b>St. Margaret's</b> <b>St. Margaret's</b>	<b>10am - Holy Mass &amp; Novena of St. Margaret</b> <b>5.30pm - Vigil Mass</b>	Ann & John Harris Moira McCrae RIP
<b>Sunday 14th</b>	<b>St Margaret's</b>	<b>3pm - St Margaret's Pilgrimage with Archbishop Leo Cushley</b>	St Margaret

**There will be an additional Mass on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> in the evening, 7pm at St Margaret's for The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.**

**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 this Sunday, 7th June. 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.

**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 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 at St Margaret's on Saturday 6th June after Vigil Mass.



## Obituaries – Please remember in your prayers:

**Janet McGuinness** – Her funeral will be a Requiem Mass at Holy Name on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 11.30am, followed by interment at Culross Cemetery.

**Virginia Shaw** – Her funeral will be Requiem Mass at St Margaret's on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## Reception for First Holy Communion, Sunday 7 June

Family and friends of the children receiving First Holy Communion are invited to a reception in the Crypt after Mass on Sunday morning. Therefore there will be no Tea & Toasts this Sunday.

## Volunteers Week, 1-7 June – THANK YOU!

As it's Volunteers Week (<https://volunteersweek.org/>), Fr would like to acknowledge the efforts of each and every volunteer who gives their time, heart and soul to serving the church. You are doing God's work and we thank you! If you'd like to help in some capacity, please contact the Office.

## Request re. Altar Servers

Could parents and guardians of our Altar Servers who will be taking part in the Annual St Margaret's Pilgrimage next weekend, please add your child's name (or children's names) to the list in the sacristy this weekend. We're also updating our contact information for our altar servers – please check & amend the info on the sheet in the Sacristy. If you have any questions, please speak to Dean McGuire, our Parish Altar Server Coordinator, after Mass.

## Church Noticeboard polite request

If you have a poster you'd like to put on the noticeboard in either church, please discuss with Colleen, Carmel or Sonia in the Parish office (email [office.stmargaretdunfermline@staned.org.uk](mailto:office.stmargaretdunfermline@staned.org.uk)) or Father to seek approval. Only content in line with the Church is appropriate for the noticeboard.

## Women's Parish Day Retreat, 3 September

There are **2 spaces left** at this day retreat for women of the Parish, on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept, 10am-4pm. The retreat will be at St Margaret's. The suggested donation is £30 (but you are welcome to come whether you can make pay or not). Participants bring their own lunch. If you would like to sign up, please let Charlotte Macintosh know by the end of June. Email [cjm909@btinternet.com](mailto:cjm909@btinternet.com).

## Sick in the Parish

We would like to ask your prayers for: **Stella Fitzgerald, 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](mailto:office.stmargaretdunfermline@staned.org.uk)

# ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

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

[www.archedinburgh.org/news-events](http://www.archedinburgh.org/news-events)

## Encountering Jesus, Touching God

Are you a new Catholic, or simply wish to renew your faith? On Saturday 20 June come to a retreat day at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Special guest is Fr Lawrence Lew, global Promoter General for the Holy Rosary. This Archdiocesan event includes Mass, short talks, and time for prayer. Register at [bit.ly/newcatholicretreat](http://bit.ly/newcatholicretreat)

## Consultation

Archbishop Cushley invites you to respond to consultation questions from the Bishops' Conference of Scotland regarding the structures of the Church in Scotland. The consultation questions are online at [bit.ly/archconsultation26](http://bit.ly/archconsultation26). For context, please see the BCOS statement at [bit.ly/bcosstatement](http://bit.ly/bcosstatement). Responses must be submitted by Friday 26 June.

## Corpus Christi

The Archdiocesan Corpus Christi procession is at Our Lady & St Andrew's in Galashiels, at 3pm this Sunday (7 June 2026). 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](http://bit.ly/corpus26).

## Edinburgh Seven Hills Pilgrimage

The Seven Hills of Edinburgh Pilgrimage route is approximately 26km. It starts at St Mary's Catholic Cathedral at 9:00am on Saturday 13 June with a dedicated reflection at each peak from Monsignor Jeremy Milne. More than 100 people have registered already. Details and registration at [bit.ly/sevenhills26](http://bit.ly/sevenhills26)

## 華人天主教團體彌撒 | Mass in Cantonese

Jesuit Church of the Sacred Heart Church, 28 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9DJ at 2pm on Sunday 14 June followed by a social.

## SPOTLIGHT: CORPUS CHRISTI

**This week the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)—a feast that helps us see something astonishing: at the altar, Jesus is truly present. The altar is not only a place where Mass happens; it represents the altar of sacrifice and the table of the Lord, because Christ’s sacrifice is made present under sacramental signs, and He feeds us as “food from heaven.”**

This year, our parish family has been blessed with 38 children who have received/ are receiving the Body of Christ for the very first time in their lives: 29 received First Holy Communion last Saturday, 1 received it last Sunday at Holy Name, and 8 will receive the blessed Sacrament this Sunday. Let us keep all of them and their families close to our hearts!

### Dear Children,

Congratulations to all of you! You are not only the future of St Margaret’s parish— you are a part of the living Church gathered around the altar and growing in a real friendship with Jesus. Today the Church invites you to build your life around the altar by letting Jesus shape what you do, say, and choose. The Eucharist is meant to transform your life. Receive Jesus with reverence—your posture, your voice, and your silence should say, “Jesus is here.” It means learning to recognise Jesus as the centre of the whole week—not only on Sunday, but in the choices you make on Monday, Tuesday, and every day.



