



7th Sunday of Easter 29th May 2022

PARISH CONTACTS

Parish Priest

Fr Robert Afayori Tel. 01786 473749
Email: fr.robertafayori@stirlingstmarys.org

Assistant Priest Fr Gabriel Emeasoba

FORTH VALLEY ROYAL HOSPITAL

Co-ordinating Chaplain

Canon Pat Boylan – 01324 823310

CHURCH OFFICE Hours: Tues-Thurs - 10am-3pm

Address: 15 Upper Bridge St, STIRLING, FK8 1ES

Phone: 01786 473749

Email: admin@stirlingstmarys.org

St Mary's Church, Upper Bridge Street, Stirling, FK8 1ES (SMY) 01786 473749

Church of the Holy Spirit, 1 McGrigor Road, Stirling, FK7 9BL (HS)

Church of St Margaret of Scotland, Drip Road, Stirling, FK9 4UA (SMT) 01786 474883

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH:

Regina Ammam, Billy Begley, Irene Bett, Mary Bett, Hugh Bonner, Isabel Boyle, Alan Brown, Anne Cairns, Margaret Carruthers, Donald & Edna Copland, Helen Conway, John Cawley, Thomas Devine, Margaret Doherty, Patsy Docherty, Vera Eastwood, Baby Ava Gordon, Agnes Heggie, David House, Julia Hughes, Helen Killiard, Lusja Koloczek, Joe Lahbib, Terry & Allan MacDonald, Georges Marquetty, Marlene Mathieson, Beth Meldrum, Isabel McDonald (Lafferty), Cathy McIvor, Karen McKay, Margaret McKay, May Millar, May Robertson, May Robinson, Margaret Mullin, Margaret O'Rourke, Ruby Quinn, Margaret Rainy, Cherie Todd, Celia Walker, John Wilson, Greta Wright.

Live Stream: In St Mary's, all Masses are livestreamed. Search for St Mary's Catholic Parish Stirling on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AvGpDF7rOVU> Or see the Live steam link on our Website - search on stirlingstmarys.org

Last Rites - Emergency callouts: The arrangements will vary between different hospitals and care homes. Please follow all the safety protocols provided by them. If the person is at home, please contact the Parish.

Regular Mass Schedule under further notice: But please see the Church Schedule (next page) which confirms any exceptions /additions week on week!

	St Mary's	Holy Spirit	St Margaret's
Monday	10.00am	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	No Mass	10.00am	No Mass
Wednesday	No Mass	No Mass	10.00am
Thursday	10.00am	No Mass	No Mass
Friday	10.00am	No Mass	No Mass
Saturday	10.00am	No Mass	No Mass
Sunday	6.00pm (Vigil) 11.00am	9.30am	11.00am 6.30pm

Note: Monday is Fr Robert's day off. Any messages left on a Monday may not be picked up til Tuesday.

May the choirs of Angels come to greet you; may they speed you to paradise



Of your charity please pray for the soul of

Murray Vallely who died 4th May 2022, aged 68

Iain Black who died 11th May 2022, aged 82



Church Schedule for This Week: Sunday 29th May

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before weekdays 9.30am Mass

Sundays: Year C; Weekdays: Year 2	St Mary's (SMY)	Holy Spirit (HS)	St Margaret (SMT)	Confession (and by Appointment)
Sunday 29th May 7 th SUNDAY OF EASTER World Communications Day	6.00pm (Vigil) 11.00am	9.30am	11.00am 6.30pm	
Monday 30th May 7 th Week in Eastertide	10.00am <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>Jean Lawless (RIP)</i>▪ <i>Gerald McCabe (RIP)</i> 2nd Anniversary today	No Mass	No Mass	
Tuesday 31st May THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - FEAST	No Mass	10.00am <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>Michael Preston (RIP)</i>	No Mass	9.30am - 10.00am before Mass
Wednesday 1st June ST JUSTIN - MEMORIAL	11.30am Funeral: Murray Valley	No Mass	10.00am <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>Special Intention: Kitty O'Donoghue</i>▪ <i>Special Intention: Eileen & Mark Moitie</i>	-----
Thursday 2nd June 7 th Week of Easter	10.00am <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>Carol Ogilvie (RIP)</i>▪ <i>Iain Black (RIP)</i>	No Mass	No Mass	
Friday 3rd June 6 th Week in Eastertide ST CHARLES LWANGA ABD COMPANIONS - MEMORIAL	10.00am <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>Kathleen Lawson (RIP)</i>	No Mass	No Mass	9.30am - 10.00am before Mass
Saturday 4th June 7 th Week in Eastertide	10.00am <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>Georges Elizabeth Bell (RIP)</i> Anniversary 6th June 12.00 Noon 1 st Holy Communions	No Mass	12.00 Noon 1 st Holy Communions	9.30am - 10.00am before Mass

