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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.



Jesus's friends and neighbours have a hard time connecting the carpenter's son they know with his claim to be true bread from heaven. But no matter what our circumstances, we can be 'bread' for those suffering the hunger of poverty or alienation, we can be the face of God for those who struggle to find God, life for those entombed by fear and despair. As Jesus, the 'bread of life', gave life to the world through his selfless compassion and humble servanthood to others, we too can participate in that same giving spirit of Jesus: looking beyond our own needs to the good of others, giving not from our treasure but from our poverty, nourishing one another in the compassion and selflessness of the Gospel.

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Please submit any items for the Newsletter by Wednesday Noon. Many Thanks!

To add a name to either the Prayer List or the Book of Remembrance complete the appropriate form (which you will find at the back of the Church) and pass to the Parish Office.

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*

Mary Woods (RIP) who died 18th July, aged 69

Anne Hamilton (RIP) who died 25th July, aged 87

John McQuillian (RIP) who died on 26th July, aged 88

Cornelius McAvoy (RIP) who died 3rd August, aged 73

Edith Chesney (RIP) who died 4th August, aged 92

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound of the Parish: David Anderson, John Barrett, Irene Bett, Mary Bett, Allan Brown, Bobby Brown, Derrick Bruce, Mary Burns, Baby Carter, Donald Copeland, Scott Coubrough, Caroline Dawson, Patsy Docherty, Margaret Doherty, Patricia Doherty, Mark Christian Fernandez, George Goodwillie, Ava Gordon, Sarah Hart, Lucia Koloczek, Stephen Lahbib, Kevin Mackin, Georges Marquetty, Sally Martin, Cathy McIvor, Margaret McKay, James (Jim) McMenemy, Beth Meldrum, Joe Meldrum, May Millar, Jessie Mitchell, Gilbert Murphy, Margaret Neilson, John O'Donnell, Margaret O'Rourke, Theresa Pierce, Ruby Quinn, May Robinson, Anna Woods.

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

Date	Plate Collection	Standing Orders (weekly pro-rata)
4 th August	£1082	£1200

Many thanks for your continued generosity!



Contactless Payment The Contactless Payment Machine in St Mary's can be used to make online donations/collection money to the Church and also for Stall purchases. This QR Code can also be used to make online payments and is displayed on the Notice Boards in each Church.

Special Collection: We will take up a 2nd Collection next Sunday 18th August for African Missions and Holy Places.

Important Information re PVG Process Disclosure Scotland will no longer be issuing paper PVG certificates but instead will send you, the applicant, a link to view your certificate online once your PVG application is complete. You are then asked to share this link with Margaret McCluskey in the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Office to enable her to update her records, Failure to do so will delay / prevent your approval to volunteer if you are a new volunteer. Existing volunteers must also follow this procedure when renewing their PVG.

New Mass Schedule Note the new Sunday Mass schedule now in place:

- 5:30pm St Mary's (Vigil Mass) Confessions 5:00 pm till 5:20pm
- 9:00am Holy Spirit
- 10:15am St Mary's
- 11:30am St Margaret's
- 5:30pm St Margaret's

Thursday 15th August The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Holy Day of Obligation: Mass Times:

- St Mary's **7.00pm** (*note no morning Mass due to Priest availability*)
- Holy Spirit **9.30am**
- St Margaret's **11.00am**

Phyllis Kingham (RIP) Funeral Arrangements: Reception of Remains - Monday 19 August 5.30pm, St Paul's Church, Glenrothes; Funeral Mass - Tuesday 20 August 12 noon, St Paul's Church, Glenrothes and thereafter to Hayfield Cemetery, Kirkcaldy.

Course on the Creed with Robert Barron We pray "I believe" at every Sunday Mass. The key beliefs of the Christian Faith are stated succinctly in the Creed, which was born at the Council of Nicaea in the Fourth Century. This formal statement of faith is the foundation of both eastern and western Christianity. But what does it really mean? Please join us as we explore the Creed with Bishop Robert Barron in a new seven-week study beginning Wednesday September 4th from 7.30pm to 9pm in St Margaret's Hall (teas etc from 7pm).

Infant Baptism Parents Preparation Meeting: The next preparation meeting will take place Tuesday 13th August 7.00pm in Sion House. Please register with the Parish Office if you would like to attend. Ideally both Parents and Godparents should attend.

