ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER
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ALL SAINTS - SOLEMNITY - YEAR (A)
1st November 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 31st	**St. Margaret's**	**10am - Holy Mass** **10.30am-Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** **10.30am - Confessions** **5.30pm - Vigil Mass**	Brendan McNamara RIP Noreen Hunter RIP
Sunday 1st Nov	**St. Margaret's** **Holy Name**	**9.30am - Holy Mass** **11am - Holy Mass**	Richard Hogg RIP (1st Anniversary) For the people of the parish
Monday 2nd *All Souls Day*	**Holy Name** **St. Margaret's**	**9am - Holy Mass** **7pm - Holy Mass & Candle Service for the Deceased**	Faithful Departed of the Parish Faithful Departed of the Parish
Tuesday 3rd	**Holy Name** **St. Margaret's**	**9am - Holy Mass** **10am - Holy Mass**	Margaret McHarg (wellbeing) Deceased of the Music Groups
Wednesday 4th *St Charles Borromeo*	**Holy Name** **St. Margaret's**	**9am - Holy Mass** **10am - Holy Mass**	Albert Gatt RIP Deceased of Dellar & Sullivan Families
Thursday 5th	**St. Margaret's**	**10am - Holy Mass**	Bridget Brolly RIP, Ann Marie Hepburn RIP
Friday 6th	**St. Margaret's**	**10am - Holy Mass**	Brendan McNamara RIP, Mikey Harris (wellbeing)
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Holy Mass and Candle Service for the Deceased
On Monday 2 November, on All Souls Day at 7pm at St. Margaret's, there will be a Holy Mass & Candle Service for all the Deceased of the parish. For Holy Name this will take place on Tuesday 10th at 7pm.

Prayer for the Dead in Cemeteries and Blessings of the Tombs
On Sunday 15th November we will have a graveside memorial at Culross Cemetery at 12.30pm, then at Dunfermline Cemetery at 3pm.

Day for the Poor - There will be a special collection next weekend, 8th November for Day for the Poor.

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.

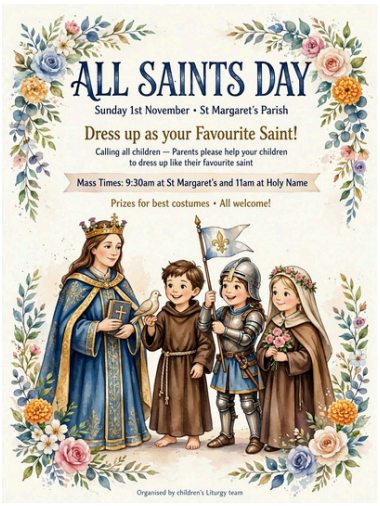
PARISH NEWS

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https://stmargaretsrcchurch.churchsuite.com/-/forms/8e2u8r3e

Obituaries - Please remember in your prayers:
Peter McCourt Funeral will be a Requiem Mass at St Margaret's at 10am on Wednesday 18th November followed by committal at Dunfermline Cemetery. **Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends. May his soul rest in peace.**

Remembrance Sunday Reflection Sunday 8th November, 9.30am Mass
Invite to all ex-servicemen & families of those who died in service during WWI, WWII & recent conflicts. If you would like to be involved with next week's remembrance service at 9.30am Mass, please see Amanda at the music group after Mass.

CALLING ALL CHILDREN OF THE PARISH
WE NEED YOU!!



Altar Servers
We are looking for more altar servers for mass at St. Margaret's & Holy Name.

If any child who has made their First Holy Communion would like to become involved, can their parent please speak to Fr Syriac or Dean McGuire, Altar Server Coordinator.





Light Up Red campaign for the Scottish Poppy Appeal
As we have done for the last few years we will again be lighting up the Church red from Mon 2 Nov as part of the Scottish Poppy Appeal campaign. The Church will remain lit up red throughout November as part of our Month of Remembrance commemorations.
'At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them'

SCIAF's Lenten WEEBOX Appeal
SCIAF has sent a letter to extend their heartfelt thanks to all our parishioners for the amount of £720.10 we raised for their Lenten WEE BOX Appeal. This generous contribution from our parish supports SCIAF's work with vulnerable communities in Ethiopia & around the world, helping to bring hope & build a brighter future for those living in poverty.

Sick in the Parish
We would like to ask your prayers for: **Frances Henderson, 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, 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

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.

