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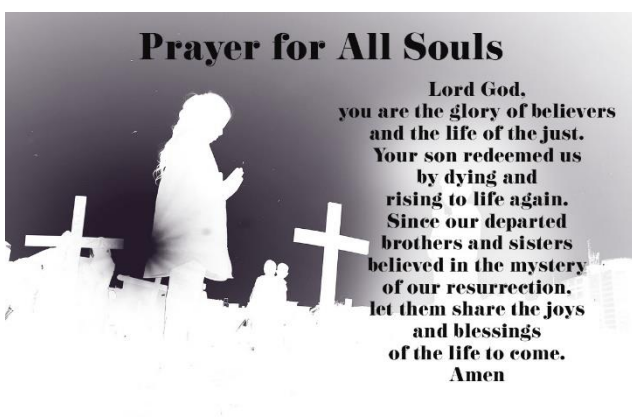
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Please note: Fr Jamie's day off is a Monday and the office is closed. Therefore any messages left will not be picked up until Tuesday.

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.

November – Month of the Holy Souls

Communion with the dead. "In full consciousness of this communion of the whole Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, the Church in its pilgrim members, from the very earliest days of the Christian religion, has honoured with great respect the memory of the dead; and 'because it is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins' she offers her suffrages for them." Our prayer for them is capable not only of helping them, but also of making their intercession for us effective.



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*

Frank Cairney (RIP) who died 11th October, aged 83

Andrew Robertson (RIP) who died 13th October, aged 63

Janet Ketterick (RIP) who died 25th October, aged 79

Maxine Iffla (RIP) who died 1st November, aged 76

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound of the Parish: John Barrett, Irene Bett, Mary Bett, Allan Brown, Bobby Brown, Derrick Bruce, Mary Burns, Baby Carter, Magdeleine Mee Kiew Chia, Donald Copeland, Patsy Docherty, Margaret Doherty, George Goodwillie, Ava Gordon, Lucia Koloczek, Stephen Lahbib, Margaret Lowe, Kevin Mackin, Sally Martin, Gerry McGloin, Cathy Mclvor, Margaret McKay, James (Jim) McMenemy, May Millar, Beth Meldrum, Joe Meldrum, Jessie Mitchell, Gilbert Murphy, Margaret Neilson, John O'Donnell, Margaret O'Rourke, Ruby Quinn, May Robinson, Selina Spafford, Anna Woods, Mary Woods.

Note: To add a name to the Prayer List please complete the form (which you will find at the back of the Church) and pass to the Parish Office.

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

| Date | Plate Collection | Standing Orders (weekly pro-rata) |
|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 29 th October | £1261 | £1200 |

Many thanks for your continued generosity!

Rite of Enrolment will be celebrated at Masses this Sunday for children preparing for First Holy Communion.

November Lists – please place your intentions in an envelope in the box on the altar from 1st November. (There is a small supply of envelopes in the Church Porch which can be used).

St Mary's Book Of Remembrance To have a name included, please complete the form at the back of the Church and pass to the Parish Office with details of: Name, Anniversary Date and Church.

November Cemetery Visits We will gather together on two Sundays in November and Fr Jamie will lead us in prayer for the Holy Souls:

- Sunday 12th November 4.00pm St Thomas Cemetery
- Sunday 26th November 4.00pm Bannockburn Cemetery

Remembrance Day Service This will be held on Friday 10th November at 11.00am outside the Raploch Community Campus, Drip Road. Parishioners from St Margaret's will be participating in this ecumenical event along with St Marks, the Salvation Army, children from both primary schools in Raploch, Raploch Nursery School and the Big Noise. A warm invitation is extended to parishioners of St Mary's, Holy

5th November 31st Sunday of the Year Spirit, and St Margaret's to join in the Service. Please arrive at 10.50am if possible so that the Service can start promptly at 11.00am.

Baptism Preparation Meeting The next meeting will be 8th November 7:00pm in Sion House.

