



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR (A)
19th 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 18th	St. Margaret's	5.30pm – Vigil Mass	Ian Henderson RIP , Alex Scott & Lynsey O'Reilly
Sunday 19th 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	St Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am – Holy Mass 11am – Holy Mass	Alex Burns RIP Chic Irvine RIP
Monday 20th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 21st	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Communion Service 10am – Holy Mass	Hugh Gerard Shot
Wednesday 22nd St Mary Madgalene – Feast	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Communion Service 10am – Communion Service	
Thursday 23rd St Bridget of Sweden – Feast	St. Margaret's	10am – Communion Service	
Friday 24th		NO MASS	
Saturday 25th St James – Feast	St. Margaret's	5.30pm – Vigil Mass	Maria Watson RIP

Revised Mass Schedule

In Fr Syriac's absence, we have a revised mass schedule (see above). We give our thanks to Fr Simon and Fr Paul for coming to our aid by leading Vigil and Holy Masses, and celebrating last week's wedding and baptism.

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.

Bereavement Group meeting Thursday 30th July

Any bereaved members of the Parish are welcome to join the next group on Thursday 30th July, 1.30–3pm. Come for 'Tea and a Chat' in the Crypt. No formal counselling, just support and socialising.

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.



Obituary – Please remember in your prayers:

Bridget Joseph Palakudiyil – The funeral of the late Bridget Palakudiyil, beloved mother of Father Syriac, was held on Thursday 16th July at St George's Church, Paduppu. May her soul rest in peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with Fr's family and their friends.

John McNeelly – His funeral will be at St Margaret's with Requiem Mass on Friday 31st July at 10am, followed by internment at Culross Cemetery. John's wife Irene was the Parish Housekeeper for over 30 years here for Canon Lynch & Fr Barr. The family were heavily involved in St. Margaret's Parish community until they moved 13 years ago into St. James' Parish in Kinross served by Fr Martin.

May his soul rest in peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

SSVP Trip, 21 July

We are delighted at the response, with all 54 spaces filled up! If you are signed up, please check that your menu choice is noted on the board. The coach will depart at 10.45am, after Mass on Tuesday. Wishing you all a magical mystery tour!

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, Charlie Kelly and Kay Frizell** 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



CALL for VOLUNTEERS

Can you help in the gardens at Holy Name?

Our dedicated volunteer Gerry Crielly who devotes time and tender care to the beautiful grounds at Holy Name has asked if there are any green-fingered or handy parishioners who can spare some time to help with the upkeep.

Please get in touch with the Parish Office for more information and to volunteer.

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

SPOTLIGHT: SCIAF FOOTBALL SHIELD



Football. Faith. Fundraising.

Help St Margaret's put faith into action and take part in the SCIAF Shield – the knock-out tournament that uses football to raise money for the world's poorest people.

We need 8 footballers (+16 yrs) to represent our parish in the second annual day of fun, football, and fundraising. The SCIAF Shield is a 5-a-side tournament that brings together 16 teams for an exciting afternoon of community and sport – all in support of SCIAF's life-changing work overseas.

St Margaret's made our debut last year and everyone involved had a great time.

This year, funds raised by the SCIAF Shield will go towards the SCIAF Emergency Hunger Appeal, to provide emergency food packages and help people grow more food in places devastated by floods and droughts in Africa.

The event is on **Saturday 1st August at 12pm in Pollokshaws, Glasgow**. Our team will be leaving Dunfermline at 9am and will return no later than 6pm.

We will need to fundraise for the event, but this can be arranged after the day. More details will be shared when the team agrees on a fundraising activity.

If you are interested please email the Parish office (address on page 4) with your name and phone number **no later than Sunday 19th July to sign up**.

Speak to Ruairi Mulholland for more details.

You can also read about the SCIAF Shield and its causes online:
www.sciaf.org.uk/get-involved/events/799-the-sciaf-shield



PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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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

Holy Places
16 Aug

Missio
18 Oct

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

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

SM - OFFERTORY
4/5 & 11/12 July:
£1618.22
SO/DD £1707.75

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

Building Fund
SM: £466.39
Sea Sunday 12 Jul
SM: £655.24 **HN:** £146.87

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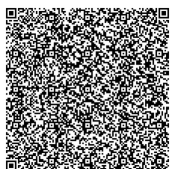
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ACCOUNT NAME, SORT CODE & ACCOUNT NO

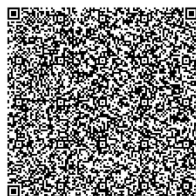
CHARITY BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

ACCOUNT NAME, SORT CODE & ACCOUNT NO
If you're a UK Tax payer, contact Parish office to register for Gift Aid

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SCRIPTUREREADINGS

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FIRST READING Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Neither is there any God besides you, whose care is for all, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly. For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. For you show your strength when men doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. You are sovereign in strength but you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose. Through such works you have taught your people that the one who is righteous must be kind, and you have filled your sons with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING Romans 8:26-27

Brothers and Sisters: The Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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GOSPEL Matthew 13:24-30

At that time: Jesus put another parable before the crowd, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?" He said to them, "An enemy has done this." So the servants said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he said, "No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, 'Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' " "

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

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 86(85):5-6. 9-10. 15-16a. R5a
O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Gospel Acclamation
Cf. Matthew 11:25
Alleluia, alleluia.
I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children.
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.