Pope Francis reminded us that Communion is meant to unite us to Jesus, not leave us unchanged: “The body of Christ is the bond which unites you to him.” If we receive Him, we should grow in belonging to Him and in becoming more like Him. May God grant that you grow with a great and steady hunger for Jesus, so that you will learn to love what He loves, and to bring His light into school, into play, into your day-to-day interaction with others. When you receive the Body of Christ, Jesus wants your life to become more like His. That can look like choosing to be kind, forgiving quickly, and obeying your parents with love.

### Dear Parents,

You are the first teachers of faith. The family is rightly called the domestic Church: it hands on the faith and helps children grow through prayer and sacramental life, centred on the Eucharist. Help your child learn that “Mass time” is special and sacred.

So please: Bring your child to Mass with consistency and joy, and accompany them in their spiritual journey.

Teach reverence and obedience at Mass. The Church teaches that the liturgy is the summit and source of grace, and it is also a privileged place for catechising God’s children—especially through the sacraments.

You can support this by:

- Arriving on time and preparing your child beforehand (washroom, water, quiet talk)
- Praising their reverence (not only their behaviour)
- Talking briefly after Mass about one thing they noticed or learned.
- Make time for family prayer—especially after Communion days—so the altar becomes the centre of your home, not only of the church building.

As Pope John Paul II reminded the faithful, when you brought your children for Baptism you “took on the obligation of educating them in the faith of the Church and in the love of God,” and it is a joy to see how faithfully these parents have accepted and lived that responsibility.

**To our teachers and sacramental catechists:** thank you for your dedication and care in guiding these children, not only with lessons, but with witness and example. Your work has borne real fruit in these children’s first meeting with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

***Lord Jesus, thank You for giving us Your Body and Blood. Help us to gather around Your altar with faith, to listen and respond with joy, and to offer our lives with You. Keep our hearts united to You, so that we may bring Your love to everyone around us. Amen.***

**With Love and Prayers,  
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

<b>SM &amp; HN Building Fund</b> 1st Sun every month	<b>Day for Life</b> 21 June	<b>Peter's Pence</b> 27 June
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## WEEKLY OFFERTORY & MONTHLY STANDING ORDERS/DIRECT DEBITS

## PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

<b>SM - OFFERTORY</b> 23/24 <sup>th</sup> & 30th/31st May: £1673.07 SO/DD £1020.00	<b>HN - MONTHLY OFFERTORY:</b> 12 Mar-14 Apr: £1449.53 SO/DD £1127.38	N/A	<b>HN:</b> Ian McDonald E: Ian.McDonald@staned.org.uk <b>SM:</b> Rosemary Thompson E: Rosemary.Thompson@staned.org.uk
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## PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

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## CHARITY BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

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

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

## CORPUS CHRISTI - YEAR (A)



### FIRST READING

**Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a**

Moses spoke to the people: You shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

Do not forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know.

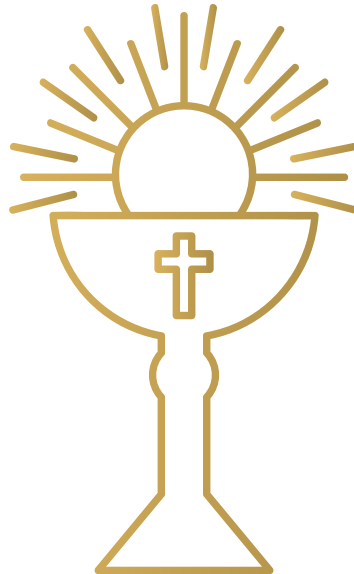
The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### SECOND READING

**1 Corinthians 10:16-17**

Brothers and Sisters: The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**



### GOSPEL

**John 6:51-58**

At that time: Jesus said to the Jews, 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?'

So Jesus said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live for ever.'

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

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 147: 12-13. 14-15. 19-20. R12a**  
**O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord!**

**John 6:51**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord.**

**If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever.**

**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.

SUNDAY 14 JUNE 2026 | DUNFERMLINE, SCOTLAND

# THE ST MARGARET PILGRIMAGE

12:00pm

Angelus at St Margaret's Cave.

1:00pm

Prayer Service at St Margaret's  
tomb at Dunfermline Abbey.

2:00pm

Procession from Glen Gates to  
St Margaret's Memorial Church.

3:00pm

Mass at St Margaret's Memorial Church,  
celebrated by Archbishop Leo Cushley.

*Gathering in faith & thanksgiving to celebrate a patron saint of Scotland.*



EVENT GUIDE



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### Take and Eat

*Take and eat; take and eat: this is my body given up for you.  
Take and drink; take and drink: this is my blood given up for you.*

1. I am the Word that spoke and light was made;  
I am the seed that died to be reborn;  
I am the bread that comes from heav'n above;  
I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.

*Take and eat...*

2. I am the way that leads the exile home;  
I am the truth that sets the captive free;  
I am the life that raises up the dead;  
I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.

*Take and eat...*

3. I am the Lamb that takes away your sin;  
I am the gate that guards you night and day;  
You are my flock: you know the shepherd's voice;  
You are my own: your ransom is my blood.  
Take and eat...

4. I am the cornerstone that God has laid;  
A chosen stone and precious in his eyes;  
You are God's dwelling place, on me you rest;  
Like living stones, a temple for God's praise.

*Take and eat...*

5. I am the light that came into the world;  
I am the light that darkness cannot hide;  
I am the morning star that never sets;  
Lift up your face, in you my light will shine.

*Take and eat...*

6. I am the first and last, the Living One;  
I am the Lord who died that you might live;  
I am the bridegroom, this my wedding song;  
You are my bride, come to the marriage feast.

*Take and eat...*