ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER
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33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR (A)
15th 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 14th	**St. Margaret's**	**10am - Holy Mass & Novena of St Margaret** **10.30am-Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** **10.30am - Confessions** **12pm - Baptism of twins Eliza & Luiza Gorka** **5.30pm - Vigil Mass**	Susan Mair RIP, Madalai & Cecelia Chettiar and Maria Fernandes Anne Williams RIP, Fr Tom Molloy CSSR RIP
Sunday 15th *St Margaret*	**St. Margaret's** **Holy Name**	**9.30am - Holy Mass** **11am - Holy Mass**	People of the Parish Ben Fern (thanksgiving), John Canning RIP
Monday 16th		**10am - Holy Mass with SMPS**	Pupils of St Margaret's Primary
Tuesday 17th *St Elizabeth of Hungary*	**Holy Name** **St. Margaret's**	**10am - Holy Mass** **10am - Holy Mass & Novena of St Margaret**	Margaret O'Donnell (wellbeing) Brendan McNamara RIP, Noreen Hunter RIP
Wednesday 18th	**Holy Name** **St. Margaret's**	**9am - Holy Mass** **10am - Requiem Mass for Peter McCourt**	Albert Gatt RIP
Thursday 19th	**St. Margaret's**	**10am - Holy Mass**	Deceased members of Harris, Dorris and Wojciszak Families
Friday 20th	**St. Margaret's**	**10am - Holy Mass**	Robbie & Courtney (wedding blessings), Carina Rourke (wellbeing)
Saturday 21st *Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*	**St. Margaret's**	**10am - Holy Mass** **10.30am-Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** **10.30am - Confessions** **5.30pm - Vigil Mass**	John Fitzgerald Kennedy RIP, Ian Henderson RIP Mary Sweeney RIP , Margaret Chernouski RIP

Prayer for the Deceased and Blessings of the Tombs
November invites us to remember with love those who have died, to give thanks to God for their lives and for all they shared with us, and to pray for them. Visiting the graves of loved ones is a beautiful expression of the bond we share with them and of the Church's continuing prayer for the faithful departed. This Sunday, our parish will gather at the cemeteries to remember and pray for our loved ones.

Culross Cemetery — 12.30pm **Dunfermline Cemetery — 3pm**

All are warmly welcome. Let us come together to honour our loved ones, entrust them to God's mercy, and find comfort in praying as a parish community.

PARISH NEWS

To receive our weekly newsletter by email, please register at:
https://stmargaretsrcchurch.churchsuite.com/-/forms/8e2u8r3e

Obituaries - Please remember in your prayers:
Peter McCourt Requiem Mass at St Margaret's at 10am on Wed 18th November followed by committal at Dunfermline Cemetery.
Sean Hughes Requiem Mass at St Margaret's at 10am on Friday 27th November followed by committal at Culross Cemetery.
Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends. May their souls rest in peace.

St Margaret's Primary School mass
On Mon 16 Nov, pupils from SMPS will attend 10am Mass at St Margaret's to celebrate the Feast of St Margaret, the Patroness of the school.

Pilgrims from Pluscarden Abbey
On Mon 16 Nov at 11.30am we have a group of pilgrims visiting along with Fr Prior to celebrate mass and to pray for vocations through the intercession of St. Margaret. Their monastery was founded in 1230 by her great grandson, Alexander III. He played a major role in her canonisation.

Meeting for Eucharistic Ministers visiting the housebound or sick parishioners:
There will be a meeting for Eucharistic ministers visiting the housebound or sick parishioners on Wednesday 25th November at 7pm in the Crypt. Please attend if possible.

One World Group: Dates for your diary - The next OWG breakfast will be held on Sunday 29th November.
There will be a Christmas Concert by Queen Anne singers at St. Margaret's on Sunday 13th December at 7pm.
Tickets will be on sale soon. All proceeds from the concert will go to Mary's Meals.

