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Please note: Fr Jamie's day off is a Monday and the office is closed. Therefore any messages left will not be picked up until Tuesday.

Hospital Stay: If you or your loved ones are admitted to Hospital, please let the Parish Office know and we will arrange for the Hospital Deacon to visit with Holy Communion and to provide spiritual support.



To be a disciple of Jesus is not just to be a 'hired hand' who acts only to be compensated, who is only concerned with his or her own welfare. Christ the Good Shepherd calls us to approach our lives, not with the limited, unfeeling, money- centred self-interest of the hired hand, but with Jesus's sense of loving, compassionate concern for all men, women, and children. In embracing the gospel attitude of humility and compassion for the sake of others, in 'laying down' our own lives for our brothers and sisters, we will one day 'take up' our lives again in the Father's Easter promise.

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Please submit any items for the Newsletter by Wednesday Noon. Many Thanks!

To add a name to either the Prayer List or the Book of Remembrance complete the appropriate form (which you will find at the back of the Church) and pass to the Parish Office.

PARISH NEWS

May the choirs of Angels come to greet you; may they speed you to paradise



*Of your charity
please pray for the soul of*

Sally Galletly (RIP) who died 26th March, aged 92

Mary Ramsay (RIP) who died 1st April, aged 74

Terence Delaney (RIP) who died 2nd April, aged 82

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound of the Parish: David Anderson, John Barrett, Irene Bett, Mary Bett, Allan Brown, Bobby Brown, Derrick Bruce, Mary Burns, Baby Carter, Donald Copeland, Patsy Docherty, Margaret Doherty, Patricia Doherty, George Goodwillie, Ava Gordon, Sarah Hart, Lucia Koloczek, Stephen Lahbib, Kevin Mackin, Georges Marquetty, Sally Martin, Cathy McIvor, Margaret McKay, James (Jim) McMenemy, May Millar, Beth Meldrum, Joe Meldrum, Jessie Mitchell, Gilbert Murphy, Margaret Neilson, John O'Donnell, Margaret O'Rourke, Theresa Pierce, Ruby Quinn, May Robinson, Anna Woods, Mary Woods.

Weekly Sunday Collection (Note: Combined total across all 3 Churches)

Date	Plate Collection	Standing Orders (weekly pro-rata)
21st April	£1450	£1200

Many thanks for your continued generosity!

Special Collection: We will take up a 2nd Collection next Sunday 28th April for the Ecclesiastical Students Fund.



Contactless Payment The Contactless Payment Machine in St Mary's can be used to make online donations/collection money to the Church and also for Stall purchases. This QR Code can also be used to make online payments and is displayed on the Notice Boards in each Church. There is a separate QR Code displayed in Sion House for online donations for Sunday Teas.

St Mary's Parish Confirmation Mass Sunday 21st April 4.00pm Archbishop Leo Cushley will join this Sunday to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with our children. Please keep them in your prayers.

Youth Group Dates: For both Youth Groups (April to June) at St Margaret's Church Hall

- 26th April
- 10th May
- 24th May
- 7th June
- 21st June

Junior Youth Group (P4 to P7s) **5pm to 6.30pm**

Senior Youth Group (12 to 17 yrs) **7pm to 9pm**

Please note that our Junior Youth Group is now open to Primary 4 and 5 children. To all our young people in the parish, you are warmly invited, and we look forward to seeing you there!

St Mary's 500 Club The March Draw will take place next weekend - Sunday 28th April.

St Margaret's Sunday Teas Could you give up an hour of your time once every few months to help the Sunday Tea Group in St. Margaret's? The Group are desperately looking for a few more volunteers to join. Any help offered would be much appreciated. This could be joining one of the current teams or getting your own team together to take a turn serving the tea, coffee, biscuits etc and washing up. Please get in touch with Caroline Gregory on 07749 652795 or speak to her after Mass in St. Margaret's (Caroline plays in the music group). Or contact the Parish Office. Many Thanks.

