



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

HOME OF ST. MARGARET'S RELIC

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR (A)
2nd August 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 1 st Aug	St. Margaret's	5.30pm – Vigil Mass	Alex Burns RIP
Sunday 2nd 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	St Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am – Holy Mass 11am – Holy Mass	David McPherson RIP John (Johnny) Boyle RIP
Monday 3 rd		NO MASS	
Tuesday 4 th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Communion Service 10am – Communion Service	
Wednesday 5 th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Communion Service 10am – Communion Service	
Thursday 6 th Transfiguration of the Lord – Feast	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass	Madeline & Daniel Kelly RIP
Friday 7 th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass	Mrs Adrienne Condie RIP
Saturday 8 th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 5.30pm – Vigil Mass	Norma McGowan RIP K Kudesia (wellbeing)

Fr Syriac – Weekend Cover

As Fr Syriac is unfortunately still unwell, we are grateful to Fr David Barrett from Allen Hall Seminary in the Diocese of Westminster, who is visiting St Andrew's Parish and kindly celebrating our weekend Masses. We warmly welcome Fr David and thank him for stepping in to support our parish. Please continue to keep Fr Syriac in your prayers as he recovers.

Second Collection

There will be a second collection this weekend for the Building Fund.

Tea n Toast will be available throughout the summer holidays after Sunday morning mass at St. Margaret's.

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.



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.

Stella Maris talk, 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. Stella Maris wrote to give their thanks for our support in their 2026 appeal - £655.24 was raised.



STELLA MARIS

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.

St Andrew Community Pilgrim Mass

Sr Marta & several Sisters visited St Margaret's as part of a pilgrimage from the St Andrew's Community. Mass was celebrated by Fr Matheson & Fr Whiting, followed by refreshments in the Crypt, generously provided by our Bonnie Brew team. Our sincere thanks go to all the Bonnie Brew volunteers for their hospitality & support. The pilgrims then continued by coach to Newcastle to board the ferry to Spain to continue their pilgrimage. Following their visit, Sr Marta sent a heartfelt message thanking everyone at St Margaret's for their warm welcome, kindness and generosity.



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 Pendlowski, 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

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

For a full list of upcoming events in the Diocese
visit:
www.archedinburgh.org/news-events

Pilgrimage for Life

Scotland's annual Pilgrimage for Life takes place at Carfin Grotto on Saturday 1 August. Led by Bishop John Keenan, the pilgrimage will include Holy Mass at midday, 2:00pm Eucharistic Adoration, 2:15pm Stations of the Cross, 2:45pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, 3:30pm Holy Rosary.

Faslane Christian Peace Witness Vigil

Join Justice & Peace Scotland at Faslane Naval Base on Saturday 1 August, 11:00am to 12:30pm for the annual Christian Peace Witness Vigil to pray and advocate for a world without nuclear weapons. A free bus service will depart from Waterloo Place outside Waverley Station, Edinburgh, at 8:15am. Reserve your space by emailing office@justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk.

Hibernian 150th anniversary

Events at St Patrick's Church, The Cowgate, Edinburgh: Saturday 8 August, 12.30pm Mass offered for the living and dead of Hibs (staff, players, supporters and family). 1:30pm - unveiling of an historic supporters' plaque by Hibs legend Pat Stanton. Saturday 22 August 10:30am Mass followed by 11:00am presentation of posthumous scroll for Canon Hannan from the Mayor of Limerick, thereafter a Hibs Heritage Tour of the City, ending at the Grange Cemetery. For enquiries about both events, please email: office.stpatricksedinburgh@staned.org.uk

Come & See

On Saturday 8 August 2026, 11:30am-2:30pm, single Catholic young women aged 18-35 are invited to spend a few hours at the convent at St Andrew's Church, Belford Road, Edinburgh, discovering more about the vocation of a Religious Sister of Mercy. Includes lunch and a walk. For more information and to RSVP, please email the Sisters at edinburgh@almamercy.org.

Festival Mass

Celebrated by Archbishop Leo Cushley, the Mass welcomes civic leaders, members of the Consular Corps, visitors and parishioners from across the Archdiocese in a joyful celebration of faith, community and the cultural life of the city of Edinburgh. St Mary's Cathedral, Sunday 16 August at midday.