Ladies Group Outing - Rsvp by 22nd Nov
The Ladies Group are organising a trip to Pitlochry Theatre on Thur 20th May 2027 to see a production of '9 to 5'. It is proposed that we travel by bus, have a spot of lunch and then catch the show at 2pm. Tickets are priced at £38.50 with a £5 deposit to be paid. Any ladies of the parish interested should get in touch with Kate Mcilduff or Jean Appleton **by 22nd November** - jc.appleton20@gmail.com Kate.mcilduff@gmail.com

A Celebration of Christmas Carols in Holy Name Church
On Saturday 5 December, Bel Canto - a locally based a capella choir - will be giving a concert here in the Church of the Holy Name at 2:30pm. This event will mark the fourth annual Carol Concert which the choir has performed in Fife in aid of Scotland's Gardens Scheme (SGS). Oakley is very pleased to be hosting the event this year, especially as we have long-established links with the charity through fund-raising garden openings at Old Inzievar House. 60% of the proceeds from the concert will be donated to Holy Name Church, the remaining funds will support SGS's three National charities - Perennial (the benevolent fund for gardeners); the Queen's Nursing Institute for Scotland, and Maggies Cancer Care Centres.
The concert, which will feature traditional and modern carols interspersed with Festive readings, will guarantee the perfect start to your Christmas tide festivities. Tickets, which must be purchased in advance, are available through the following link or can be booked direct from Tim or Lisa Hall.
https://ticketlab.app/event/40203-Bel-Canto-Christmas-Concert-Oakley-RC-Church-Fife-tickets#/

Mass Intentions in November, Month of Remembrance
November is a sacred month of remembrance, and many of its days carry more than one Mass intention. To give each intention its own solemn celebration, the Holy Mass will be celebrated separately on the dates assigned to each intention, and will be offered by priests who are not already scheduled for another intention. If you would like a mass to be offered in November for your deceased loved ones, complete a Mass Intention envelope (for SM in the card stand; 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**.

Car Parking Barrier System
It is the time of year when we renew our database of persons who wish to have 24/7 access to the Church Car Park. For those already registered, you are very welcome to renew your access facility. The parishioner donation requested for the coming year is £75. If you wish to continue with or set up access to the car park at times when the barrier is closed, please either send your donation to St. Margaret's Presbytery OR make a donation online on the Donate page on our website. When sending your donation, please include your name & up to date mobile number & registration number.

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

Red Wednesday Mass – St Mary's Cathedral
Archbishop Leo Cushley will celebrate Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on Wed 18 Nov at 7pm 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: ST MARGARET OF SCOTLAND, PATRONESS OF OUR PARISH

Today we honour our Patroness, St Margaret, the Pearl of Scotland (1046-1093)

As we celebrate the feast of our parish patroness, Saint Margaret of Scotland, we give thanks for a woman whose faith and compassion helped to shape the life of the Church in Scotland. Her story is not distant from us: she lived in this land, and Dunfermline was at the heart of her life and legacy. As we walk the ground beneath our feet, we are walking through a landscape she knew. Remembering that can make the past feel close—and invite us to ask what her example means for us today.

Our parish stands within the land she called home, and our local heritage is linked to her life of faith. This connection makes her story especially precious to us. Saint Margaret's spirituality was rooted in prayer and expressed in practical care. She made time for prayer and Scripture amid the responsibilities of family and public life. Her faith led her to serve the poor, visit the sick, and welcome those in need. Her example shows that prayer is not an escape from the world: it can deepen our love and give us strength to serve others with generosity.

She also worked to renew the life of the Church. Her contribution reminds us that faith is both personal and shared: it is nurtured in prayer, celebrated in the Church, and passed on through life witness, worship, and care for one another.

It is good to celebrate Saint Margaret's memory, but her feast asks more of us than admiration. We are invited to continue her legacy in ways that speak to today's world: to make time for prayer, to welcome those who feel overlooked, to care for people who are sick or lonely, and to help children and young people grow in faith. We may not be queens or founders of churches, but we can each build up the Church and our community through small, faithful acts of love.