GodTalk: The Book of Job
GodTalk is a new venture from the Edinburgh Jesuit Centre which begins on Tuesday 3 November. This first short course will explore the Book of Job in which is found the greatest poetry and the most challenging theology of the Hebrew bible. Participants will be guided through selections of the text and explore the challenges of biblical criticism and the theology of evil and suffering that Job raises. No prior knowledge is assumed but GodTalk aims to go beyond the basics. Tuesdays 3, 10 and 24 November and 1 December at 7pm at Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston, led by Fr Adrian Porter SJ. All welcome.

Red Wednesday Mass – St Mary's Cathedral
Archbishop Leo Cushley will celebrate Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on Wednesday 18 November at 7:00pm to mark Red Wednesday, an annual initiative organised by Aid to the Church in Need (ACN). The Mass will be an opportunity to pray for Christians around the world who face persecution and discrimination because of their faith, and to show solidarity with those who suffer for their beliefs.

SPOTLIGHT: NOVEMBER MONTH OF REMEMBERANCE

Remembrance Sunday

On Sunday 8th Nov, 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.

Month of Remembrance - Memory Tree

The parish is delighted to welcome the return of our Memory Tree for the second year – our volunteers will have this in place on Monday for our All Souls Day mass. The memory tree is a living reminder of the loved ones who have gone before us and a focal point for our prayers for the faithful departed. It is a beautiful, concrete expression of the Church's ancient teaching that the living and the dead are forever united in Christ. It brings the doctrine of the communion of saints, the practice of suffrages for the faithful departed, and the hope of the resurrection into the everyday life of the community, turning a simple tree into a liturgical aid that invites prayer, remembrance and hope.

The Symbolic Significance

The branches of the Memory Tree represent the living and the dead as one body, rooted in Christ and growing toward the light of eternity. By hanging a tag with the name of our deceased ones, the tree becomes a symbol for suffrage for the dead, encouraging us to keep their memories alive and offer prayers and the Holy Eucharist for their repose.

Theological Foundations

Communion of Saints – the tree's branches embody the Church's belief that the faithful on earth are united with those in heaven and in purgatory, sharing in each other's prayers.

Prayer for the Dead – hanging a name is an invitation to offer suffrage, especially the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, for the souls in purgatory, as the Church commends the dead to God's mercy and offers her prayers.

Hope of Resurrection – 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). The Memory Tree reminds us that death is not the end, but a step toward the new heavens and new earth.

In this way, a Memory Tree becomes more than a decorative object; it is a liturgical aid that brings the living into a concrete act of prayer, remembrance, and hope, fully aligned with the Church's tradition of honouring the dead while looking forward to the glorious resurrection.



How it works

It is very simple! Take a tag and a pen from the tray, write the name/s of your deceased ones on the tag and hang it on a branch.

We invite everyone to join this beautiful expression of love, remembrance, and hope.

Please encourage your friends (regardless of their religious status) to come along and take part in this beautiful act of remembrance.

May the Memory Tree inspire us to pray continually for those who have gone before us, trusting in God's infinite mercy.



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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.

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.

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 2026

SM & HN Building Fund 1st Sun every month	**Day for the Poor** 8 Nov	**Catholic Education** 22 Nov

WEEKLY OFFERTORY & MONTHLY STANDING ORDERS/DIRECT DEBITS

SM - OFFERTORY **24 & 25 Oct:** £557.10 **17 & 18 Oct:** £672.41	**HN - MONTHLY OFFERTORY:** **13 Aug-10 Sep:** £1070.10 **SO/DD** £916	**SM Mission Sunday:** **18 Oct:** £705.40 **SM SO/DD** £1707.75

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PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

ACCOUNT NAME, SORT CODE & ACCOUNT NO

Archdiocese of St Andrews & St Margaret 83-06-08 21522638	**The Holy Name Parish** 83-33-00 ~ 00176355

CHARITY BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

ACCOUNT NAME, SORT CODE & ACCOUNT NO
If you're a UK Tax payer, contact Parish office to register for Gift Aid

St. Margaret's One World Group 83-33-00 10191867	**SM SSVP AE02044** 80-06-55 00768139	**HN SSVP AE02040** 80-22-60 13364166

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

ALL SAINTS DAY - YEAR (A)

FIRST READING
Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

I, John, saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, 'Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.' And I heard the number of the sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel.

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?' I said to him, 'Sir, you know.' And he said to me, 'These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING
1 John 3:1-3

Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

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GOSPEL
Matthew 5:1-12a

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'

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

Responsorial Psalm
Ps24(23):1-2. 3-4b. 5-6. ℟ cf. 6

Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation
Matthew 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia.
Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord, and I will give you rest. 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.

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