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: CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF SCOTLAND LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER

Bishops' Conference of Scotland



23 July 2026

Dear Prime Minister

The Catholic Bishops of Scotland offer our warmest congratulations on your appointment as Prime Minister. We assure you of our prayers and urge you to exercise your office with moral clarity, courage and a firm commitment to justice, peace and the common good.

At this time of grave national and international challenge, we ask you and your Government to place human dignity at the centre of your work: defending life wherever it is threatened, protecting the poorest and most vulnerable, fostering a welcoming attitude to migrants, refugees and asylum seekers, and resisting policies that deepen suffering, division or fear.

This commitment is especially relevant to the United Kingdom's approach to the Middle East. The continuing conflict calls for moral clarity, humanitarian concern and a sustained commitment to the dignity of all peoples. Any response should acknowledge the suffering experienced by communities across the region, support the protection of innocent life, uphold access to humanitarian aid, reject violence, seek the release of detainees and encourage a political settlement rooted in justice, security and equal dignity for all people.

More widely, peace should remain a defining priority in international affairs. The war in Ukraine, the conflict involving Iran, and the many other crises afflicting the world require sustained diplomacy, humanitarian concern and a rejection of the idea that violence is inevitable. The United Kingdom has an important role to play in encouraging ceasefires, negotiations, the protection of civilians, respect for international law and the pursuit of just peace wherever war destroys lives and nations.

That pursuit of peace should also inform decisions on public spending and national security. A balanced approach should recognise the importance of diplomacy, dialogue, development, disarmament and the protection of human life alongside legitimate security concerns. In this context, we urge your Government to take seriously the moral and humanitarian implications of nuclear weapons and on how public resources can best serve peace, stability and the healing of a wounded world.

For that reason, we strongly urge you to reverse the cuts to foreign aid and restore the United Kingdom's commitment to spending 0.7% of GDP on international development. Reducing support for the world's poorest communities while increasing military and nuclear expenditure sends the wrong moral signal and weakens our service to peace, stability and human flourishing.

The same concern for the vulnerable must guide care for creation. Climate change is already causing great damage across the world, especially among poorer communities. Your Government must remain steadfast in meeting the United Kingdom's commitments to pursuing a just transition to renewable energy, meeting net zero targets, reducing emissions and protecting communities from climate harm.

We also urge you to protect human life at every stage, including the unborn and those at the end of life. To this end, we urge you to reject repeated proposals to legalise assisted suicide. A compassionate society should not make it easier for vulnerable, elderly, disabled or terminally ill people to end their lives, but should accompany every person with dignity and practical support until natural death. We ask you, instead, to improve end-of-life care, including better funded and more accessible palliative care, so that no one feels driven towards death by pain, loneliness, fear or lack of support.

As you address these pressing issues, we ask you to act with compassion, justice, solidarity and respect for human dignity. We also encourage the fostering of a climate of goodwill and good faith in political debate, so that public life may be marked by honesty, mutual respect and a shared concern for the common good. We pray that your leadership will defend the vulnerable, name injustice honestly and help build a more peaceful, humane and sustainable world.

Yours sincerely,

+ John Keenan, President, Bishop of Paisley
+ Brian McGee, Vice President, Bishop of Argyll and the Isles
+ Andrew McKenzie, Episcopal Secretary, Bishop of Dunkeld
+ Leo Cushley, Archbishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh
+ William Nolan, Archbishop of Glasgow
+ Joseph Toal, Bishop of Motherwell
+ Hugh Gilbert, Bishop of Aberdeen
+ Francis Dougan, Bishop of Galloway

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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

SM - OFFERTORY
25/26 July: £782.25
SO/DD £1707.75

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

N/A

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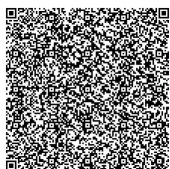
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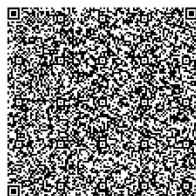
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SCRIPTUREREADINGS

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FIRST READING Isaiah 55:1-3

Thus says the Lord:
'Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING Romans 8:35, 37-39

Brothers and Sisters: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL Matthew 14:13-21

At that time: When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' But Jesus said, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They said to him, 'We have only five loaves here and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

Responsorial Psalm Ps 145(144):8-9. 15-16. 17-18. R cf. 16

You open your hand and fulfil us, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4b

**Alleluia, alleluia.
One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.
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.