



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR (A)
27th 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 26th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 10.30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am – Confessions 5.30pm – Vigil Mass	Agnes McGiffen RIP Bridget & James RIP
Sunday 27th	Old Inzievar House, Oakley, KY12 8HA	11am – Garden Mass at Old Inzievar House	Thanksgiving for Creation
Monday 28th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 29th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Communion Service 10.30am – Holy Mass	Jessie Kelly RIP, Lily Scott RIP
Wednesday 30th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Communion Service 10.30am – Holy Mass	Joe Kennedy RIP
Thursday 1st	St. Margaret's	10.30am – Holy Mass	Terry Cooney RIP
Friday 2nd	St. Margaret's	10.30am – Holy Mass	John & Murray Sullivan RIP
Saturday 3rd	St. Margaret's	5.30pm – Vigil Mass	John McBride (Wellbeing)

Sunday Mass this weekend

A reminder that this Sunday, 27th September we will hold **one** whole-Parish Season of Creation Garden Mass at Old Inzievar House, Oakley at 11am (see page 6 for more details & directions). There will NOT be a 9.30am Mass at St Margaret's or 11am Mass at Holy Name on that day.

Father Syriac will be away from 28th Sept to 10th October

Fr Syriac will be away from the Parish to be with his family and conduct the Mass for the 1st anniversary of the death of his brother, James. Please hold James, Fr and his family in your prayers.

As a result, we have visiting Priests who will be covering mass. [Please check the adjusted Mass Schedule during this time.](#)

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.

PARISH NEWS

To receive our weekly newsletter by email, please register at:
<https://stmargaretsrccchurch.churchsuite.com/-/forms/8e2u8r3e>



Join a Contemplative Prayer 'Taster Sessions' starting 30th Sept

'Taster Sessions' using the Centering Prayer method will take place this month and in October. The first is on Wednesday 30th September. If you cannot manage a Wednesday then come on Tuesday 6th October or on Thursday 8th October. Each session will take place in the Lady Chapel in St Margaret's at 7pm and will finish at 8pm sharp. No need to book.

Parish Men's Group meeting

The next Men's Group Meeting is at 7pm on Thursday 1st October in the Crypt at St Margaret's. All men of the Parish are welcome to attend.

Used Stamps volunteer - can you help?

For the past 20 years, Maureen McIntosh has kindly managed the used-stamp collection at the back of the church. As she is stepping down, we are looking for a volunteer to take over this simple but worthwhile task. Proceeds support St Patrick's Missionary Society's Catechist Fund, helping catechists and their families in Africa, Brazil and the West Indies. Catechists provide vital support to missionary and pastoral work. If you can help, please contact the Parish Office.

Sick in the Parish

We would like to ask your prayers for: **Ileana Macmillan, 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** 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

Fife African Community Mass

The Inaugural Mass of the Afro-Caribbean Community in Fife took place last Sunday at St Margaret's.

Fr Francis Ututo SMMM said: *"We give thanks and praise to Almighty God for the success of this wonderful celebration of faith, unity, and community. The organisation was excellent, the singing was uplifting, and our dedicated altar servers served with great reverence and commitment. We are grateful to everyone who contributed to making this special occasion a memorable one. May the Lord continue to bless the Afro-Caribbean Community in Fife, strengthen them in faith, and keep them always in His love and grace."*



ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

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

Consultation on Diocesan Structures - The Bishops' Conference of Scotland has announced the latest phase of its consultation on the future structure of dioceses in Scotland. The proposals include possible changes affecting the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh. This is a consultation process and no decisions have been made. Read more at archedinburgh.org/news/

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 takes place on Saturday 3 October, 10.30am-4pm at, The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Register now at bit.ly/povertyinscotland

Red Mass - The annual Red Mass takes place at 12 noon on Sunday 4 October at St Mary's Catholic Cathedral, Edinburgh. The Mass marks the beginning of the new legal year in Scotland and brings together members of the legal profession to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the administration of justice. All are welcome.

Pro-Life Candlelight Procession - SPUC Scotland's annual Candlelight Procession takes place in Glasgow on Thursday 29 October to pray for the protection of unborn life. The evening begins with the Rosary at the Mercat Building, Glasgow Cross, at 6:30pm, followed by the Candlelight Procession at 7pm and Mass at St Andrew's Cathedral at 7:30pm. All are welcome.

Catholic Conversations for Women on the Rosary - In October, the month of the Rosary, all women are invited to join 'Catholic Conversations' on Saturday 17 October, 3.45pm-4.45pm in St Andrew's Parish rooms at 77 Belford Road, Edinburgh, EH4 3DS to look at how the mysteries of the Rosary are rooted in Scripture. Optional Holy Hour at the adjacent convent with Adoration, Rosary and Vespers from 5:10pm. To register email edinburgh@almamercy.org or call 0131 343 3380.



Across our Parish, we have two incredibly hard working and dedicated SSVP groups, fuelled by your generosity! Read how they are helping our community.

