



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

HOME OF ST. MARGARET'S RELIC

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR (A)
6th 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 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
Sunday 6th 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	St Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am – Holy Mass 11am – Holy Mass	Jose Soares & Rosa Do Rosario Tom Mould RIP
Monday 7th <i>The Nativity of Our Lady</i>		NO MASS	
Tuesday 8th Sept	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass	Albert Gatt RIP Our Lady of Lourdes
Wednesday 9th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Requiem Mass for Mark James Davison	Antonio Fusco RIP
Thursday 10th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass	Ramsay Kessler RIP & Anna Kessler RIP
Friday 11th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass	Eamon Brolly RIP
Saturday 12th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 10.30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am – Confessions 5.30pm – Vigil Mass	Agnes McGiffen RIP, Jeanette Donald RIP Hary Reid RIP

Second collection this weekend – There will be a 2nd collection at Vigil & Sunday Mass for the Building Fund.

Pilgrims joining morning Mass, 12 Sept

We're honoured to welcome 40-50 pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Motherwell to Saturday morning Mass on the 12th Sept. 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.



Obituary – Please hold in your prayers:

Jack Pryde – We are very sad to report the death of local historian and tour guide Jack Pryde. Although not a parishioner, Jack was a very active and enthusiastic member of our parish's St Margaret Pilgrimage committee from its start in 2015 until the pilgrimages were paused during the Pandemic. He arranged tours around historic St Margaret sites in the town for pilgrimage visitors. His funeral is at Dunfermline Crematorium on Tuesday 8th September at 2pm.

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

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 13th September after 9.30am mass.

SPUC Pro Life

The SPUC Pro-life group is organising a campaign against the End of Life Bill which is to be presented to the Parliament on September 11th. Please use the material in the flyer provided with the newsletter. Tell your MP to vote against the Bill.

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 Pendowski, 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 Pilgrimage to Carfin

This Sunday at 3pm Holy Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop William Nolan, joined by Bishops, Priests, Religious and Faithful from across the country at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes. All welcome.

Be Part of the National Conversation

The bishops encourage Catholics across Scotland to make their voices heard in the National Conversation survey. Our faith calls us to be active participants in society, working for the common good and ensuring that every person is heard. Visit <https://www.national-conversation.ox.ac.uk/>

Children's Liturgy Leaders' Morning

A morning of prayer and reflection for Children's Liturgy leaders will be held on Saturday 12 September, from 9am-midday, at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1EE. The event will begin with Mass in St Margaret's Chapel, celebrated by Fr Adrian Porter SJ, followed by sessions on reading and reflecting on the Gospels and on personal prayer. Register now at bit.ly/kidliturgyevent

Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage

This year's 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).

National Youth Pilgrimage

The National Youth Pilgrimage (for ages 18–35) will take place on Saturday 26 September at Pluscarden Abbey. This year's focus is 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 please contact youth.office@staned.org.uk.

Mass with the African community

Celebrate Mass with the African community in Fife at 2pm on Sunday 20 September at St Margaret's Catholic Church, East Port, Dunfermline. Light refreshments will follow in the parish hall after Mass. All welcome.

SPOTLIGHT: SEASON OF CREATION 2026



Living Water Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

Each year from September 1st to October 4th, the Christian family unites for the Season of Creation, a worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. It is a special season where we celebrate God as Creator and acknowledge Creation as the divine continuing act that summons us as collaborators to love and care for the gift of all that is created. As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common call to care for Creation. We are co-creatures and part of all that God has made. Our well-being is interwoven with the well-being of the Earth.

Theme and emblem for 2026

The particular theme for this year is "Living Water." It draws from the biblical vision in Ezekiel 47:9, 12, which describes water flowing from God's sanctuary, bringing life, restoration, and renewal to ecosystems and communities worldwide.

Key meaning of the theme:

- Ecological restoration: Water as a symbol of healing for degraded ecosystems
- Spiritual renewal: Connection between faith, baptism, and transformation
- Human responsibility: Stewardship of natural resources, especially water
- Climate justice: Focus on communities most affected by water scarcity and pollution

The theme aligns with growing global concerns about freshwater access, biodiversity loss, and environmental sustainability. The theme encourages us to recognise ecological damage, embrace interconnectedness, and commit to safeguarding and renewing creation.

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

As part of our celebration of the Season of Creation, on Sunday 27th September, we are holding a thanksgiving Mass in a beautiful Garden followed by shared meal, family activities and fun. Our recent PPC meeting has agreed to hold this event in Old Inzievar House Oakley, a private estate owned by one of our parishioners. Bring an image of your pets, printed or on phone if you wish them to be blessed. More details are to be followed.

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.

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

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
29-30Aug: £781.72
SO/DD £1707.75

HN - MONTHLY OFFERTORY:
11 Jul-11 Aug: £1210.24
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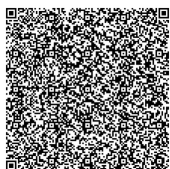
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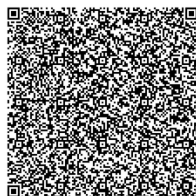
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SCRIPTURE READINGS

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FIRST READING Ezekiel 33:7-9

Thus says the Lord: 'So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING Romans 13:8-10

Brothers and Sisters: Owe no one anything, except to love each other. For the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet', and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL Matthew 18:15-20

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95(94):1-2. 6-7b. 7c-9. R7c, 8a
O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'

Gospel Acclamation

2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia.

God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself,
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.
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.