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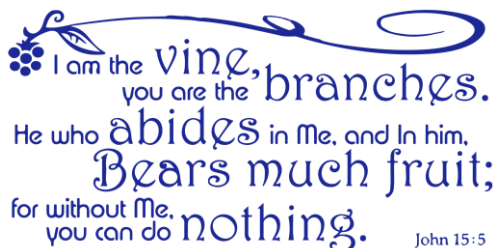
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Please note: Fr Jamie's day off is a Monday and the office is closed. Therefore any messages left will not be picked up until Tuesday.

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.



In Jesus' image of the vine and the branches, we realise that we are connected to one another as church, we belong to one neither as family; we are branches of the same vine planted by the Father. In Christ, we are sustained in God's grace throughout time and space; despite our different races and creeds, our nationalities, and cultures, we are branches that draw life from the same root. On the night before he died, Jesus reminds his disciples of every time and place that, in his love, we are 'grafted' to one another in ways we do not completely realise or understand. As branches of Christ the Vine, we are part of something greater than ourselves, something that transforms and transcends the frailness of our lives.

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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

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)
28 th April	£3065	£1200

Many thanks for your continued generosity!

Special Collection: We will take up a 2nd Collection today 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.

Note: Father Jamie will be away with the school to Loch Inch from Monday to Thursday this week.

12 Hour Eucharistic Adoration Friday 3rd May Takes place in **St Mary's** after 10.00am Mass through to 10.00pm. You can register as normal with the Parish Office, on the list at the back of the church, or directly with Pat Nicol.

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

St Marys Parish Lunch Club The Parish Lunch club will take place on 10th May at 12.00 Noon in St. Margarets Hall. Please add you name to the list at the back of Church if you would like to attend, also indicating if you require a lift. All welcome.

St Vincent de Paul St Mary's Stirling Hospitals, Parishioners, Prisoners, Refugees, Schools, Start-Up, and Womens Aid have been provided with Financial Aid together with over 1300 donated items, mainly , clothes, knitted goods, stationery, and toiletries during this past year. Thank you Parishioners, family, and non-Catholic friends for your constant generosity. **Frances MacEwan Secretary.**

28th April 5th Sunday of Easter

Volunteer Appeal: However SVP need new younger members. If you have some time and could help out with this important work, please contact the Parish Office or a member of SVP to find out more. Many Thanks!

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

Junior Youth Group (P4 to P7s) 5pm to 6.30pm	➤ 26th April
	➤ 10th May
Senior Youth Group (12 to 17 yrs) 7pm to 9pm	➤ 24th May
	➤ 7th June
	➤ 21st June

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!

A Fundraising Event in aid of Federica Federica is our 45 year old cousin in Italy. She woke up one morning in January 2023 with a severe headache. She spent the day in bed, but by evening she was unable to eat & was losing her speech. She was admitted to the local hospital where her condition deteriorated and after a few days she fell into a coma. Unable to determine the cause, Frederica was transferred to the regional hospital and then onto an intensive care unit in a hospital in Rome. Relatives & friends were told to expect the worst. However, no-one had counted on Federica! One year on & she is still with us, but state funding for the care she now requires has ended. A Fundraising Event in aid of Federica to enable her to continue with her care will take place on Sunday 12th May at 7pm in St Margaret's Hall. This promises to be a night of fun. Oh, and did I mention pizza. Your support would be appreciated. **Tickets are £5 each from Jackie DeLuca.** This is a BYOB event.

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.

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.



Assisted Suicide – Called to Care, Not to Kill. Please contact your MSPs today to stop assisted suicide becoming legal in Scotland. Use the QR code to access an online resource created by the Catholic Parliamentary Office, including guidance on contacting your MSPs. You can also visit rcpolitics.org/assistedsuicide or email us at office@rcpolitics.org for more information.

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 28th 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 28th April 5 th Sunday of Easter	6.00pm (Vigil) ▪ Kathleen Corrigan (RIP) 11.00am ▪ Jimmy Walker (RIP)	9.30am ▪ Mary McCormack (RIP)	11.00am ▪ People of the Parish 6.30pm: ▪ People of the Parish		5.00pm to 5.45pm before Vigil Mass
Monday 29th April ST CATHERINE OF SIENA - FEAST	10.00am ▪ Paul, Mark, Ruth & Dennis Canavan (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass		9.30am - 9:50am before Mass
Tuesday 30th April 5 th Week in Eastertide Pope St Pius V	No Mass	10.00am ▪ Carol Ogilvie (RIP)	No Mass		9.30am-9:50am before Mass
Wednesday 1st May 5 th Week in Eastertide St Joseph the Worker	No Mass	No Mass	10.00am ▪ Mary Murray who is ill Month's Mind: Mary Ramsay (RIP)		9.30am-9:50am before Mass
Thursday 2nd May ST ATHANASIUS - MEMORIAL	10.00am ▪ Special Intention: All Volunteers at St Mary's Month's Mind: Terence Delaney (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass		9.30am-9:50am before Mass
Friday 3rd May ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES - FEAST	10.00am ▪ Margaret Conway (RIP) Eucharistic Adoration 10.00pm Night Prayer	No Mass	No Mass	St Modan's School Mass 8.30am ▪ The Holy Souls in Purgatory	10.30 am-11.00am after Mass
Saturday 4th May 5 th Week in Eastertide	10.00am ▪ Deceased members of the McKenna and Malley Family	No Mass	No Mass		9.30am-9:50am before Mass