



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR (A)
25th 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 24th	St. Margaret's	5.30pm – Vigil Mass	Kathleen Mary Dewar RIP, Ron Price RIP
Sunday 25th	St. Margaret's Holy Name St. Margaret's	9.30am – Holy Mass 11am – Holy Mass 1.30pm – Baptism of Eilis Mary Brigid Plumb	Fay Payne RIP Beth Kildare RIP
Monday 26th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 27th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Requiem mass of Noreen Hunter	Brian Anderson RIP
Wednesday 28th St Simon & St Jude	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Holy Mass 10am – Holy Mass	Albert Gatt RIP Angelo Antonacci RIP
Thursday 29th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass	William (Billy) Robertson RIP
Friday 30th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 2pm – Marriage of Courtney Anderson & Robbie Campbell	Joseph Kennedy RIP
Saturday 31 st	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass & Novena of St. Margaret 10.30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am – Confessions 5.30pm – Vigil Mass	Brendan McNamara RIP Noreen Hunter RIP

N.B.

Mass Census will be taken this weekend at St. Margaret's and Holy Name.

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.



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.**

Parishioner Contact Request

We would be grateful if the following parishioners could please get in touch with the parish office regarding a small administrative matter. Unfortunately, we have so far been unable to make contact with you. Please contact the parish office by email or telephone at your earliest convenience. If any other parishioners have contact details for the named parishioners below could you please contact them and advise that the Parish office would like to hear from them. These are the only details we have for them:

M & M McGuigan

Mrs E/CA Smith

S Beveridge

One World Group Breakfast, Sunday 25th Oct

The One World Group are having a fundraising breakfast after 9.30am mass this 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!

Bereavement Group, Thursday 29th October

If you have experienced the loss of a loved one, you are warmly invited to join us for our next Bereavement Group meeting on Thursday 29th October, from 1pm–2.45pm in the Crypt. Come along for a relaxed 'Tea and a Chat' in a friendly and supportive space. There's no formal counselling – just a chance to meet others, share a conversation if you wish, and enjoy some company. You don't have to come alone – feel free to bring a friend. We look forward to welcoming you.

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.

SMPGA Outing 2026

The annual parish golf association outing was held on a bright, breezy day at Pitreavie golf club 16th October. Winner of the coveted SMPGA trophy was Ronan McGirr. Runner up and winner of the John McCormick Memorial Shield was Kieran Grattan. Thanks to all players and to Pitreavie Golf Club for a fine Bill O' Fayre after the round.

Sick in the Parish

We would like to ask your prayers for: **Olive Patterson, Pat Moyes, Ileana Macmillan, 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

Marriage Preparation Courses

New dates for Marriage Preparation Courses are available from the Archdiocese. Couples planning to marry in the Catholic Church should speak to the parish priest before booking. For dates and booking details, visit archedinburgh.org/administration/marriage-preparation-courses/.

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 on Monday 2 November, at 10:00am in the Cemetery Chapel at Mount Vernon Cemetery, 49 Mount Vernon Rd, Edinburgh, EH16 6JG.

Retreat Day

Are you a young woman thinking about a vocation to the religious life? Come to Explore, a retreat day to reflect upon and explore God's will for you. It takes place on 10:00am–7:00pm Saturday 14 November, at 9 Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh, EH9 1SN. Includes Mass, reflections, prayer, a holy hour, and a chance to socialise over pizza. To register email Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO at religiousvocations@staned.org.uk

Save the Date: Little Liturgies

An evening presentation from The Mark 10 Mission on Little Liturgies will take place on Wednesday 11 November 2026 in the Islay Room at the Gillis Centre, Edinburgh. The event will be of interest to anyone involved in teaching the liturgy to children. Details coming soon.



November 1st – All Saints' Day 2026

This year on Sunday 1st November, we celebrate the solemnity of All Saints. A celebration honouring all men and women who have entered Heaven. While this includes every soul in Heaven, the focus is particularly on those who led extraordinarily holy lives on Earth and who the Church has canonised as Saints.

These individuals witnessed their faith in God in a variety of ways: through deep prayer and mystical union, through enduring martyrdom or other forms of religious persecution, and through acts of service, such as caring for the needy or teaching the faith. Some Saints were powerful preachers or miracle workers. Others were leaders. Some lived in obscurity, and still others experienced exile or made significant personal sacrifices for their faith. In various ways, these Saints glorified God during their lifetimes.

