



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR (A)
4th 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 3rd	St. Margaret's	5.30pm – Vigil Mass	John McBride (Wellbeing)
Sunday 4th	St. Margaret's Holy Name	9.30am – Holy Mass 11am – Holy Mass	Josie Evans RIP, Theresa Sullivan & Family People of the Parish
Monday 5th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 6th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Communion Service 10.30am – Holy Mass	Anne Wilson
Wednesday 7th Our Lady of the Rosary	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am – Communion Service 10.30am – Holy Mass	Fr Martin Birrell (Thanksgiving)
Thursday 8th	St. Margaret's	10.30am – Holy Mass	Maureen Young RIP
Friday 9th	St. Margaret's	10.30am – Holy Mass	Maureen Young RIP
Saturday 10th	St. Margaret's	10am – Holy Mass 5.30pm – Vigil Mass	Fr Xavier RIP Benjamin Watson RIP (30 th Anniversary)

Father Syriac is 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.



Obituaries – Please remember in your prayers:

Noreen Hunter – Funeral details to follow.

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

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

There are 2 more 'Taster Sessions' using the Centering Prayer method if you are interested in learning about contemplative prayer. The next session you can join are Tuesday 6th or Thursday 8th October, 7-8pm in the Lady's Chapel at St Margaret's. No need to book – all are welcome!

Toddler Group – Reminder to all families at the Toddler group runs every Friday in the Crypt 09.30 – 11.30am. All welcome.

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 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.

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.

Christian Heritage Centre retreat: Be still and know that I am God, 20th–23rd November 2026

Step away from the noise and rediscover the stillness in which we become attentive to God. Led by Fr Roger Dawson SJ, Liz Lord and Steve Noone, this residential retreat explores mindfulness, psychology and the Christian spiritual life. The weekend includes talks, contemplative prayer, Mass, Adoration and time to walk, rest and reflect in the peaceful surroundings of the Stonyhurst estate. Find out more and book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/be-still-and-know-that-i-am-god/>

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 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

Red Mass

The annual Red Mass takes place at 12 noon this Sunday (4 October) at St Mary's 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.

Additional Support Needs Mass

Those with additional support needs of all ages and their families/carers are invited to a special Sunday Mass on 11 October at 2pm in the quiet, beautiful Chapel of St Albert the Great at 23/24 George Square Lane, Edinburgh, EH8 9LD. Mass will be celebrated by Father Jamie McMorris. Families are invited for teas/coffees and biscuits at the adjacent SPRED Centre following Mass to gather together to offer mutual support and to grow in friendship. This is a new opportunity and will occur quarterly. Entrance to the chapel is on George Square Lane, behind George Square. Parking is free on Sundays in George Square Lane and in the SPRED Centre car park adjacent to the chapel. For more information and any questions, please contact Sister Mary Benedicta Maier, RSM at srmmary.benedicta@staned.org.uk or on 0131 370 0017.

Catholic Conversations for Women on the Rosary

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.

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.



SCRIPTURE READINGS

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FIRST READING Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING Philippians 4:6-

Brothers and Sisters: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise: think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me – practise these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

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Thanks be to God

GOSPEL Matthew 21:33-43

At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence round it and dug a wine press in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than at first. And they did the same to them. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance." And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?'

They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.'

Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the Scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes"? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 80(79):9, 12. 13-14. 15-16. 19-20. R̥ Isaiah 5:7a

The vineyard of the LORD is the house of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. John 15:16

Alleluia, alleluia.

I chose you out of the world, says the Lord,
that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit
should abide.

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.

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
26/27 Sept: TO FOLLOW
so/DD £1707.75

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

Building Fund Sept
SM: £483.13
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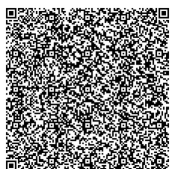
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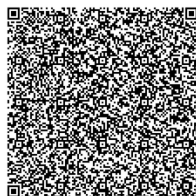
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Season of Creation Celebration Parish Garden Mass at Old Inzievar House

A Mass to Remember

When we planned a special Season of Creation Garden Mass, we didn't quite expect that God would show us the meaning of 'Living water' with a deluge of Scottish rain. Nonetheless, the weather didn't put off the **205 parishioners** who ventured to the beautiful grounds of Old Inzievar House to gather together to worship Our Lord.

Beautifully designed and painted signage by the school children set the theme and guided Parishioners.

The Marquee (and emergency extra gazebo) cosily accommodated the Faithful and the setting made for a Mass to remember. The altar was adorned with grapes and vines from the conservatory, and Tom Canning's beautiful paintings served as a fitting backdrop.

There was beautiful music provided by the music group and St Margaret's Primary School Glee Choir, a Mass giving thanks to God for all of creation, and a fitting end with thanks and tokens of appreciation to those who contribute to our Parish year-round.

After Mass, the One World Group served hot drinks and donations of home-baking in the conservatory and while the weather put paid to picnic on the lawn, many folks mingled afterwards and enjoyed their sandwiches and scones in the marquee. The kids enjoyed crafts led by the Children's Liturgy Group.

Armed with brollies and waterproofs, several ventured into the magnificent Walled Garden, where Fr Syriac had thoughtfully prepared prayerful prompts for a Mindful Walk. I wager the pitter-patter of the rain lent a fitting soundscape to the meditative experience.



SPOTLIGHT: SEASON OF CREATION CELEBRATION OF GARDEN MASS



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



Thank you!

Firstly, thank you to all of the Parishioners from Holy Name and St Margaret's churches who gathered to celebrate Mass, and God's Creation in this very special way.

On behalf of us all **our heartfelt thanks to Tim and Lisa Hall** for your generous hospitality and welcoming us to your home. Sharing Old Inzievar House with us for this occasion is a generous gift indeed to your fellow Parishioners.

Thank you to the **staff and pupils of the primary schools** for lending your youthful spirit and voices - you raised the tent roof beautifully.

To our **music groups**, and Colin, Amanda and Briony for collaborating on the musical and liturgical content of this special Mass - thank you!

There was a considerable effort put into planning and organising today and truly it was a team effort. Thank you especially to (in no particular order):

Ian
Tom
Tim
Briony
Blair
Helen
Lorna
Courtney
Steve
Martin
Lesley

Carmel
Paddy
Sonia
Innocent
Princess
Sean
Ruairaidh
Colin
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