



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

HOME OF ST. MARGARET'S RELIC

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR (A)
30th 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 29th <i>The Passion of St John the Baptist</i>	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 10.30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am – Confessions 5.30pm – Vigil Mass	Pullolil Family(thanksgiving), Alex Burns RIP Bryan Little (personal intention)
Sunday 30th <i>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	St Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am – Holy Mass 11am – Holy Mass	Paul & Thomas Brannan RIP People of the Parish
Monday 31st		NO MASS	
Tuesday 1st Sept <i>World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation</i>	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass 12pm – Funeral Service for Joseph Walker	Albert Gatt RIP The Hughes & Rocks Families RIP
Wednesday 2nd	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass	The Palakudiyil Family Lorraine Galloway RIP, Una Gordon RIP
Thursday 3rd	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass	James Graham RIP
Friday 4th	St. Margaret's	10am – Requiem Mass for Agnes McGiffen	
Saturday 5th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 10.30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am – Confessions 5.30pm – Vigil Mass	Mario Pacitti RIP, Bridget Joseph RIP Sheila Brogan RIP

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 hold in your prayers:

Joseph Walker – The funeral service will be held at St Margaret's on Tuesday 1st September, at 12pm and will be led by Canon James Tracey.

Agnes McGiffen – The funeral will be at St Margaret's with a Requiem Mass at 10am on Friday 4th September, followed by committal at Dunfermline Cemetery.

May their souls rest in peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with the bereaved families and friends.

Sacramental Preparations for Children

Parents whose children attend a non-Catholic school and want their children to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, or Confirmation next year are requested to contact the Parish office please:

office.stmargaretdunfermline@staned.org.uk

Altar Servers – Notice for parents

The Annual Day for Altar Servers takes place on Saturday 5 September from 10.30am to 3pm at The Gillis Centre in Edinburgh. Can parents/guardians of Altar Servers please let Dean McGuire, our Parish Altar Server Coordinator, know if your child can attend.

Sick in the Parish

We would like to ask your prayers for: **Sheila Emmerson, Jean Connor, Billy McGuigan, Barbara Fotheringham Larkin, Tommy McGowan, Ann Shaw, Yvonne McRoberts, Mike Pendrowski, 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

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Are you interested in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and want to learn more? Enquire about our training day for assistants on Tuesday 1 September, 10am–3pm, at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Participants are welcome to start the day with Mass at 9.30am in nearby St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh, EH9 1SN (optional). Register your interest here: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/8RU6YraThh>

Pastoral Letter on Assisted Suicide

Bishop John Keenan, President of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland's Marriage, Family and Life Office, has issued a pastoral letter ahead of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill returning to the House of Commons on 11 September. He urges you to contact your MP and ask them to vote against the Bill, while also encouraging prayer and support for those who are seriously ill, their families and carers. The full pastoral letter can be read online at archedinburgh.org/news

Volunteer to Support Children with Special Needs in Edinburgh

Three new adult volunteers are needed for the newly forming Children SPRED (Special Religious Development) group meeting at George Square in Edinburgh on Fridays from 3pm–4pm. The spiritual programme for children with special needs fosters communion with Jesus Christ within the Catholic community of faith. Please contact Sister Mary Benedicta Maier, RSM (srmary.benedicta@staned.org.uk) if you are interested in learning about becoming a SPRED volunteer catechist for this new Edinburgh children's group.

Altar Servers' Day

The Annual Day for Altar Servers takes place on Saturday 5 September from 10.30am–3pm at The Gillis Centre in Edinburgh. The day features training, games, activities, inspiring talks, and concludes with Holy Mass celebrated by Archbishop Cushley. Don't miss this special day of faith and fun for altar servers from across the Archdiocese! Please speak to your parish priest for details.

Season of Creation Conference

A day of inspiration, reflection and practical action to celebrate the Season of Creation. Saturday 5 September, 10am – 3pm, Eyre Hall, Clyde Street, Glasgow, G1 4JY. The keynote speaker is Lorna Gold, Executive Director of the Laudato Si' Movement. Register: bit.ly/SeasonofCreation26

National Pilgrimage to Carfin

Holy Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop William Nolan, joined by Bishops, Priests, Religious and Faithful from across the country. Together we will gather in prayer before Our Lady, asking her intercession for our families, our communities, our nation, and for peace throughout the world. Sunday 6 September at 3pm.

SPOTLIGHT: WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



Dear Friends in Christ,

Each year, the Church joins Christians throughout the world in celebrating the Season of Creation, which runs from the 1st September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, until 4 October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. As we begin this sacred season, we are invited to renew our gratitude for the wonderful gift of God's creation and our responsibility to care for our common home.