Parish Prayer Network Are you or someone you know in need of support through prayer? Our Parish Prayer Network members are ready to pray for you morning and evening. Call 01786 473749 leaving a first name and brief description of the need. We will immediately pray for your intention. If you would like to support our Parish Community through prayer, text 07503342275 and someone will get back to you with details how to join the Prayer Network. "Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven." - Matthew 18:19."

Prize Bingo Fundraiser Many thanks to everyone to come along to the fundraiser evening on 2nd August for the House of Mercy in Argentina where a group of our Young Adults will be volunteering. With additional donations received this brings the total raised to £762. Many thanks to all!

SCIAF Africa Hunger Crisis Appeal: Zambia, like many places in Africa, are currently experiencing an alarming drought, due to the effects of climate shocks. Earlier this year, many of the most vulnerable families were supported by short-term aid until the harvest in May. But the rainy season, for the second year in a row, has failed. Meaning there was no harvest. For families in Africa facing hunger, this is an emergency. SCIAF have launched an Urgent Appeal to support families experiencing this extreme hunger which can be supported at www.sciaf.org.uk/?form=hungercrisis



Assisted Suicide Short Survey: The Scottish Parliament Health Committee is asking for your views on proposals to legalise assisted suicide in Scotland. It is vital that as many people as possible complete the short survey, which should take just a few minutes to do, **before it closes on 16th August**. Full guidance, including a link to the survey, can be accessed by scanning the QR code or by entering the following address in your web browser: <https://rcpolitics.org/assisted-suicide-committee-call-for-views/>

Save the Date – 5 October A Scripture Reflection Day titled 'Celebrating the Gift' will take place at The Gillis Centre in Edinburgh on Saturday 5 October 2024. The event will help explain more about the new lectionary that is being introduced in Advent and is also a chance to reflect on the Word of God. Details to follow.

Season of Creation Conference 2024 The Care of Creation Office of the Bishops' Conference has organised a National Conference for this year's Season of Creation which runs from 1st September – 4th October 2024. The Conference will take place on Saturday 7th September 2024, from 10am – 3pm in St. Margaret's Parish Hall, Raploch, Stirling. The guest speaker is Ben Wilson, Director of Public Engagement for SCIAF. If interested in attending, please complete a booking form here www.tinyurl.com/46wmt9ah and more details about this free day will follow.

Events in the Archdiocese For a full list of forthcoming events in the Archdiocese visit <https://archedinburgh.org/news-events/>

Schedule for This Week: Sunday 11th August

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30am before weekday Mass

Sundays: Year B. Weekdays: Year 2	St Mary's (SMY)	Holy Spirit (HS)	St Margaret (SMT)	Confession (and by appointment)
Sunday 11th August <i>19th Sunday of the Year</i>	5.30pm (Vigil) ▪ Mary Woods (RIP) 10.15am ▪ People of the Parish	9.00am ▪ Betty McNally (RIP)	11.30am ▪ People of the Parish 5.30pm ▪ Myra Boyle (RIP)	5.00pm to 5.20pm before Vigil Mass
Monday 12th August <i>19th Week of the Year</i> St Jane Frances de Chantal	10.00am ▪ James Silcock	No Mass	No Mass	9.30am - 9:50am before Mass
Tuesday 13th August <i>19th Week of the Year</i> St Pontian	No Mass 6.00pm Reception Mary Woods (RIP)	10.00am ▪ Margaret Skeffington (RIP)	No Mass	9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
Wednesday 14th August St Maximilian Mary Kolbe - Memorial	10.00am Funeral: Mary Woods (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass	9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
Thursday 15th August The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Solemnity Holy Day of Obligation	No Morning Mass 7.00pm ▪ Chilsong Kohler (RIP) Birthday Remembrance	9.30am ▪ James & Elizabeth Evans (RIP)	11.00am ▪ Maureen Malley McKenna (RIP)	9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
Friday 16th August <i>19th Week of the Year</i> St Stephen of Hungary	10.00am Funeral John McQuillan (RIP) (Reception 6:00 pm Thursday)	No Mass	No Mass	9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
Saturday 17th August <i>19th Week of the Year</i>	No Mass	No Mass	10.00am Funeral: Cornelius McAvoy (RIP)	
Sunday 18th August <i>20th Sunday of the Year</i>	5.30pm (Vigil) ▪ John Millar (RIP) 10.15am ▪ People of the Parish Month's Mind: Mary Woods (RIP)	9.00am ▪ The Holy Souls in Purgatory	11.30am ▪ Special Intention: Kate & John Cawley 5.30pm ▪ People of the Parish	5.00pm to 5.20pm before Vigil Mass