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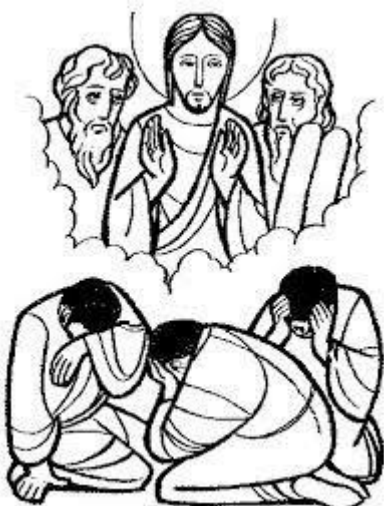
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Please note: Fr Jamie's day off is a Monday and the office is closed. Therefore any messages left will not be picked up until Tuesday.

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.



What helps to reassure you of God's presence when it's not obvious?

What helps you to listen to the voice of God, especially when - as is most common for most of us - God is speaking in whispers and hints?

Where in your life of faith do you need patience with God? What would help you to faithfully wait for God, who does not often work on the timelines we would have chosen for ourselves?

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 14th February, aged 96

Beryl Brenda Park who died 20th February, aged 88

Mary O'Hara who died 21st February, aged 74

Catherine Kerr who died 21st February, aged 80

Hugh Colquhoun who died 26th February, aged 74

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound of the Parish: Irene Bett, Mary Bett, Alan Brown, Mary Burns, Bobby Brown, John Cawley, Margaret Doherty, Terry Gavin, Margaret Lowe, 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 |
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| 26th February | £797.20 | £242.50 | £378.60 |

Thank you for your continued generosity.



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 1 of "Eternal rest".

We all have very real questions about death. What happens when we die? What does Scripture teach about death? How do we prepare for the life to come?

Eternal Rest examines the origin of death, the afterlife, and the powerful reality around the sacrament that ushers us into eternal life. Eternal Rest presents the Catholic Church's teaching about death and God's response to it with wisdom and truth, gentleness, and compassion, so we can think about and prepare for death in the light of Jesus Christ, the Author of life.

We pray that through Eternal Rest, God may give you greater peace, solace, and perspective.

There will Stations of the Cross in each Church weekly throughout Lent:

- Holy Spirit Tuesday 7.00pm, St Margaret's Wednesday 7.00pm St Mary's Thursday 7.00pm

SCIAF WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE appeal. Kabika and her children live in Zambia. Before receiving support from SCIAF they were waking up every day hungry. "We ate once a day, either in the morning or the evening. It was painful – my heart was bleeding. I couldn't feed my children." This Lent, use your WEE BOX to make a big change. Please put your faith into action and give generously to help more families like Kabika's who are suffering from devastating hunger. To find out more please visit sciaf.org.uk/weebox or call 0141 354 5555.

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 or messaging Clare on 07817457523. Donations of prizes will be most welcome. Thank you in advance for your support

Baptism Preparation Meeting There will be a meeting for Parents (and if possible, Godparents) of all children registered to be Baptised. The meeting will be on Wednesday 8th March 7.00pm St Mary's Church House. Please confirm your attendance with the Parish Office. Thank you.

Save the Date - Parish St Patricks Night We will have a St Patrick's Night Friday 17th March in St Margaret's Church hall. More details to follow.

Laudato Si - Care for our Gardens The church calls on us to love God's creation. As spring arrives, our minds turn to the garden. The UK's leading gardening charity, the Royal Horticultural Society, RHS, provides free guidance on how we can do this: "*Gardening in a changing climate*" Their advice includes cutting grass less often, avoiding the use of chemicals and making your garden more resilient and supportive for our struggling wildlife. The RHS provides 6 audio files, a 12 page summary report and a more detailed 45 page full report. Find out more at: www.rhs.org.uk/climate-change

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

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

Children's Liturgy There will be a Children's Liturgy at St Margaret's Sunday 19th March at 11.00am Mass

Church Schedule for This Week: Sunday 5th 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 | St Mary's (SMY) | Holy Spirit (HS) | St Margaret (SMT) | Confession (and by appointment) |
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| Sunday 5th March 2 nd Sunday of Lent | 6.00pm (Vigil) 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 March 2 nd Week of Lent | 10.00am ▪ Jim Connelly | No Mass | No Mass | 9.30am - 9:50am before Mass |
| Tuesday 7th March 2 nd Week of Lent St Perpetua & St Felicity | 10.00am Funeral: Mary O' Hara (RIP) | 10.00am ▪ James & Elizabeth Evans and Carol Ogilvie (RIP) | No Mass | 9.30am- 9:50am before Mass |
| Wednesday 8th March 2 nd Week of Lent St John of God St Duthac | 7.30am Early Morning Mass ▪ Special Intention: Chil Kohler | No Mass | 10.00am ▪ Thomas Begley (RIP) | 9.30am- 9:50am before Mass |
| Thursday 9th March 2 nd Week of Lent St Frances of Rome | 12.00 Noon Funeral: Hugh Colquhoun (RIP) | 10.00am ▪ Ellen Welsh (RIP) | No Mass | 9.30am- 9:50am before Mass |
| Friday 10th March ST JOHN OGILVIE - FEAST | 10.00am ▪ Agnes Oates (RIP) | No Mass | No Mass | 9.30am- 9:50am before Mass |
| Saturday 11th March 2 nd Week of Lent St Constantine | 10.00am ▪ Anne Herriot (RIP) | No Mass | 10.00am ▪ Bob Robertson (RIP) | 9.30am- 9:50am before Mass |