



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MISSION SUNDAY – YEAR (A)
18th October 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 17th <i>St Ignatius</i>	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass & Novena of St. Margaret 10.30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am – Confessions 5.30pm – Vigil Mass	MK Mathew RIP Sr Mercine RIP
Sunday 18th	St. Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am – Holy Mass 11am – Holy Mass	Bernard Brian McDonagh RIP Breen Family & Brian Anderson RIP
Monday 19th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 20th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Communion Service 10am – Communion Service	
Wednesday 21st	Holy Name	9am – Communion Service	
Thursday 22nd	St. Margaret's	10am – Communion Service	
Friday 23rd		NO MASS	
Saturday 24th	St. Margaret's	5.30pm – Vigil Mass	Kathleen Mary Dewar RIP, Ron Price RIP

Clergy Retreat

From Sunday 18th – Sat 24th October, Fr Syriac will join all priests in the Archdiocese in Clergy retreat in Arce, France. Let us remember all our priests during this week. Please see changes to the Mass schedule above.

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>



Obituaries – Please remember in your prayers:

Noreen Hunter – Funeral will be a Requiem Mass at St Margaret's, 10am on Tuesday 27th October followed by committal at Dunfermline Cemetery.

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

St Margaret's SSVP – Volunteer urgently required

Due to a family bereavement, one of our dedicated volunteers has stepped back temporarily from the much-used and vital furniture collection and donation service in the SSVP. Solomon Patel would greatly appreciate another pair of hands so that we can continue to serve our community. If you can help – even for a short spell – please contact the Parish Office.

One World Group Breakfast, Sunday 25th Oct

The One World Group are having a fundraising breakfast after 9.30am mass next Sunday. This is being sponsored by Liz Slater to celebrate the life of her late mother. So come and enjoy Liz's offer of a free bacon or sausage roll! Obviously, any other donations will be welcome but not a requirement to enjoy your breakfast. All are welcome, especially new faces!

Sick in the Parish

We would like to ask your prayers for: **Pat Moyes, 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

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

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

Pope Leo

Please keep the Holy Father in your prayers as he recovers from surgery. May the Lord may give him strength and peace as he continues his ministry.

World Mission Sunday

This Sunday we have the annual special collection for the 100th World Mission Sunday. This year's theme, chosen by Pope Leo XIV, is One in Christ, United in Mission. Our prayers and donations will support missionaries and communities in need, including Missio Scotland's projects in Albania and Ukraine. Please pray for missionaries throughout the world and give what you can. Donations can also be made online at missioscotland.com/donate Booklets and donation envelopes are at the back of the church.

White Mass for Healthcare Workers

Catholic healthcare professionals are invited to a White Mass for the Feast of St Luke at 11am on Sunday 18 October at St Patrick's Church, The Cowgate, Edinburgh. All healthcare workers are warmly welcome. Register at bit.ly/whitemassedinburgh

Celebrate with the Sisters of Mercy

The Sisters of Mercy of Alma, Michigan, are celebrating 10 years in our Archdiocese. Join them on Tuesday 20 October, 6.30pm–8pm at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB for a short documentary about the Sisters and their community life, Q&A, pizza and conversation Register at bit.ly/dinnerdoc.

Edinburgh Day for Life

SPUC Edinburgh West is holding its first Day for Life on Saturday 31 October, 9.30am–3.30pm, at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh EH9 1BB. Include talks from Dr Calum MacKellar, Margaret Akers and Chris McEleny. Register for this free event at bit.ly/dayforlife

Mass for the Faithful Departed

Archbishop Cushley will offer Holy Mass for the repose of all the faithful departed who have died in the Archdiocese in the last year, especially those buried at Mount Vernon Cemetery in Edinburgh. This will take place on All Souls' Day, Monday 2 November, at 10am in the Cemetery Chapel at Mount Vernon Cemetery, 49 Mount Vernon Rd, Edinburgh, EH16 6JG.

'Who is Jesus?' course

If you want to explore Jesus, God, life, love and much more you are welcome to attend this free course which takes place each Tuesday at 7.30pm in St Albert's Catholic Chaplaincy, 23 George Square, Edinburgh. Contact Fr Andrew Brookes OP at andrew.brookes@english.op.org.

World Mission Sunday – 18th October 2026

“One in Christ – United in Mission”

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today the Catholic Church throughout the world celebrates World Mission Sunday, and this year our celebration is especially significant. We mark the 100th anniversary of World Mission Sunday, established by Pope Pius XI in 1926. For 100 years, Catholics have set aside this day to pray and give generously for the Church in mission countries.

We are united in Christ, not just throughout the world today, but also across time. All the generations – our parents and grandparents, our great-grandparents, we ourselves and perhaps our children and grandchildren – have prayed together on this day and helped the young Church in distant lands. That unity is at the heart of the theme Pope Leo XIV has chosen for this centenary year: “One in Christ – United in Mission” which reminds us that mission begins with Christ Himself. United with Him, we become united with one another and then we share in His mission of bringing faith, hope and love to the world.

