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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.



Peter's conviction resonates with all of us who have experienced, in times of crisis, God's love in the support of family and friends. Jesus's 'message of eternal life' are the light that illuminates our everyday journeys; they are the wisdom that guides us along the sometimes lonely and dangerous road to the dwelling place of God. Jesus's Gospel is not a warm fluffy blanket to wrap up in nor is it a protective coating designed to ward off sin and evil. The Gospel demands putting aside our own needs and wants to find joy in imitating Jesus's attitude of service to others. Despite our own doubts and fears, we know that, in the end, Jesus himself will triumph, for that is the gospel story.

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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*

Cornelius McAvoy (RIP) who died 3rd August, aged 73

Edith Chesney (RIP) who died 4th August, aged 92

William Convery (RIP) who died 12th August, aged 85

Margaret Wilson (RIP) who died 14th August, aged 95

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, Scott Coubrough, Caroline Dawson, Patsy Docherty, Margaret Doherty, Patricia Doherty, Vera Eastwood, Mark Christian Fernandez, George Goodwillie, Ava Gordon, Sarah Hart, Lucia Koloczek, Stephen Lahbib, Romie Lesista Jnr, Kevin Mackin, Rosie Mangan, Georges Marquetty, Sally Martin, Cathy McIvor, Margaret McKay, James (Jim) McMenemy, Beth Meldrum, Joe Meldrum, May Millar, Jessie Mitchell, Gilbert Murphy, Margaret Neilson, John O'Donnell, Margaret O'Rourke, Theresa Pierce, Ruby Quinn, May Robinson, Tom Stokes, Anna Woods.

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

Date	Plate Collection	Standing Orders (weekly pro-rata)
19 th August	£1343	£1200
Special Collection: African Missions & Holy Places	£1383	

Many thanks for your continued generosity!



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.

St Mary's 500 Club The July Draw will take place this weekend.

12 Hour Eucharistic Adoration Friday 6th September takes place in **Holy Spirit** 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.

Parish Pastoral Council The next Meeting is on Thursday 26th September. If you would like anything raised on your behalf please speak to a Council Member.

25th August 21st Sunday of the Year

Course on the Creed with Robert Barron We pray "I believe" at every Sunday Mass. But what does it really mean? Please join us as we explore the Creed with Bishop Robert Barron in a new free seven-week study beginning Wednesday September 4th from 7.30pm to 9pm in St Margaret's Hall (teas etc from 7pm) **Please sign-up on the sheet at the back of the church to give me an idea of numbers.** Thanks Jim Roche.

Parish Prayer Network Come join us in daily prayer for those who need it most. Help us create a prayerful support that extends far and wide, making a real difference in the lives of others. Your prayers, said at home and united with fellow parishioners will make a collective powerful support for you, your family and the parish community. To join us as we unite in prayer text 07503 342275. If you would like us to pray for your special intention, phone 01786 473749

Holy Spirit Tuesday Teas – Teas are not on this week as there is no Mass in Holy Spirit this Tuesday due to the funeral at St Mary's that day.

St Margaret's Ladies Group will start back on Thursday 29th August 7.30pm in St Margaret's Church Hall and fortnightly thereafter. As always all are welcome!

Justice & Peace Mass The annual Caritas, Justice & Peace Mass takes place at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh, EH9 1SN on Monday 2 September at 7:00pm. It is a chance to worship together and celebrate the work done in parishes on Justice & Peace issues. After Mass there will be a hot food buffet in the church hall and a chance to meet members of the Archdiocesan Caritas, Justice & Peace Commission.

Venerable Margaret Sinclair The annual Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage takes place at St Patrick's Church in The Cowgate, Edinburgh, on Sunday 22 September. Schedule: 1:30pm – Holy Hour; 2:45pm – individual blessings at Shrine; 3:30pm – Reflection, Novena Prayers, presentation from Sinclair Academy; 4:30pm Holy Mass with Archbishop Cushley. Find out more about Margaret Sinclair at <https://stpatricksedinburgh.com/margaret-sinclair/>

Teachers! Are you interested in gaining the Catholic Teachers Certificate (CTC)? If you are eligible to teach RE in a Catholic school, the funding for the course has been extended to include teachers registered with the General Teaching Council for Scotland and Newly Qualified Teachers. Apply to Glasgow University now and receive a fully funded place. Details

at www.gla.ac.uk/study/cpd/cpdforteachers/ and www.gla.ac.uk/postgraduate/taught/religiouseducationbydistancelearning/ Queries: Roisin Coll roisin.coll@glasgow.ac.uk or Denise Porada denise.porada@glasgow.ac.uk

National Pilgrimage The National Pilgrimage of the Church in Scotland to Carfin Grotto takes place on Sunday 1 September, with Holy Mass at 3:00pm. The Pope's representative in Great Britain, Archbishop Maury Buendía, will attend, along with the Bishops of Scotland. The event will launch preparations for the Holy Year 2025.