PARISH NEWS

Change of Mass Schedule at St Mary's

Please note the following changes now in place:

- **Sunday Morning St Mary's:** one Mass only at 11.00am (replaces the 10.00am and 11.30am)
- **Mondays St Mary's:** Mass every Monday at 10.00am

Weekly Sunday Plate Collection: (Excludes standing order payments)

Date	St Mary's	Holy Spirit	St Margaret's
22 nd May	£636.00	£139.00	£672.50 (2 weeks)

New Dawn Day in St Mary's Parish, Stirling Saturday 21st May 2022

The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us when we use your name." And Jesus replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven (Luke 10:27-28).

What a blessed and grace-filled day we had here in St Mary's Parish on NEW DAWN DAY in STIRLING! To my mind, I felt it was a "new Pentecost" experience for us as Catholics in this part of the Archdiocese. It would have been very new and different for some of you, but it nonetheless offered us the opportunity to concretely experience the power of God at work in the lives of His people. I have received countless testimonies of healings of different kinds.

As you saw on the day, New Dawn Day is very Catholic: it is Eucharistic centred, it is Sacramental, Marian, and Spirit-filled. Those who attended the whole programme saw the marvels of God among His people. I will therefore like to thank you all for supporting and helping to organise the day. The next New Dawn Day will take place in the Cathedral in Paisley at the request of Bishop John Keenan. Watch out for the date. By Fr Robert

Note of Thanks from Pat Docherty: Pat would like to pass on his thanks to everyone who attended his Birthday Mass at Holy Spirit on 24th May. He really enjoyed his Birthday and you all made his day very special. Particular thanks to Fr Gabriel and also Barbara for the lovely cake!

Eucharistic Ministry Pastoral Team Meeting: There will be a meeting for all existing Eucharistic Ministers and also everyone who has registered interested in joining the Team. Please let the office know if you are able to attend.

- **Date: Thursday 16th June**
- **Time: 7.30pm**
- **Place: St Margaret's Church Hall**

The Month of May: The Month of Our Lady To mark this month of Our Lady as a Parish, we intend to have Rosary prayers with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Mary's Church from Monday to Friday at 7:00pm. Please come with your family and friends, and let us pray for the intercession of Our

Lady in these difficult times we live in. Furthermore, there will be Rosary prayers every morning before Mass at 9:30am.

Pentecost Preparation “If you knew the Gift of God..” The final talk will be this Wednesday 1st June in Sion House at 7.30pm.

Young Adults Group Our next Young Adults meeting will be Thursday 2nd June at 7pm at St Mary’s.

24 Hours Eucharistic Adoration St Mary’s Church Friday 3rd June This will start after 10.00am Mass Friday and continue through to 10.00am Mass Saturday. You can register:

- By email admin@stirlingstmarys.org
- By phone 01786 473479
- Via the Contact Form on the website
- Or you can leave your name on the list in the Church

Legion of Mary Inviting all Parishioners. If you would like to find out more about what we do across our Parish Community come and join us Monday evenings at Sion House 5.30pm-6.45pm.

Sunday Teas at St Mary’s Sunday Teas are on today (Sunday) in Sion House after 11.00am Mass.

Sunday teas at St Margaret’s Sunday Teas are on today (Sunday) in the Hall after 11.00am Mass.

