



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR (A)
13th September 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 12th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass & Novena of St. Margaret 10.30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am – Confessions 5.30pm – Vigil Mass with Pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Motherwell	Agnes McGiffen RIP, Jeanette Donald RIP Harry Reid RIP
Sunday 13th <i>Vocations Awareness Week</i>	St Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am – Holy Mass 11am – Holy Mass	People of the Parish Lorraine Galloway RIP, Anne Wilson RIP
Monday 14th <i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass & Novena of St. Margaret	Bridget & James Joseph RIP
Tuesday 15th Sept	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass & Novena of St. Margaret	Albert Gatt RIP, Fr Syriac's Family Joseph Walker RIP
Wednesday 16th <i>St Ninian, Bishop</i>	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass & Novena of St. Margaret	Mary Bell RIP, Agnes McGiffen RIP Crosse Family
Thursday 17th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass & Novena of St. Margaret	Bella Doherty & Family
Friday 18th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass & Novena of St. Margaret	Our Lady of Fatima
Saturday 19th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass & Novena of St. Margaret 10.30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am – Confessions 5.30pm – Vigil Mass	Ivana Dunkerley RIP Sr. Theresa of the Child Jesus RIP

Pilgrims joining Vigil Mass, 12 Sept

We're honoured to welcome 40-50 pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Motherwell to Saturday Vigil Mass on the 12th Sept. Fr Michael Briody, a retired priest from St. Bernard's Parish, Coatbridge will be concelebrating mass with Fr Syriac. They will be having refreshments in the Crypt afterwards.

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. Please add the email address to your Safe Senders list to ensure the email is received.



Thank you Altar Servers

A note of appreciation to our altar servers who attended the Altar Servers day last weekend at the Gillis Centre, and for their dedication and service to our Parish.

RCIA starts 14th September – still time to join!

We will be commencing the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) on Monday 14th September at 7pm in the crypt. We meet weekly to learn more about what it means to be Catholic and how the message of Jesus lives on today and the part we all play in ensuring this is passed on. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining us on the journey, please let them know when we start or contact the parish office for more information.

One World Group breakfast at St Margaret's

The next breakfast hosted by the One World Group is being held in the Crypt on Sunday 13th September after 9.30am mass. For a small donation, which raises funds for the OWG charities, you can enjoy a delicious hot breakfast roll and tea/coffee. Everyone is welcome!

New Comms email address!

We are retiring the Parish Newsletter & Comms gmail address at the end of the month and we have launched our new comms.stmargaretsdunfermline@staned.org.uk email address. Please use this for any comms questions and to submit your article or update for the Parish Newsletter. Thank you!

St Margaret's and Holy Name Children's Choir!

We are delighted to announce the St Margaret's and Holy Name Children's Choir – a wonderful opportunity for children to share their love of singing, grow in faith and take part in our parish celebrations. The choir will sing at selected Masses each month, alternating between St Margaret's & Holy Name. Rehearsals are Wednesdays, 5pm–6:30pm at St Margaret's Church. No previous experience is needed – just enthusiasm and energy!

Children do not need to attend either parish school to join.

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up! There is still time to join, and we would love to welcome more young singers. *There's nothing more special than children's voices filling our churches!*

To find out more or sign up, email Briony Wilson on parishchoir2026@outlook.com



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 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** 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 Archdiocesan bus for the National Youth Pilgrimage (for ages 18–35) is almost fully booked. It only cost £10 so reserved your spot now by emailing youth.office@staned.org.uk. The pilgrimage takes place at Pluscarden Abbey near Elgin on Saturday 26 September.

Mass with the African Community

Celebrate Mass with the African community in Fife at 2pm on Sunday 20 September at St Margaret's. Light refreshments will follow in the Crypt after Mass. All are welcome.

Six volunteers needed to foster places of prayer for children: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a programme for children 3–12 years olds, focused on Jesus and the sacraments. It aims at nurturing children's union with God through Holy Mass, prayer, and joy. Sessions are weekly at a CGS 'atrium' and run by trained catechists. Six catechists are needed to maintain the single Edinburgh atrium and possibly open another and training begins in mid-October (it is spread over three long weekends). Learn more about training and explore if this might be a fit for you by emailing smiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk

Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage

The annual pilgrimage takes place on Sunday 20 September at St Patrick's Church in The Cowgate, Edinburgh. 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).

Poverty in Scotland: can we do more?

An event to dive into the reality of poverty in Scotland. You'll hear from a range of speakers working on the frontline, discuss what's being done and explore ways we can do more to help. It's a chance to connect, share ideas, and spark change. It takes place on Saturday 3 October, 10.30am–4pm at, The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Register at bit.ly/povertyinScotland

A Special Season of Creation Mass, bringing our whole parish together in nature



As part of our celebration of the Season of Creation, on Sunday 27th September, we are holding a special thanksgiving Mass. Every member of our Parish is warmly invited to come together in prayer to worship our Lord in a very special way.