The celebration of All Saints has roots in the earliest of days of the Church. Even in the New Testament times, martyrs were honoured by their community of believers, beginning with the Deacon, Saint Stephen, the first martyr. In 844, Pope Gregory IV extended the Nov 1 celebration to the entire church. In 1484, Pope Sixtus IV made Nov 1 a holy day of obligation for all the church.

Honouring the Saints becomes an invitation to each one of us on Earth to strive after the holiness the saints attained. The Saints give us an example: their lives are a "How To" book in holiness. The lives of the Saints should be studied and pondered so that we can learn from their example. We must also remember that, from Heaven, the Saints become powerful intercessors for us on Earth.

November 2nd – All Souls' Day 2026

As we commemorate All Souls' Day on Monday 2nd November we turn our eyes to those men and women who have gone before us in death but died before being fully purified of the effects of sin. The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains it this way, "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned." (#1030-31).

This commemoration is a call to prayer for those who have died and are being purified in final preparation for their entrance into the Beatific Vision. By praying for those in Purgatory, we are assured that God lavishes upon them all that they need for the complete purification of their souls.

This commemoration also reminds us of the importance of our ongoing deepening conversation. We are all being called to be Saints. Ideally, our central focus in life is to become a living saint today and not wait to be fully purified in Purgatory. Becoming a Saint today means we continuously seek God's mercy, confess our sins, receive forgiveness, and then change our lives completely. This is no small task! It is a life's work.

Our Parish's Response



The Book of Remembrance

The Book of Remembrance contains the names of the Deceased of the Parish. On Sundays in November it will be carried in the offertory procession.

Holy Mass and Candle Service for the Deceased

A sacred time to remember and pray for our deceased, especially those who passed away between November 2025 to November 2026 and light a candle for them in front of the altar. Everyone will get the opportunity to light a candle for their loved ones. This service will be held on Monday 2nd November 7pm at St Margaret's and on Tuesday 10th November 7pm at Holy Name.

Memory Tree

A "Memory Tree" is a simple, tangible way to keep the names of loved ones who have died and are present in the life of the Church. Just as the tree's branches grow upward, we look forward to the promise of resurrection: "the seed of the body will rise in glory" (CCC 1683). We invite every family to join this beautiful expression of love, remembrance, and hope. May the Memory Tree inspire us to pray continually for those who have gone before us, trusting in God's infinite mercy. [More details are to follow.](#)

Prayer for the dead in Cemeteries & Blessings of the Tombs

During November this year, we will visit the cemetery to remember our loved ones, pray for them, and bless their tombs. This is a sign of our continuing love and communion with those who have died, and an opportunity to entrust them to God's mercy. As we gather among the graves, we also renew our Christian hope that, through the death and Resurrection of Jesus, death does not have the final word and our departed await the promise of new life.

Dates and times are to be confirmed both in HN & SM.

Remembrance Sunday

On Sunday 9th November, we will commemorate the great sacrifice of those who lost their lives in war or military service. They will be remembered during the Mass and a poppy wreath will be laid on the altar steps.

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

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
SO/DD £1707.75

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

HN Building Fund:
4 Oct: £80.60
HN Mission Sunday:
18 Oct: £219.98

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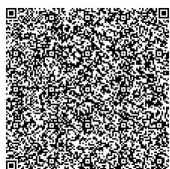
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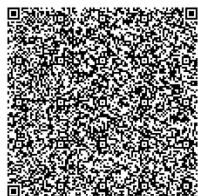
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SCRIPTURE READINGS



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FIRST READING Exodus 22:21-27

Thus says the Lord: 'You shall not wrong a sojourner or oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. You shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child. If you do mistreat them, and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry, and my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless.

If you lend money to any of my people with you who is poor, you shall not be like a money-lender to him, and you shall not exact interest from him. If ever you take your neighbour's cloak in pledge, you shall return it to him before the sun goes down, for that is his only covering, and it is his cloak for his body; in what else shall he sleep?

And if he cries to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Brothers and Sisters: You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything.

For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL Matthew 22:34-40

At that time: When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?' And he said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment.

And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.'

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

Responsorial Psalm Ps 18(17):2-3a. 3b-4. 47, 51ab. R2

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Gospel Acclamation John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia.

**If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord,
and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.
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.

**Dress up or bring an item that represents
or is associated with your favourite Saint.**

ALL SAINTS DAY

Sunday 1st November • St Margaret's Parish

Dress up as your Favourite Saint!

Calling all children — Parents please help your children
to dress up like their favourite saint

Mass Times: 9:30am at St Margaret's and 11am at Holy Name

Prizes for best costumes • All welcome!