As we celebrate our patroness, may Saint Margaret inspire us to cherish the Christian heritage of this place and to carry its best gifts into the future. May her example help us to become a parish rooted in prayer, generous in service, and attentive to those most in need.
Saint Margaret of Scotland, pray for us!

Novena Prayer of St Margaret of Scotland

Great Saint Margaret, at thy feet
Great Saint Margaret, at thy feet,
Christian past and present meet.
Priest and people sing thy fame,
Call upon thy glorious name.

Hail, saint and Queen!
Margaret; the pearl of our land!
Guide us now and ever to our good,
With gracious heart and hand.

Exile cast upon our shore,
Rich in faith and holy lore;
Scotland claimed thee for her own,
Noble Queen for noble crown!

Almighty God, we thank you for all of your gifts to us. We thank you for the gift of our faith, for our families and for the example and prayers of St. Margaret of Scotland.

Through her intercession we approach you now, asking that we may grow in our love for you and in service of our neighbour.

With confidence and through the intercession of St Margaret, we ask you to hear our prayers and grant us the graces that we need.

(In silence let us offer our intentions.)



Let us pray
O God, who made Saint Margaret of Scotland wonderful in her outstanding charity towards the poor, grant that through her intercession and example we may reflect among all humanity the image of your divine goodness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Father.....Hail Mary.... Glory be.....

St Margaret of Scotland, Pray for us

Home and children thy first care;
Kings and queens were nourished there:
Champions of the sacred truth
In the nation's stormy youth.

Hail, saint and Queen!

Warm thy welcome, wide thy door
To Christ in His suff'ring poor;
Thou didst tend them one by one
For thy Jesus' sake alone.

Mother Sweetman

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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.

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 2026

SM & HN Building Fund 1st Sun every month	**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

SM - OFFERTORY **7 - 8 Nov:** £801.13 **SM SO/DD** £1707.75	**HN - MONTHLY OFFERTORY:** **11 Sep -12 Oct:** £889.45 **SO/DD** £950.19	**HN Building Fund:** £167.20

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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

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FIRST READING
Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy.

Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers and sisters, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.

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GOSPEL
Matthew 25:14-30

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money.

'Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, "Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, "Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, "Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours."

But his master answered him, "You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." '

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

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 128(127):1-2. 3. 4-5. R1a

Blessed are all who fear the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation
John 15:4a, 5b

Alleluia, alleluia.
Abide in me, and I in you, says the Lord.
Whoever abides in me bears much fruit.
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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SPOTLIGHT: FOODBANK DRIVE

Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th November

Dunfermline Foodbank
Together with Trussell

Please donate an item or two from the list to help local people without enough money to live on.

St Margaret is remembered especially for her generosity to the poor.To honour St Margaret, our beloved patron, who never sat at a table without first feeding the hungry - we are holding a foodbank drive for the Dunfermline & Oakley Foodbanks on Sat 14 & Sun 15 Nov. The Sunday also coincides, fittingly, with World Day for the Poor.

Please bring your items & drop them in the collection baskets placed at the back of either church. All donations will be handed directly to Dunfermline & Oakley Foodbanks, helping families in our community who are struggling to put food on the table.

How you can join the mission

Bring an item or two from the list. Drop them in the collection baskets placed at the back of the church when you attend the weekend Masses. If you prefer a weekday drop-off, you may leave your contributions at the presbytery or at the church before or after the morning Mass. All donations will be handed directly to Dunfermline & Oakley Foodbanks, helping families in our community who are struggling to put food on the table.

Let us follow St Margaret's example, uniting prayer with concrete action. Together, our hearts and hands can bring God's love to the hungry in our neighbourhood.

We look forward to your generous participation.

Ending hunger together

- Tinned Meat/Fish
- Tinned potato/vegetable
- Tinned fruit/custard/rice
- Tinned soup/spaghetti/macaroni
- Cereal
- Pot noodle/cuppa soup/cheesy pasta
- Cooking sauces (jars)
- Coffee/milk/sugar
- Carton fruit juice/diluting juice
- Washing up liquid