Thanks to the generosity of Lisa & Tim Hall, Parishioners at Holy Name, they have kindly agreed to hold this event in their private estate; Old Inzievar House, Oakley, KY12 8HA.

We will celebrate Sunday Mass together, in the open air, communing with God and nature. The Liturgy Group is assisting us with the Liturgical planning for the day, with input from Holy Name, St Margaret's and children from St Margaret's and Holy Name primary schools. It is truly a whole-Parish endeavour.

After Mass, you are invited to bring a picnic for you and your family and participate in family activities for the children. We'll provide refreshments and home baking to add to your picnic.

We will have a back up plan, in case of the Scottish weather! Seating will be provided for the elderly and disabled. There are toilets available for use. We encourage you to bring picnic blankets / folding camping chairs.

RSVP to attend

In order to cater for this special Mass, you're asked to indicate if you will be attending. An email will be sent to everyone on the Parish Register this week, and a sign up form will be posted on the noticeboard in both churches. Please RSVP by Wednesday 23rd September.

10.30 – 10.55	Arrive for Mass	Parking available at Inzievar House
11.00 – 12.00	Season of Creation Mass	Thanksgiving mass for the gift of creation.
12.00–3pm	Lunch & Activities	You're invited to bring a Picnic for you and your family. Tea, coffees and juices will be provided. Home baking to add to your picnic will be available also.
3pm	Departure	Please remember to take your belongings and rubbish home with you.

My thanks to the Parishioners who have stepped forward as Season of Creation Mass volunteers so far. We are looking for more people to help!

Please email office.stmargaretdunfermline@staned.org.uk if you can help.

Our next planning meeting is Tuesday 15th Sept, 6.30pm in the Crypt at St Margaret's.



PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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All Liturgical Services in St. Margaret's Church are livestreamed.

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Newsletter deadline Wednesday 10am

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

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

SM - OFFERTORY
5/6 Aug: £684.24
SO/DD £1707.75

HN - MONTHLY OFFERTORY:
11 Jul-11 Aug: £1210.24
SO/DD £1029.38

Building Fund Sept
SM: £483.13
HN: £132.75

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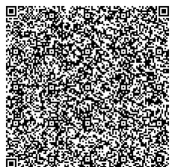
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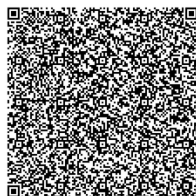
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If you're a UK Tax payer, contact Parish office to register for Gift Aid

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

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FIRST READING Sirach 27:30–28:7

Anger and wrath, these are abominations, and the sinful man will hold them fast. The one who seeks vengeance will be paid vengeance from the Lord, and he who keeps a record will have his own sins recorded. Forgive your neighbour the wrong he has done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray. Does one person harbour anger against another and yet seek for healing from the Lord? Does he have no mercy towards someone like himself and yet pray concerning his own sins? If he himself, being flesh, maintains wrath, who will make atonement for his sins? Remember the end of your life and cease from enmity, remember destruction and death and be true to the commandments. Remember the commandments and do not be angry with your neighbour; remember the covenant of the Most High and overlook error.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING Romans 14:7–9

Brothers and Sisters: None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

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Thanks be to God

GOSPEL Matthew 18:21–35

At that time: Peter came up and said to Jesus, 'Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.'

'Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, "Pay what you owe." So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, "You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103(102):1–2. 3–4. 9–10. 11–12. R8

**The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.**

Gospel Acclamation

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia.

**A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord,
that you love one another, just as I have loved you.**

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.



Living Water Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

Our Parish response

1. Pray with and for creation

- Include a prayer of thankfulness for creation, and that we will protect our common home, in our daily prayers.
- "Pray with the news" or incorporate people impacted by climate or ecological issues into our daily prayer.
- Pray outside in the Garden, or go for a meditative nature walk
- Each week there will be dedicated bidding prayers for creation.

2. Place a plant/produce in front of the Altar

Bring a plant or fresh produce as a token of your gratitude for everything that you have received from God as the Creator. You may take the plant/produce back after the mass on that day. You are welcome to do it on any of the weekends within this season.

3. Parish competitions

- **Recycled Art Competition** - "Best sustainable craft" from reusable materials (no new plastic). Families or individuals may create an artwork, sculpture, or model using clean household materials that would otherwise be discarded.
- **Poster Competition** - Children from primary and high school are invited to design posters on the theme: "God's Gift—Our Responsibility". Your creation must be original not digitally produced.

The deadline to submit these will be Friday 25th September.

4. Lighting of Creation Candle

Different age groups will be represented in each week.

5. Garden Mass and Blessing of Pets

We gather as a parish for mass at 11am at Old Inzievar House, Oakley. Bring an image of your pets, printed or on phone if you wish them to be blessed. There will be no mass at 9.30am at St. Margaret's.

6. Blessing and Re-dedication of the Stone Cross Garden at Holy Name

This will take place after 11am mass on Sunday 20th September.

**May this Season of Creation draw us closer to God,
deepen our communion with one another,
and renew our love and care for our common home.**

May it inspire us to live with gratitude, responsibility, and hope.