This year, the season has a particular significance as we continue the Franciscan year commemorating the eighth centenary of the death of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. St Francis recognised every creature as a reflection of God's goodness and praised the Creator through "Brother Sun," "Sister Moon," the earth, water and all living things. His example reminds us that care for creation is not simply an environmental concern, but a Christian responsibility rooted in faith, gratitude and love.

Pope Leo XIV has highlighted the urgency of this Franciscan vision: *"Peace with God, peace among human beings and with creation are inseparable dimensions of a single call to universal reconciliation."*

The Season of Creation calls us to prayer, reflection and practical action. Its purpose is to deepen our awareness that creation is God's gift, to recognise the harm caused by waste and exploitation, and to encourage a simpler, more responsible and more compassionate way of living. It also reminds us that concern for the environment is closely connected with concern for the poor, future generations and the dignity of every human person.

As a parish, we are called to respond together—not merely through individual choices, but through a shared commitment to stewardship, solidarity and care. Our parish community should be a place where the gifts and responsibilities of all the baptised are welcomed and where we discern together how best to serve God, our neighbour and creation.

We are therefore preparing a parish response to this sacred season. Please wait for the next issue of the parish newsletter, where we will share more information about the activities, prayer and practical initiatives that we will undertake together.

May St Francis of Assisi inspire us to live with greater simplicity, gratitude and reverence, so that our care for creation may become a joyful expression of our love for God.

With Prayers,
Fr Syriac

A Prayer for our Earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.
O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.
Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.
Touch the hearts
of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united
with every creature
as we journey towards your infinite light.
We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle
for justice, love and peace.

Laudato Si'
Pope Francis

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

Missio
18 Oct

Day for the Poor
8 Nov

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
22-23 Aug: £666.76
SO/DD £1707.75

HN - MONTHLY OFFERTORY:
11 Jun-10 Jul: £770.59
SO/DD £954.19

N/A

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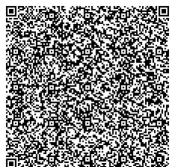
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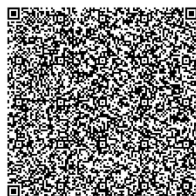
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SCRIPTURE READINGS



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FIRST READING Jeremiah 20:7–9

‘O Lord, you have deceived me,
and I was deceived;
you are stronger than I,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughing-stock all
the day; everyone mocks me.
For whenever I speak, I cry out,
I shout, ‘Violence and destruction!’
For the word of the Lord has become
for me a reproach and derision all
day long.
If I say, ‘I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name’,
there is in my heart as it were a
burning fire shut up in my bones,
and I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING Romans 12:1–2

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by
the mercies of God, to present your
bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and
acceptable to God, which is your
spiritual worship. Do not be conformed
to this world, but be transformed by the
renewal of your mind, that by testing
you may discern what is the will of God,
what is good and acceptable and
perfect.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL Matthew 16:21–27

At that time: Jesus began to show his
disciples that he must go to Jerusalem
and suffer many things from the elders
and chief priests and scribes, and be
killed, and on the third day be raised. And
Peter took him aside and began to
rebuke him, saying, ‘Far be it from you,
Lord! This shall never happen to you.’ But
he turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind
me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me.
For you are not setting your mind on the
things of God, but on the things of man.’
Then Jesus told his disciples, ‘If anyone
would come after me, let him deny
himself and take up his cross and follow
me. For whoever would save his life will
lose it, but whoever loses his life for my
sake will find it. For what will it profit a
man if he gains the whole world and
forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give
in return for his soul? For the Son of Man
is going to come with his angels in the
glory of his Father, and then he will repay
each person according to what he has
done.’

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 63(62):2. 3–4. 5–6. 8–9. R2b

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. Ephesians 1:17–18

Alleluia, alleluia.

**May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
enlighten the eyes of our hearts,
so that we may know the hope to which he has called us.
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.



CALLING ALL YOUNG SINGERS!

I am delighted to announce the formation of the St Margaret's and Holy Name Children's Choir.

This is a wonderful opportunity for children in our parish to share their love for music and singing, grow in faith and become an active part of our liturgical celebrations. The choir will lead our congregation by singing monthly during select masses. This will be alternated between St Margaret's and Holy Name, helping to enrich our worship experience.

We will meet once a week for rehearsals at St Margaret's Church on a Wednesday evening from 5pm–6:30pm to learn new music in a fun and supportive environment. No singing experience is necessary, only enthusiasm and energy! Please note children do not have to attend St Margaret's or Holy Name Primary Schools in order to take part.

I look forward to starting this new and exciting project with you all and celebrating the young people who are the future of our parish. There really is nothing more special than children's voices in our churches!

For more information or to sign up your child, please email parishchoir2026@outlook.com

**Best wishes,
Briony Wilson**