



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

HOME OF ST. MARGARET'S RELIC

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR (A)
12th July 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 11th <i>St Benedict – Feast</i>	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass & Novena of St. Margaret 10.30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession	Sr Mary Rose Dorris (70th Anniversary)
	St. Margaret's	5.30pm – Vigil Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday 12th <i>14th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	St Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am – Holy Mass 11am – Holy Mass	Mary (May) Gruber RIP Thanksgiving for the prayers from Holy Name
Monday 13th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 14th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass & Novena of St. Margaret	Albert Gatt RIP Nigeria & Venezuela
Wednesday 15th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass & Novena of St. Margaret	Chic Irvine RIP Our Lady of Fatima
Thursday 16th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass & Novena of St. Margaret 1pm – Wedding of Freya Gruber & Russell Boyd	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Friday 17th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass & Novena of St. Margaret 11am – Baptism of James Machado Kirkhope	Alex Scott & Lynsey O'Reilly
Saturday 18th	St. Margaret's St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass & Novena of St. Margaret 10.30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession 5.30pm – Vigil Mass	Alex Burns RIP Ian Henderson 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 – In aid of Sea Sunday. Read more about the Mission to Seafarers in the Spotlight.

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. Sign up on the Parish Register to receive a digital copy of the newsletter by email each week. Instructions to register are on page 4.



Annual Over 60's SSVP Mystery Tour, Tues 21st July

Are you over 60 and up for a Magical Mystery tour? The Annual SSVP trip will take place on Tuesday 21st July. The coach will depart from St Margaret's after 10am Mass. This trip is generously funded by a Legacy left to the SSVP, with instructions it is to be used for St Margaret's over 60's Parishioners. There's space for 54 parishioners. Should you need a carer to accompany you for mobility issues, please also add them to the list. A sign-up sheet is on the Church noticeboard along with the lunch menu – please add your name & menu choice to the sheet.

One World Group – You're helping to support Venezuela & Mary's Meals

The One World Group had a mini disbursement meeting last week. We wanted to send money in response to the Venezuela Earthquake before our next official meeting. We have sent **£750 to the DEC Venezuela appeal** and also **£750 to Mary's Meals general Fund**. We hope this meets with your approval and thank you ALL for your ongoing support.

Sick in the Parish

We would like to ask your prayers for: **Mary Melville, Sheila Emmerson, Jean Connor, Billy McGuigan, Barbara Fotheringham Larkin, Tommy McGowan, Ann Shaw, Yvonne McRoberts, Mike Pendowski, Pauline Gatt, John Cassells, Helen Ssim, Peter McCourt, James Payne, Andrew Kelly, Teresa Lynch, Gail Pearce, Margaret Fotheringham, Elaine Cormack, Denise Reilly, Maureen Black, Margaret McPherson, Nan Lomas, Janet McIlwaine, Esther Wren, Anne McPherson, Margaret Wilson and Charlie Kelly** 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.stmargaretunfermline@staned.org.uk



Thanksgiving
Thanks to Rachel Thompson for her hard work in looking after our Remembrance Garden at St Margaret's.



ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

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

www.archedinburgh.org/news-events

National Youth Pilgrimage – The National Youth Pilgrimage (for ages 18–35) will take place on Saturday 26 September 2026 at Pluscarden Abbey. This year's pilgrimage will focus on religious and monastic life and will include a tour of the Abbey, a Q&A with the monks, talks on vocation, and a Vigil Mass with Archbishop Cushley. Young people are invited to travel with the Archdiocese. To register or enquire, please contact youth.office@staned.org.uk.

Altar Servers – The Annual Day for Altar Servers takes place on Saturday 5 September from 10.30am to 3pm at The Gillis Centre in Edinburgh. Please speak to Dean McGuire, our Parish Altar Server Coordinator, for details.