Safeguarding Training A training session will take place on Tuesday 7th November at 7pm in St Margaret's Church Hall. This is a new course and replaces the old Part 1 and Part 2 training courses. The training course must be completed by **all new volunteers** who will be working in a Regulated Role **prior** to assuming any role in the Church involving children or vulnerable adults. **Those of you who have not completed Safeguarding Training Induction Part 2, must also attend this training session.** A Regulated Role is those that are involved with Children's Liturgy; a Eucharistic Minister who visits the sick and housebound; a member of SVDP or Legion of Mary involved in home visits. The session will last approximately two hours. To register, please email alfie.francis@staned.org.uk providing your name and role.

If anyone is unsure of their need to attend, you can email Alfie at the email above and he can check the records for you.

St Margaret's Ladies Group The meeting on Thursday 9th November has been cancelled.

St Margaret's Children's Liturgy The next Children's Liturgy will be Sunday 19th November at 11.00am Mass.

St Mary's 500 Club We are aware that the last draw was done back in May 2023. We are actively working on this and aim to have it up to date by the end of the year. Thank you for your continued patience meantime.

St Margaret's Piety Stall now has Christmas stock available and on display!

Christmas Afternoon Tea Saturday 2nd December Save the date for our Christmas Afternoon Tea, jewellery stall and raffle. Tickets will be £5 – more details to follow!

St Mary's Church Cleaning We are looking to expand the Cleaning Team in St Mary's. If you can spare a couple of hours each month, we would greatly appreciate the help. Please contact the Parish Office. Many thanks!

Job Vacancy The Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh is seeking to appoint an Administrator to provide support to the Chancery and Catechetics departments in the Archdiocesan offices at The Gillis Centre, Edinburgh. A full job description is available at archedinburgh.org/news-events To apply, please send CV and a cover letter to recruitment@staned.org.uk by Wednesday 8 November. Interviews scheduled for Friday 17 November.

Diploma in Catechetics 2024 Explore the richness and depth of our Catholic faith – all from home – with the Diploma in Catechetics from the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh, led by Sr Miriam Ruth Ryan RSM. Tune in each Thursday at 7:30pm for an expert-led Zoom Webinar (or watch the recording at your convenience), and further enjoy guided readings, regular one-to-one support, and an in-person retreat. The Diploma in Catechetics begins on Thursday 25 January 2024. Concessions available. Registration and info at bit.ly/archdiploma2024. Questions? Email srmiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk.

Archdiocesan Youth Day A day of faith and fun for p4-7s on Saturday 25 November. Join us as we unpack Jesus the King of the Universe and explore how we can prepare to meet our King this Christmas. Games, talks, sweets, confessions, mass and more! 10:30am to 3:30pm at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Speak to the parish priest to register.

Schedule for This Week: Sunday 5th November

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30am before weekdays Mass

| Sundays: Year A. Weekdays: Year 1 | St Mary's (SMY) | Holy Spirit (HS) | St Margaret (SMT) | Confession (and by appointment) |
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| Sunday 5th November 31 st Sunday of the Year | 6.00pm (Vigil) ▪ Ann Marquetty (RIP) 11.00am People of the Parish | 9.30am People of the Parish | 11.00am 6.30pm People of the Parish | 5.00pm to 5.45pm before Vigil Mass |
| Monday 6th November 31 st Week of the Year | 10.00am ▪ Special Intention: Ferdinand Pina & Annamaria Paterson | No Mass | No Mass | 9.30am - 9:50am before Mass |
| Tuesday 7th November 31 st Week of the Year | No Mass | 10.00am ▪ Special Intention: Vittorio Ricci & Maria Ricci | No Mass | 9.30am-9:50am before Mass |
| Wednesday 8th November BLESSED JOHN DUNS SCOTUS - MEMORIAL | No Mass | No Mass | 10.00am ▪ Norah and Frank Cairney (RIP) | 9.30am-9:50am before Mass |
| Thursday 9th November THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA - FEAST | 10.00am ▪ Special Intention: Gerry Dickson 7.00pm Annual Parish Mass of Remembrance | No Mass | No Mass | 9.30am-9:50am before Mass |
| Friday 10th November ST LEO THE GREAT - MEMORIAL | 10.00am ▪ Mary Doyle (RIP) | No Mass | No Mass | 9.30am-9:50am before Mass |
| Saturday 11th November ST MARTIN OF TOURS – MEMORIAL | 10.00am ▪ Felix O'Neil (RIP) Months Mind: Frank Cairney (RIP) | No Mass | No Mass | 9.30am-9:50am before Mass |