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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.



How do you experience desire for God?

How does the Samaritan woman's encounter with Jesus compare to your own moments of encounter with him?

How does God speak to you? Where might you need to open your ears to hear him more clearly?

After her encounter with Christ, the Samaritan woman became a powerful witness whose testimony brought others to believe. To whom in your life could you be a witness of the love of God?

## 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

**Regina Amman** who died 14<sup>th</sup> February, aged 96

**Beryl Brenda Park** who died 20<sup>th</sup> February, aged 88

**Mary O'Hara** who died 21<sup>st</sup> February, aged 74

**Catherine (Kate) Kerr** who died 21<sup>st</sup> February, aged 80

**Hugh Colquhoun** who died 26<sup>th</sup> February, aged 74

**Theresa (Terry) Gavin** who died 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Aged 72

**Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound of the Parish:** Irene Bett, Mary Bett, Alan Brown, Mary Burns, Bobby Brown, Kevin Carty, John Cawley, Margaret Conway, Margaret Doherty, Margaret Lowe, Kevin Mackin, Sally Martin, Cathy McIvor, May Millar, Margaret McKay, Beth Meldrum, Joe Meldrum, Gilbert Murphy, Ruby Quinn, May Robinson, Cherie Todd, 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
5th March	£702.50	£219.00	£570.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

There will be a Special Collection Next Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> for the SCIAF & Episcopal Charities





Formed." Is an online platform to help us as a parish to grow in our Faith. Basically, Formed is like Netflix for Catholics. It has a wide variety of Films, documentaries, Catechesis and even cartoons for the younger ones. The good news is that is free for all parishioners. To sign up follow this link <https://signup.formed.org/> Type in St Marys Stirling and you will find the church listed. Select St Mary's and then press next to enter your details. Once you are registered you will have unlimited

access to the Formed platform.

During the season of Lent I would like to encourage as many people as possible to use the Formed as individuals and in small groups. Each week we will suggest a video for people to watch so that can we journey together as a community of faith. This week you are invited to watch Episode 2" of **"Eternal rest."**

What happens after the moment of our death? Once the soul has been separated from the body, then what? What is heaven, hell, and purgatory? What is the difference between the particular judgment and the general judgment? This session looks at the truth about what awaits the human person on the other side of death.

12<sup>th</sup> March 2023 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

 **St. Patrick's Day Friday 17th March**  Fr. Patrick McCallion of St. Patrick's Missionary Society (Kiltegan Fathers) will celebrate Mass in honour of St. Patrick's Feast Day at 12 noon in St. Margaret of Scotland Church, on Friday March 17th. All are welcome to attend.

**Thanks to Fr Patrick Callion** from St Patrick's who is helping with Sunday Masses in the Parish this weekend as Fr Jamie is away.

**Parish St Patricks Night 17th March 7.30pm St Margaret's Hall BYOB** If you would like to come, please put your name on the list at the back of the Church, There will be music and nibbles and lots of fun! Please join us if you can. There is no admission price but any donations to cover costs would be gratefully received.

**There will Stations of the Cross in each Church weekly throughout Lent:** Holy Spirit Tuesday 7.00pm, St Margaret's Wednesday 7.00pm and St Mary's Thursday 7.00pm

**Laudato Si'- Care for our common home.** Lent is a time of preparation for Easter and the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. During this time of fasting and renewal, we are reminded of who we are, creatures completely dependent on God called to live in love and compassion with all God's creation. This lent you are invited join 'Laudato Si' Lent' in a journey of ecological conversion. The Laudato Si' Lenten calendar is a great step-by-step way to do this. The calendar and a LS prayer book are available to download free from: [laudatosilent.org](http://laudatosilent.org)

**SCIAF WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE appeal.** This year's SCIAF Lent appeal focuses on communities in Zambia, where hunger is killing all hope. Right now, millions of families are suffering from devastating hunger and urgently need your help. Please continue to collect money in your WEE BOX at home or donate to SCIAF by visiting [sciaf.org.uk/donate](http://sciaf.org.uk/donate) or calling 0141 354 5555. Thank you.

**St Mary's Grotto- Laetare Sunday 19th March (Mother's Day)** Fr Jamie will bless the Grotto after 11.00am Mass.

**St. Modan's PTP** will be hosting a Bingo Tea on Saturday 18th March at 11am in St Margaret's Church Hall. Tickets £1 (this covers tea/cakes). Tickets can be reserved by emailing [ptpstmodans@gmail.com](mailto:ptpstmodans@gmail.com) or messaging Clare on 07817457523. Donations of prizes will be most welcome. Thank you in advance for your support.

**Margaret-Mary** is on holiday next week and will be back in the office Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

**Standing Order and Gift Aid** If you don't already contribute via Standing Order, and if you can, please consider making your regular contribution via Standing Order – this would be beneficial in helping the Parish Finances.

In addition, if you are a UK Taxpayer, you can boost your contribution via Gift Aid which means the Parish can claim an extra 25% of your contribution at no extra cost to you!

Both the Standing Order and Gift Forms are available from the Parish Office – these can be posted or emailed to you. There is a supply of the forms at the back of the Church, and these will also be posted on our Parish Facebook page.

- The Standing Order Form should be completed and set up directly with your bank.
- The Gift Aid Form should be completed and returned to the Parish Office

**St Margaret's Hall** As demand increases for the use of the hall at St Margaret's we are looking to recruit a booking secretary to manage bookings and issue "Hall let agreements" which are now required by our insurance company. We could also do with a few volunteers to help make sure the hall is always kept clean and tidy. If you are able to help out, please speak to Fr Jamie.

**Lent Talks** Discover Jesus Christ in the Servant Songs of Isaiah with four online talks from the Archdiocese. They are hosted by Fr Jamie McMorrin of St Margaret's, Davidson's Mains, and Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM and take place at 7:30pm on Wednesday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd March. Register at [bit.ly/lenttalks2023](http://bit.ly/lenttalks2023)

**Family Retreats** Craig Lodge in Dalmally has announced dates for its family retreats. These are 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> July, 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> July, and 31<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> July/August For details and to book visit [www.craiglodge.org/events](http://www.craiglodge.org/events)

**Children's Liturgy** There will be a Children's Liturgy at St Margaret's Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00am Mass

### **Church Schedule for This Week: Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30am before weekdays Mass

**Early Morning Mass** We are planning a mid-week early morning Mass throughout Lent – Wednesdays 7.30am at St Marys.

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 12<sup>th</sup> March</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	<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 13<sup>th</sup> March</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Special Intention: Gaspere and Liliana	No Mass	No Mass	9.30am - 9:50am before Mass
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent	No Mass	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Annamaria Patessio and Antonio Ricci (RIP)	No Mass	9.30am-9:50am before Mass
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent	<b>7.30am</b> <b>Early Morning Mass</b> ▪ Marc Lahbib (RIP)	No Mass	<b>10.00am</b> <b>Funeral</b> Catherine Kerr (RIP)	9.30am-9:50am before Mass
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Peak & Devine Family (RIP)	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Special Intention: Maureen McColl	No Mass	9.30am-9:50am before Mass
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>ST PATRICK - FEAST</b>	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ The Woods Family	No Mass	<b>12.00 Noon</b> St Patrick's Day Mass	9.30am-9:50am before Mass
<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent St Cyril of Jerusalem	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ William Ferguson (RIP)	No Mass	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Mary & Pat McGuigan (RIP)	9.30am-9:50am before Mass

- Fr Jamie will offer Mass at St Modan's on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March for Bill McGee (RIP)