National Youth Pilgrimage The National Youth Pilgrimage takes place in Glasgow on Saturday 21 September. The pilgrimage includes a walking tour through the streets of Glasgow City Centre, recalling the saints that walked them before us. The event is open to ages 18-35. Pilgrims from the Archdiocese are asked to meet outside the City Chambers in George Square at 12:15pm. Please register with Fr Robert Taylor at frrobert.taylor@staned.org.uk

Holy Year 2025 Pope Francis declared that 2025 will be a Year of Jubilee. To help us prepare for the year the Archdiocese is hosting 'Pilgrimage of Hope' which will feature spiritual talks, pilgrim testimonies more. It takes place at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, on Saturday 9 November from 11:00am to 3:15pm. Register at bit.ly/holyyearevent

Apply now for the MA in Applied Catholic Theology 2024/25 (SAAS funding available for Scottish students!) Secure your place to study for this year's MA in Applied Catholic Theology at the Gillis Centre, Edinburgh. The course is offered by St Mary's University in partnership with the Archdiocese and the good news is that Scottish students can now receive SAAS funding. Apply for this year's programme: <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/applied-catholic-theology>

Season of Creation Conference 2024 The Care of Creation Office of the Bishops' Conference has organised a National Conference for this year's Season of Creation which runs from 1st September – 4th October 2024. The Conference will take place on Saturday 7th September 2024, from 10am – 3pm in St. Margaret's Parish Hall, Raploch, Stirling. The guest speaker is Ben Wilson, Director of Public Engagement for SCIAF. If interested in attending, please complete a booking form here www.tinyurl.com/46wmt9ah and more details about this free day will follow.

Schedule for This Week: Sunday 25th August

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 Appt
Sunday 25th August <i>21st Sunday of the Year</i>	5.30pm (Vigil) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Linda Weir 10.15am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ People of the Parish Months Mind: Anne Christie Hamilton (RIP)	9.00am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ People of the Parish 	11.30am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Anca Bartes - for restoration to full health 5.30pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Holy Souls in Purgatory 		5.00pm to 5.20pm before Vigil Mass
Monday 26th August <i>21st Week of the Year</i>	7.00pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maureen Malley McKenna (RIP) Months Mind: John McQuillian (RIP) 	No Mass	No Mass		9.30am - 9:50am before Mass
Tuesday 27th August <i>St Monica - Memorial</i>	10.00am Funeral: William Convery (RIP) <i>(Reception: Monday 6pm)</i>	No Mass	No Mass		9.30am-9:50am before Mass
Wednesday 28th August <i>St Augustine - Memorial</i>	No Mass	10.00am Funeral: Margaret Wilson (RIP) <i>(Reception: Tuesday 6pm)</i>	No Mass		9.30am-9:50am before Mass
Thursday 29th August <i>The Passion of St John The Baptist - Memorial</i>	10.00am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Phyllis Kingham (RIP) 	No Mass	No Mass		9.30am-9:50am before Mass
Friday 30th August <i>21st Week of the Year</i>	10.00am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ John McQuillian (RIP) 	No Mass	No Mass	8.30am St Modans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Holy Souls 	10.30 am-11.00am after Mass
Saturday 31st August <i>21st Week of the Year</i> <i>St Aidan</i>	10.00am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mary Woods (RIP) 	No Mass	No Mass		
Sunday 1st September <i>22nd Sunday of the Year</i> World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation	5.30pm (Vigil) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stephen Lahbib – who is ill 10.15am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Edith Chesney (RIP) 	9.00am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Michelle Vincent (RIP) 	11.30am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ People of the Parish 5.30pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Myra Boyle (RIP) 		5.00pm to 5.20pm before Vigil Mass