Fund Raiser for Strathcarron Linda and Kevin Clarke (St Margaret's) are undertaking yet another pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela by bicycle.. Linda and Kevin are using the pilgrimage as a vehicle to raise funds for Strathcarron Hospice and have set up a fundraising page at: <https://www.strathcarronhospice.net/Fundraisers/where-theres-a-will>. There is more information on the site.

Baptism Preparation Meeting. The next preparation meeting will take place Wednesday 24th April at 7.00pm in Sion House. Please register with the Parish Office if you would like to attend.

Exploring our faith: Our Lady's & St Ninians Bannockburn will be showing 6 videos over Pentecost to reflect on how the Holy Spirit works in the Church, the Sacraments and in our lives today. We will meet on Wednesday evenings in the hall from 7pm – 8:30pm, starting 17th April for six weeks - tea, coffee and cakes supplied! Each session is 'stand-alone' so feel free to come to one or to all. They are for anyone wanting to explore their Catholic faith more deeply and for anyone who is simply curious. Perhaps bring a family member or friend. We look forward to seeing you.

Assisted Suicide Warning What will be the impact if assisted suicide is legalised in Scotland? Watch the Archdiocesan webinar 'Euthanasia: A Warning from Canada' on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel (30 mins). Sign the online petition at www.carenokilling.scot

Festival of life: Saturday, 27th April. An opportunity to pray, witness and celebrate the goodness of all human life. Please join Fr Gerard Hatton in praying the rosary at Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston, EH3 9DJ (10am) and at Lothian Road Edinburgh 11am – 1pm. Refreshments afterwards.

Funeral Teas A few people have expressed an interest in establishing a 'Funeral Tea' group to provide simple catering (sandwiches, soup, cakes etc) for funerals in the parish. If you are interested, please give your name to the parish office. If we get enough names, then we can have a meeting to discuss the best way forward. This would be a great way for our parish to support families, especially in the current financial climate.

Events in the Archdiocese For a full list of forthcoming events in the Archdiocese visit <https://archedinburgh.org/news-events/>

Schedule for This Week: Sunday 21st April

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30am before weekday Mass except Fridays when is after Mass

Sundays: Year B. Weekdays: Year 2	St Mary's (SMY)	Holy Spirit (HS)	St Margaret (SMT)	School/ University	Confession (and by appointment)
Sunday 21st April 4 th Sunday of Easter World Day of Prayer for Vocations	6.00pm (Vigil) ▪ Helen O'Neil (RIP) 11.00am ▪ Margaret Lawlor 4.00pm Confirmations Mass	9.30am ▪ People of the Parish	11.00am ▪ Duncan Paterson (RIP) 6.30pm: ▪ People of the Parish		5.00pm to 5.45pm before Vigil Mass
Monday 22nd April 4 th Week in Eastertide	10.00am ▪ Claire Docherty (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass		9.30am - 9:50am before Mass
Tuesday 23rd April 4 th Week in Eastertide St George St Adalbert of Prague	No Mass	10.00am ▪ Kathleen Corrigan (RIP)	No Mass		9.30am-9:50am before Mass
Wednesday 24th April 4 th Week in Eastertide St Fidelis of Sigmaringen St Egbert	No Mass	No Mass	10.00am ▪ Harry Ross (RIP)		9.30am-9:50am before Mass
Thursday 25th April ST MARK - FEAST	10.00am ▪ Marion Ross (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass		9.30am-9:50am before Mass
Friday 26th April 4 th Week in Eastertide	10.00am ▪ Margaret Kelly & Veronica Pow (RIP) Month's Mind: Sally Galletly (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass	St Modan's School Mass 8.30am ▪ William Baxter (RIP)	10.30 am-11.00am after Mass
Saturday 27th April 4 th Week in Eastertide	10.00am ▪ Robert Kiakowski (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass		9.30am-9:50am before Mass