Pope Francis is Calling us to be part of a Sustainable Future. In his encyclical, Laudato Si’, Pope Francis calls us all, our families and our community, to make our encounter with Jesus evident in our relationship with the world. He calls us toward sustainability . . . to care for each other, our Creator, and all creation and to build a better future together (Laudato Si’ 13). You are being invited to be part of that future within our parish community. Find out more at the Laudato Si action platform: laudatosiactionplatform.org.

An initial meeting will be held to discuss how our Parish might answer this call.

- Date: Wednesday 15th June
- Time: 7.30pm
- Venue: St Margaret’s Church Hall

Special Collection: Survive-Miva 12th June (Missionary Vehicle Association) There will be a special Appeal at all Sunday Masses across the Parish on the weekend of 12th June. Survive-Miva is a Catholic lay Association providing funding for essential transport in the developing world for health outreach work in isolated rural areas, and for the Church’s pastoral care in places of difficult access.

Retreats at Kinnoull Hill Monastery There a number of planned events scheduled. See the Church Notice Boards for details or enquire via the Parish Office.

Special Collection - Day for Life (5th June) The Day for Life collection this year will be used to help protect and care for our families and friends as they near the end of life. The collection supports quality palliative care to provide dignity to the dying while valuing life to its natural end, as well as organisations working to protect the disabled from changes in the law. A special collection will take place at Mass. Alternatively, donate direct to bit.ly/archdayforlife

Queen's Jubilee Celebration Archbishop Leo will celebrate a special Mass of Thanksgiving at midday on Sunday 5 June at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh to mark the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen. This will be a lovely and joyful celebration and will finish with a champagne reception after the Mass. All are welcome.

Corpus Christi Procession As part of the Eucharistic renewal in the Archdiocese this liturgical year, you are invited to take part in a Corpus Christi procession, led by Archbishop Cushley, at St Francis Xavier's in Falkirk on Sunday 19 June at 3pm. Gather at the Bandstand in High Street (FK1 1YD) before processing to St Francis Xavier's Parish (around 20 min walk). This is a major event for the Archdiocese and should be a beautiful and prayerful experience (as well as a chance to be a witness to the Eucharistic Christ in public).

Family Afternoon A Family Afternoon at the Gillis Centre will take place on Saturday 25th June, 2.00pm-5.00pm at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. It will include separate sessions for adults and children, focusing on The Eucharist: Source of Family Love, family prayer time in St Margaret's Chapel and family games. This event coincides with the 10th World Meeting of Families taking place in Rome. Details and registration at bit.ly/ArchEventbrite

Justice & Peace event An event titled Caritas, Justice and Peace - a Synodal Way Forward takes place on Saturday 25th June, 10:00am-3:30pm at Ss John Cantius & Nicholas, Main Street, Broxburn. It's a chance for everyone who sees Caritas, Justice and Peace as integral to their Catholic faith to participate in shaping the agenda of the Archdiocesan Commission for Caritas, Justice & Peace over the next two years. All welcome. Details and registration at bit.ly/justiceandpeaceevent

40 Hours' Devotion Each parish in the Archdiocese is having 40 hours of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to help renew our Faith and love of Jesus Christ. Next weekend (29 May) it's at St Margaret's, South Queensferry. See parish website for dates/times. Full programme for the Archdiocese is at bit.ly/40hoursschedule. Find out more about Eucharistic Adoration: bit.ly/40HoursPlaylist

Joiner, Plumber, Painter or Electrician? Could you volunteer some time to help a new pregnancy support service open its doors? Stanton Healthcare is getting ready to welcome mothers and babies in need of help in our Archdiocese. It is looking for volunteers to help make the new centre in Edinburgh an attractive and welcoming place where women can receive support. Find out more from Paul Atkin at the Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office: prolife@staned.org.uk or 0131 623 8917.

Venerable Margaret Sinclair The monthly Mass to pray for the canonisation of Venerable Margaret Sinclair is on the first Tuesday of each month at 1:30pm (7 June) at St Patrick's Church in the Cowgate. The national Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage is on Sunday 18 September. More details will follow soon. Find out more about this holy Edinburgh woman at www.margaretsinclair.scot

African & Caribbean Mass This monthly Mass takes place at 1pm on Sunday 5 June (Pentecost Sunday) at St Patrick's Church in the Cowgate.