



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

HOME OF ST. MARGARET'S RELIC

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR (A)
26th 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 25th St James – Feast	St. Margaret's	5.30pm – Vigil Mass	Maria Watson RIP
Sunday 26th 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	St Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am – Holy Mass 11am – Holy Mass	Kathryn Turner RIP (anniversary) People of the Parish
Monday 27th	St Margaret's	9am – Private Mass led by Sr Marta for Pilgrims	
Tuesday 28th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass	Albet Gatt RIP Maria Fiorentina Fiorini
Wednesday 29th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass	John (Johnny) Boyle RIP David McPherson RIP
Thursday 30th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass	Alex Burns RIP
Friday 31st	St. Margaret's	10am – Requiem Mass for John McNeely	
Saturday 1st Aug	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 5.30pm – Vigil Mass	Callum McHale (thanksgiving) Alex Burns RIP

Welcome Back, Fr Syriac

We warmly welcome Fr Syriac back to the parish this weekend following his trip home for the funeral of his mother, Bridget. Fr Syriac would like to thank everyone for keeping him and his family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Bereavement Group

The Bereavement group is not meeting this month, due to summer holidays. Look out for advance notice when the group resumes.

Second Collection

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

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.



Obituary – Please remember in your prayers:

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 at 11.30am.

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

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 the parish to express their thanks for our support in their recent Sea Sunday appeal, in which we raised £655.24

Happy 80th Birthday!

Warmest congratulations to Jane Agnew on celebrating their 80th birthday on Tuesday 28th July.

Everyone at St Margaret's Parish sends their best wishes for a wonderful day.

May God continue to bless you with good health, happiness, and peace in the years ahead.



Thanks

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Fr Syriac and Estelle Holligan for visiting me in hospital and bringing me Holy Communion. My thanks also go to John and Deborah for bringing me Holy Communion at home. Thank you to everyone for your prayers, kind thoughts, and all the lovely cards I received. Your support has meant so much to me. God bless, Jean Connor

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.

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

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.

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: SSVF OVER-60'S DAY TRIP



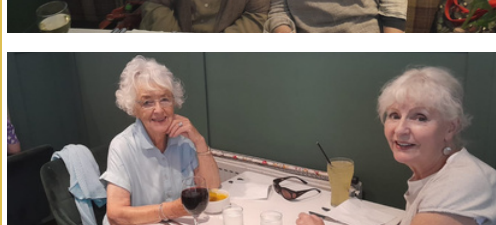
Thanks to a generous legacy left to the St Vincent de Paul Society many years ago, 47 parishioners enjoyed our annual magical mystery tour over 60s outing.

We were treated to a marvellous lunch at the Dunkeld Hotel, where the service was excellent. I've heard nothing but compliments about the food, and many people were delighted to enjoy something a little different from the traditional fish and chips or steak pie. The Indian-themed menu was a great success!

Due to a major incident on the A9, we had to make a last-minute change to our plans. Thankfully, the Visitors' and Garden Centre in Crieff kindly stayed open after 4.00pm to welcome us. Despite the unexpected arrival of a coach carrying 47 visitors, they looked after us wonderfully, making it another highlight of the day.

There was plenty of laughter, good conversation and friendly banter on the coach, and with the beautiful weather, it all made for a truly enjoyable day.

Heartfelt thanks, on behalf of everyone who took part, to Marianne Ellis and Mike Robertson of SSVF for organising such a memorable and enjoyable trip.



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
18/19 July: £782.42
SO/DD £1707.75

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

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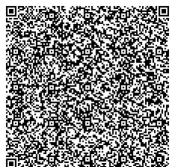
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ACCOUNT NAME, SORT CODE & ACCOUNT NO

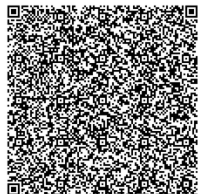
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