In his message for today he tells us: “This requires hearts united in Christ, reconciled communities and, in everyone, a willingness to cooperate with generosity and trust.” He goes on to encourage the whole Church, following the Jubilee Year, “to continue its missionary journey with joy and zeal in the Holy Spirit.”

We are brothers and sisters, a family bound together across every continent, and what happens to the Church in Albania or in Ukraine happens, in a real sense, to us. When one part of the family suffers, we all suffer; when one part is in need, we are all called to respond.

The readings at Mass this Sunday connect intimately with this theme. In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah tells us that God called Cyrus, a foreign king who did not even know him, to carry out his purposes: “I have called you by your name, I have given you a title, though you do not know me” (Isaiah 45:4). God works through people and nations far beyond the boundaries we might expect, reminding us that his mission belongs to the whole world, not to any one people or place.

In the Gospel, the Pharisees try to trap Jesus with a question about paying taxes to Caesar, and he replies, “Render to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God” (Matthew 22:21). Our first duty, before every other, is what we owe to God. On World Mission Sunday, giving to God what belongs to God's means placing our prayer, our resources and our very selves at the service of his mission in the world.

Today every Catholic parish in Scotland takes up the annual collection to support parish communities which lack the resources to carry out their pastoral and charitable work. Your generosity helps bishops, priests, religious sisters, catechists and the people they serve, more often than not in difficult circumstances.

Important though today's collection is, I ask something equally important: please pray.

Pray for missionaries, for priests and religious, for catechists and lay leaders, and for families living through poverty, persecution or war. Prayer is the first act of mission.

Our financial gifts support the Church's work; our prayers sustain its heart. As part of this year's campaign, Missio Scotland is highlighting the work of the Church in two countries in particular need of our support: Albania and Ukraine. In Albania, we are supporting two projects. The first is a day centre run by Franciscan Sisters, who offer care and education to children and young people affected by poverty, difficult family situations and the lack of access to education. One of the sisters, Sr Lulë, told us: “One of the biggest challenges we have faced here at the centre is the heating system. The building needs investment, but there has never been enough funding available to do everything that is needed, so Missio Scotland supporting the installation of a new heating system is a gift from God.”

The second Albanian project, led by Fr Augustin, a Vincentian Father and National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies in Albania, provides support to homeless men who have nowhere else to turn.

In Ukraine, we are supporting the purchase of an electricity generator for a Catholic centre in the city of Kharkiv, close to the front line of the war. During the bombings when frequently there is no power, the generator will provide electricity and heating so the centre can continue welcoming people seeking food, warmth and shelter. It will be a practical sign of Christ's hope amid conflict.

You can read more about these projects in our magazine, copies of which are available.

On behalf of Pope Leo, I thank you sincerely for your faithful support over many years. The generosity of the Catholics of Scotland has strengthened the Church in countless communities throughout the world. Although you may never meet those whose lives you have touched, they remember you in their prayers.

On this 100th World Mission Sunday, I ask you to please continue to remember the Church in mission countries in your daily prayers and, if you are able, to give generously to today's collection. Together, through our prayers and generosity, we proclaim that we truly are “One in Christ – United in Mission.”

Thank you, and may God bless our families, our parishes and the Church across the globe.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Fr Vincent Lockhart

National Director of Missio Scotland – The Pontifical Mission Societies

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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

Day for the Poor
8 Nov

Catholic Education
22 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
10 & 11 Oct: £755.15

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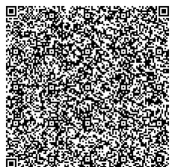
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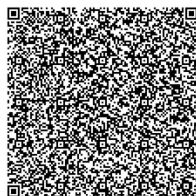
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SCRIPTURE READINGS

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR (A)



FIRST READING Isaiah 45:1,4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:
'It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not
know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm
you
that men may know from the rising to
the setting of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the
Church in Thessalonika which is in God
the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ;
wishing you grace and peace from God
the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers
and thank God for you all, and
constantly remember before God our
Father how you have shown your faith
in action, worked for love and
persevered through hope, in our Lord
Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you
and that you have been chosen,
because when we brought the Good
News to you, it came to you not only as
words, but as power and as the Holy
Spirit and as utter conviction.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out
between them how to trap Jesus in what
he said. And they sent their disciples to
him, together with the Herodians, to say,
'Master, we know that you are an honest
man and teach the way of God in an
honest way, and that you are not afraid
of anyone, because a man's rank means
nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then.
Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or
not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice
and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you
set this trap for me? Let me see the
money you pay the tax with.' They
handed him a denarius, and he said,
'Whose head is this? Whose name?'
'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to
them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar
what belongs to Caesar – and to God
what belongs to God.'

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

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 95(96):1,3-5,7-10
Ascribe to the LORD glory and power.

Gospel Acclamation
Jn17:17
Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word is truth, O Lord:
consecrate us in the truth.
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.