March for Life: travel offer – Travel to the March for Life in London for just £40 return. March for Life is the UK's largest pro-life event, bringing together thousands of people for Mass, inspiring speakers, family and youth activities, and a peaceful march through central London. The Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office is offering a limited number of big-discount return train tickets to this year's event on Saturday 5 September. Book early to secure your discounted ticket. Go to bit.ly/archtravel

Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage – This year's pilgrimage takes place on Sunday 20 September at St Patrick's Church in The Cowgate, Edinburgh. It's the annual opportunity to come together to pray for the Beatification of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair, entombed in the Sacred Heart chapel at St Patrick's. Schedule: 12.30pm – Sale of candles & goods, refreshments; 1.30pm – Holy Hour (exposition and benediction); 3pm – Reflection from Canon Jock Dalrymple; 4.30pm – Mass celebrated by Archbishop Cushley (Homilist: Fr Michael John Galbraith).

World Youth Day 2027 – World Youth Day takes place in Seoul, South Korea, from 1–9 August 2027. Young adults are invited to travel with the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh: Departure 1 August and return on 9 August 2027. For more information email youth.office@staned.org.uk

Music for the Homeless Jesus – On Monday 17 August with the Schola Cantorum choir of St Mary's Cathedral. This concert is inspired by Timothy Schmalz's 'Homeless Jesus' sculpture, located outside St Mary's Catholic Cathedral. Part of Edinburgh Festival of the Sacred Arts, the evening will contemplate homelessness and marginalisation through a programme of choral music that speaks of mercy, compassion, and hope. Tickets are £15 (£10 child) – book at bit.ly/4wttcCd

Visit of relics of St Gerard Majella – The relics of St Gerard Majella will be at St Patrick's Church, The Cowgate, Edinburgh, on Saturday 18 July. Entrance of the relics at 10am with devotions and talk, Exposition of Blessed Sacrament at 11.30am. Mass at 12.30pm followed by blessing with the relics.



Harbours of Hope: The Church Alongside Seafarers

Sea Sunday is a moment each year when churches around the world come together to pray for seafarers, give thanks for their vital work, and support The Mission to Seafarers' life-changing frontline ministry.

Seafarers are essential to everyday life, yet many work unseen, facing long periods away from home, isolation, and often dangerous conditions. Sea Sunday offers churches the opportunity to pause, reflect, and respond – standing alongside the men and women who keep our world moving.

Thanks to the prayer, generosity, and involvement of churches worldwide, The Mission to Seafarers is able to offer care, connection, and hope in ports across the globe.

In 2025 alone, support through Sea Sunday and beyond helped us to:

- Make over 48,000 ship visits
- Provide shore leave transport for more than 150,000 seafarers
- Grow vital programmes such as our Family Support Network and SafeTALK suicide prevention training

These moments of care – a visit on board, practical help ashore, or someone to listen – can make a profound difference to seafarers far from home.

For Sea Sunday 2026, our theme is “Harbours of Hope: The Church Alongside Seafarers”, inspired by Matthew 25. This theme celebrates the local church as a place of welcome, refuge, and hope – a community offering both spiritual and practical safety to those who work at sea. It invites congregations to reflect on how they can stand alongside seafarers through prayer, hospitality, generosity, and justice.

Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in the second collection, or by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work.

Thank you.



You're invited to a talk by Stella Maris, 6th August

On Thursday 6th August, Peter Mullen of Stella Maris will be giving a presentation on Stella Maris, the Catholic International Maritime charity supporting seafarers, fishers and their families in the UK and around the World.

All Parishioners are invited to attend this presentation in the Crypt at St Margaret's. The presentation will start at 7pm and take about 1 hour. Refreshments will be served.

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

Sea Sunday
12 July

Holy Places
16 Aug

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

SM - OFFERTORY
4 & 5 July: TO FOLLOW
SO/DD £1707.75

HN - MONTHLY OFFERTORY:
14 May-10 Jun: £1051.36
SO/DD £954.19

N/A

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

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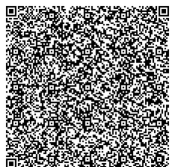
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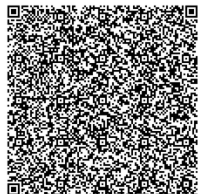
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SCRIPTUREREADINGS

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FIRST READING Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord:
'For as the rain and the snow come
down from heaven
and do not return there but water the
earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread
to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out
from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I
purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for
which I sent it.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God



SECOND READING Romans 8:18-23

Brothers and Sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption, and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

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GOSPEL Matthew 13:1-23

At that time: Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 65(64):10a-d. 10e-11. 12-13. 14. R Luke 8:8
Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia.

**The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower;
all who find him 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.