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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.



When Jesus speaks of those who belong to him, do you include yourself in that number?

Why or why not?

The first reading shows that prayer is the baseline work of the disciples; it is established as their daily task before the Holy Spirit arrives to send them out with their missions of preaching and baptising and caring for the poor. How does prayer fit into your other callings in life? How might you make more room for it?

**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*

**Duncan Paterson** *who died 22<sup>nd</sup> April, aged 81*

**Veronica Logan** *who died 2<sup>nd</sup> May, aged 53*

**Danny McGregor** *who died 17<sup>th</sup> May, aged 89*

**Tony Meller** *who died recently, aged 70*

**Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound of the Parish:** Irene Bett, Mary Bett, Allan Brown, Derrick Bruce, Mary Burns, Bobby Brown, Baby Carter, Patsy Docherty, Margaret Doherty, Lawrence Ewe Kim Foo, Ava Gordon, Lucia Koloczek, Margaret Lowe, Kevin Mackin, Sally Martin, Isabel McDonald, Cathy McIvor, May Millar, Margaret McKay, Beth Meldrum, Joe Meldrum, Jessie Mitchell, Gilbert Murphy, Margaret Neilson, Margaret O'Rourke, Ruby Quinn, May Robinson, Cherie Todd, 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 Plate Collection:** (Excludes standing order payments)

Date	St Mary's	Holy Spirit	St Margaret's
14 <sup>th</sup> May	£469.60	£174.50	£260.50

Thank you for your continued generosity.

**The Special Collection on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April** for the Ecclesiastical Student's Fund raised a total of £1175.68. Many thanks!

**Communications Sunday** Today is Communications Sunday. Pope Francis has chosen the theme of speaking with the heart - "The truth in love" (Eph 4:15). There will be a special collection for the apostolate of communications. We pray for all those in the Church who communicate to others, through multiple means, the saving truth of the Gospel, that they may be diligent servants of the Word and conscientious champions of the truth.

**St Margaret's Children's Liturgy** There will be a Children's Liturgy at St Margaret's Church at 11.00am Mass this Sunday 21st May 2023.

**St Mary's Car Park** Car Registration SL08 BCE has been left in the car park for a number of weeks. Could the owner please contact Fr Jamie as soon as possible.

**Birthday Congratulations** to Pat Docherty who celebrates his 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday on 24<sup>th</sup> May!

**St Mary's Men's Group** The next Men's Group will be meeting on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> of May at 7.00pm in Sion house for dinner and a social.



**Celebrate Marriage** On Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May at 7:15pm the Archbishop will celebrate a special Mass for all Married and Engaged Couples at the Cathedral. No registration required. After the Mass there will be a celebratory reception in Coffee Saints to which everyone attending the Mass is invited. (If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year, or know couples who are, do let us know so that we can send a personal invitation. Please submit names, address and number of years being celebrated to Fr Jeremy Milne, [vemarriage@staned.org.uk](mailto:vemarriage@staned.org.uk), 0131 334 1693.

**Corpus Christi Procession** A Corpus Christi procession will take place in Falkirk town centre at 2:30pm on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June. The procession will head to St Francis Xavier's Church for Benediction followed by refreshments in the church hall. Altar Servers can wear their altar robes and those who have recently had their First Holy Communion can wear their dresses/suits.

**St Margaret's Pilgrimage 2023** St Margaret's Pilgrimage returns to Dunfermline on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June. Mass is at 2:30pm in St Margaret's Memorial Church in East Port, with Archbishop Cushley as principal celebrant. Ecumenical service at 12:30pm in Dunfermline Abbey, followed by prayers at the tomb of St Margaret. Join people from across the Archdiocese and beyond to give thanks to God for St Margaret's example of faith, charity, and leadership.

**Lourdes Pilgrimage 2023** There's still time to book your place on the Archdiocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, which takes place from 7-14<sup>th</sup> July. For full details visit [www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/](http://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/) or email [edinburghlourdes@gmail.com](mailto:edinburghlourdes@gmail.com)

**Retreat** Journeying Onward is a four-week retreat beginning on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May, offered by the Edinburgh Jesuit Centre and The Epiphany Group Scotland. It is open to all and can be taken online or in-person, with the option of individual meetings. For more information or to book, email [rdljourney@epiphanygroup.org.uk](mailto:rdljourney@epiphanygroup.org.uk) or [ejcretreats@jesuit.org.uk](mailto:ejcretreats@jesuit.org.uk)

**Laudato Si' Week 2023** Laudato Si' Week takes place from May 21<sup>st</sup> -28<sup>th</sup>. It marks the eighth anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical on care for creation. You can watch the Pope Francis film 'The Letter' for free online at <https://www.theletterfilm.org/watch/>

**First Holy Communions** will take place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June 10:00 am at St Margaret's and 12.00 noon at St Mary's.

**Church Schedule for This Week: Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30am before weekdays Mass

Sundays: Year A. Weekdays: Year 1	<b>St Mary's</b> (SMY)	<b>Holy Spirit</b> (HS)	<b>St Margaret</b> (SMT)	<b>Confession</b> (and by appointment)
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <b>World Communications Day</b>	<b>6.00pm (Vigil)</b> <b>11.00am</b> People of the Parish	<b>9.30am</b> People of the Parish	<b>11.00am</b> <b>6.30pm</b> People of the Parish	5.00pm to 5.45pm before Vigil Mass
<b>Monday 22nd May</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> Week in Eastertide  St Rita of Cascia	<b>10.00am</b>  ▪ Margaret Conway (RIP) ▪ Month's Mind: Duncan Paterson (RIP)	No Mass		9.30am - 9:50am before Mass
<b>Tuesday 23rd May</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> Week in Eastertide	No Mass	<b>10.00am</b>  ▪ Carol Ogilvie (RIP)	No Mass	9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> Week in Eastertide	<b>10.00am</b>  ▪ John B Ross (RIP) (Birthday Remembrance 12 <sup>th</sup> May)	No Mass	<b>10.00am</b>  ▪ Bill Friel (RIP)	9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> Week in Eastertide St Bede the Venerable St Gregory VII St Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi	<b>10.00am</b>  <b>Funeral:</b> Veronica Logan (RIP)	<b>10.00am</b>  ▪ Thomas Travers (RIP)		9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b> St Philip Neri- MEMORIAL	<b>10.00am</b>  ▪ Helen O' Neil (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass	9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> Week in Eastertide St Augustine of Canterbury	<b>10.00am</b>  ▪ Kathleen Lawson (RIP) Anniversary today		<b>10.00am</b>  ▪ Janet Heggie (RIP)	9.30am- 9:50am before Mass