ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER
HOME OF ST. MARGARET'S RELIC

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - YEAR (A)
8th 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 7th	**St. Margaret's**	**10am - Holy Mass** **10.30am-Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** **10.30am - Confessions** **5.30pm - Vigil Mass**	Noreen Hunter RIP, Deceasd members of the Little and Gray Families Neil Sinclair RIP, Shaun Mallan (special intention)
Sunday 8th	**St. Margaret's** **Holy Name**	**9.30am - Holy Mass** **11am - Holy Mass**	Peter Carney RIP, Noreen Hunter RIP Maria Iafrate RIP, Joseph & John Tonner RIP
Monday 9th		**NO MASS**	
Tuesday 10th *St Leo the Great*	**St. Margaret's** **Holy Name**	**10am - Holy Mass & Novena of St Margaret** **7pm - Holy Mass & Candle Service for the Deceased**	Mary McPherson RIP, Anna Hughes RIP Fr Syriac's Family, Albert Gatt RIP
Wednesday 11th *St Martin of Tours*	**Holy Name** **St. Margaret's**	**9am - Holy Mass** **10am - Holy Mass & Novena of St Margaret**	Benny Morgan RIP, Deceased members of the Ferrari & Valencia Families Alex Burns RIP, Ann Marie Hepburn RIP
Thursday 12th *St Josaphat*	**St. Margaret's**	**10am - Holy Mass & Novena of St Margaret**	Fr Chris, For the intention of Adaeze & Ifeoma Amujielo
Friday 13th	**St. Margaret's**	**10am - Holy Mass & Novena of St Margaret**	Deceased members of McPherson Family, Noreen Hunter RIP
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

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

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 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.**

St Margaret's Feast Day

Foodbank Drive, Sat 14 & Sun 15 Nov
Next weekend at all 3 masses, we will be celebrating and commemorating our Patron Saint, St. Margaret, the Pearl of Scotland. St Margaret is remembered especially for her generosity to the poor. The Sunday also coincides, fittingly, with World Day for the Poor. To honour her, we are holding a food-collection drive for the Dunfermline & Oakley Foodbanks as we have done before. Please see further details on the reverse of the reading sheet.

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.

National Safeguarding Conference
Rosemary Thomason and Ian McDonald are attending the National Safeguarding Conference in Glasgow on Saturday to keep our parish in line with Safeguarding parameters. Thank you for your time and dedication to your role.

Holy Name SSVP Conference
Marie Glancy will give an update on the work of Holy Name SSVP Conference this Sun 8th during 11am mass at Holy Name.

Altar Servers
We are looking for more altar servers at St. Margaret's & Holy Name. If any child who has made his/her First Holy Communion would like to get involved, their parents may speak to Fr Syriac or Dean McGuire, the Altar Servers Coordinator.

Sincere Thanks
David Hunter would like to thank Fr Syriac and office support, music groups and all parishioners who have sent cards and have kept David and family in their prayers. The family are deeply grateful.

All Saints Day, 1st Nov
A number of children participated in our initiative of dressing up like their favourite saint last Sunday as we commemorated All Saints Day. Thanks to Children's Liturgy Team for their imagination & thoughtfulness.





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

World Day of the Poor – Sunday 15 November
World Day of the Poor takes place on Sunday 15 November. This year, the Archdiocese is supporting the Care Van, run by Bethany Christian Trust and Edinburgh City Mission, which provides food, hot drinks and practical support to people experiencing homelessness and hardship in Edinburgh city centre. You can support this important work by making a donation online at bit.ly/dayforpoor

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: REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

On this Remembrance Sunday,
we remember, before God, those brave men and women who have died in military service and those civilians affected by war - old and young - and those enduring today.

We remember them, we grieve for them, and we yearn and pray for the healing of memory and our broken world.

We pray for the great blessing of peace as we look for the good, and the signs of hope that fulfil God's blessing for all his children.



Dignan, Francis
Dixon, Williams
Finnerty, William
Flaherty, Edward
Geary, Stephen
Gilmour, William
Green, Hugh
Johnston, Robert
Jordan, James
Kissane, Patrick
Laverty, Daniel
Lodge, William
McConville, George
McDonald, Francis
McGuire, James
McHale, John
McLaughlin, Francis
McMahon, William
O'Donnell, Joseph
Philp, John
Tracey, James
Tracey, Thomas
Tully, James
Wilding, David

Let us remember and pray for these men of our Parish who lost their lives in WWI and WWII

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.

A Prayer for Peacemakers

History can inspire or trap.
Walls can protect or divide.
Words can encourage or inflame.
Power can free or destroy.
Touch can comfort or violate.
Peace can be shared or withheld.
Almighty God, on this day,
When we remember past or present conflicts,
we pray for the divided peoples of the World,
that leaders, governments and each one of us
may use our resources, our opportunities and our lives
in the service of reconciliation, for the sake of future generations and to the glory of your name
- Amen

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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All Liturgical Services in St. Margaret's Church are livestreamed.

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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	**Catholic Education** 22 Nov	

WEEKLY OFFERTORY & MONTHLY STANDING ORDERS/DIRECT DEBITS

SM - OFFERTORY 31Oct/1 Nov: £908.38 **SM SO/DD** £1707.75	**HN - MONTHLY OFFERTORY: 13 Aug-10 Sep:** £1070.10 **SO/DD** £916	**SM Building Fund:** £517.42	

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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

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONTACT INFO:
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SCRIPTURE READINGS

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FIRST READING
Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. He who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for he will find her sitting at his gates. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and he who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths and meets them in every thought.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by the word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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Thanks be to God

GOSPEL
Matthew 25:1-13

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, "Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise answered, saying, "Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves." And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterwards the other virgins came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he answered, "Truly, I say to you, I do not know you." Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

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

Responsorial Psalm
Ps63(62):2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8. ℟2b

For you my soul is thirsting,
O Lord, my God.

Gospel Acclamation
Matthew 24:42a, 44

Alleluia, alleluia.
Stay awake and be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming at an hour
you do not expect.
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