Holy Name SSVP

Holy Name SSVP Conference has six members: five full members and one auxiliary member who supports us when needed.

Thank you to Holy Name parishioners for their charity. Your support helps us respond to people in Oakley and the surrounding villages when they are facing hardship or need a helping hand.

Your donations provide practical help in many ways: food and clothing vouchers, Christmas gift vouchers for children, and support through the SSVP Furniture Project, including furniture, white goods, and help with running costs.

We work closely with the school liaison officer at the Oakley joint campus, who helps connect us with families who may need support. We have also spoken in schools about the SSVP, and we hope this will encourage young people to think about serving others in the future.

Each year, your support gives one family a caravan holiday at Seaton Sands, with spending money.

When disasters happen worldwide, we donate through our Glasgow head office to support our brothers and sisters overseas.

We also visit people in homes, care homes, and hospitals. Many value the chance to chat and share memories, and this rewarding work brightens their day and ours. 😊

The SSVP Way

Prayer is central to our work. We meet every three weeks to pray, reflect on the Gospel, and remember the sick and those who have died. We also attend festival meetings and the National Conference to share ideas and learn about new initiatives.

All of this is possible because of your donations. Your generosity and big hearts make a real difference ❤️

We report back annually to show how donations are used over the previous year. This year we are producing a handout to display this information which includes our dues to National and Archdiocesan councils for administration.

Please consider joining and helping with our work. If you are interested, let us know.

The parish is always in our prayers. Thank you for taking the time to read this and for your continued support.

Marie Glancy, President of the Holy Name SSVP & Marianne Ellis, St Margaret's SSVP

St Margaret's SSVP

We consist of 6 active members. 2 currently new to the SSVP.

John Robertson has taken on the Fife Group President's role this year.

As a city, Dunfermline sees a large amount of donations given to the homeless, people or families experiencing difficulties or hardship. We also help ex prisoners who need help in being rehoused. We have a Conference phone and we try to assist individuals as quickly as we can. However, the phone system also identifies individuals who try to use us too often. This sort of behaviour comes with the territory but we refer to other charities for help.

We offer Food vouchers, power cards etc as needed.

St. Margaret's - along with David Hunter from St. John's, Rosyth - actively work on the Furniture Project 2 days a week, mainly Monday's and Tuesday's. This can cover the majority of Edinburgh, Fife and the Central belt.

This year, 4 families enjoyed a week's holiday at the Port Seton Caravan. To see the faces on the children is humbling. Sometimes it is also a welcomed relief for the parent's who have not had holidays in years.

We had our Annual Trip in August funded by a legacy left for the Over 60's within St. Margaret's Parish. This is always a fun day and a chance for people to meet up and relax.

A HUGE THANK YOU, MIKE!

Michael Robertson is stepping down from his role as President for the St Margaret's Conference after **more than 40 years** of serving as an extremely active part of our SSVP. He will remain as an Honorary Member.

On behalf of the whole Parish and all of the people in our community who you have helped, with dignity and care, **THANK YOU!**



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

SM - OFFERTORY
19/20 Sept: £777.79
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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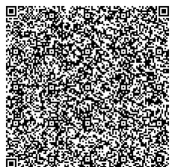
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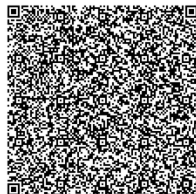
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If you're a UK Tax payer, contact Parish office to register for Gift Aid

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

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FIRST READING Ezekiel 18:25–28

Thus says the Lord: 'You say, "The way of the Lord is not just." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING Philippians 2:1–11

Brothers and Sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy; complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL Matthew 21:28–32

At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." And he answered, "I will not", but afterwards he changed his mind and went. And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, "I go, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterwards change your minds and believe him.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 25(24):4–5b. 6–7. 8–9. R6a
Remember your compassion, O LORD.

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:27
Alleluia, alleluia.
My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord,
and I know them, and they follow me.
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.

Season of Creation Celebration of Garden Mass



HOLY NAME & ST MARGARET'S PARISH

Thank you for coming together to praise God's creation, celebrate community, share faith, and strengthen spiritual bonds among our Parish.

ALL ARE
Welcome

 Sunday 27th September
 10am onwards arrival
11am-12pm Holy Mass
12pm-3pm Picnic lunch & activities
3pm - Depart from Inzievar House



Activities for all

- Garden Mass & Blessing of Pets
- Praise & Worship Music featuring St Margaret's Primary School Glee Choir
- Kids' Crafts & activities
- Mindful Walk with Creation
- Bring your own Picnic Lunch
- Teas, Coffees, soft drinks & home baking provided

Handy info

- Parking - please follow directions from our parking steward volunteers. If you need to leave early, our Pass-keepers (in a high-vis vest) can direct you.
- Toilets - There are 2 toilets available for use. Let's all keep them tidy!
- The wonderful One World Group will be serving tea, coffee and soft drinks and home baking from volunteers
- If you need any help, approach our friendly Pass-keepers
- We will be taking photos and drone footage - please let us know if you do not want to be photographed.

