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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.



In the year 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska and added the Feast of Divine Mercy to the Church's official calendar. Saint Faustina, who died in 1938, was a member of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Krakow, Poland. She came from a simple and poor family of farmers, had only three years of rudimentary education, and performed the humblest of tasks in her convent. But she also was a mystic who was privileged to have many private revelations from our Lord. In obedience to her superior and spiritual director, she recorded these private revelations in six notebooks. Those notebooks are known today under the title: *Divine Mercy in My Soul: Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*. The messages contained within her diary present profound communications from God for our day and age.

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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*

**Sally Galletly (RIP)** who died 26<sup>th</sup> March, aged 92

**Mary Ramsay (RIP)** who died 1<sup>st</sup> April, aged 74

**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, Patsy Docherty, Margaret Doherty, Patricia Doherty, George Goodwillie, Ava Gordon, Sarah Hart, Lucia Koloczek, Stephen Lahbib, Kevin Mackin, Georges Marquetty, Sally Martin, Cathy McIvor, Margaret McKay, James (Jim) McMenemy, May Millar, Beth Meldrum, Joe Meldrum, Jessie Mitchell, Gilbert Murphy, Margaret Neilson, John O'Donnell, Margaret O'Rourke, Theresa Pierce, Ruby Quinn, May Robinson, Anna Woods, Mary Woods.

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

Date	Plate Collection	Standing Orders (weekly pro-rata)
31 <sup>st</sup> March	£1866	£1200

Many thanks for your continued generosity!



**Contactless Payment** We now have a Contactless Payment Machine in St Mary's 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. There is a separate QR Code displayed in Sion House for online donations for Sunday Teas.

**WEE BOX, BIG THANKS.** Thank you all so much for your support of SCIAF's WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE Lenten appeal. **Please return your WEE BOXES as soon as you can.** You can also donate to SCIAF by visiting [sciaf.org.uk/weebox](http://sciaf.org.uk/weebox) or by calling 0141 354 5555.

**St Mary's Pastoral Parish Council** The next meeting takes place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April. Please speak to one of the members if you would like anything raised on your behalf.

**St Margaret's Sunday Teas** Could you give up an hour of your time once every few months to help the Sunday Tea Group in St. Margaret's? The Group are desperately looking for a few more volunteers to join. Any help offered would be much appreciated. This could be joining one of the current teams or getting your own team together to take a turn serving the tea, coffee, biscuits etc and washing up. Please get in touch with Caroline Gregory on 07749 652795 or speak to her after Mass in St. Margaret's (Caroline plays in the music group). Or contact the Parish Office. Many Thanks.

**SSVP Lunch Club** The next Lunch Club will take place on **12th April** in St Margaret's Church Hall. Can we ask guests to arrive at 12 noon. Payment is by donation. If you would like to attend please add your name to the list at the back of the Church.

**Youth Group Hike** Our Youth Groups for Primary 6/7s and 12 to 17 years are planning an outdoor hike on Saturday 13th April, which will begin with 10am Mass at St Mary's. A minibus has been reserved for this outing. If you wish to register your child for this outing, please provide contact details to the Parish Office and our youth group coordinators will be in contact with further information.

**Fund Raiser for Strathcarron** Linda and Kevin Clarke (St Margaret's) are undertaking yet another pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela by bicycle. This will be their third to Santiago (as well as having cycled the Via Francigena from Canterbury to Rome), and this time it's an 800+kms route from San Sebastián on the Camino del Norte, joining the Camino Primitivo at Oviedo and through the Asturias Mountains to Galicia and Santiago. Linda and Kevin are using the pilgrimage as a vehicle to raise funds for Strathcarron Hospice, and have set up a fundraising page at: <https://www.strathcarronhospice.net/Fundraisers/where-theres-a-will>. There is more information on the site.

**Baptism Preparation Meeting.** The next preparation meeting will take place Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm in Sion House. Please register with the Parish Office if you would like to attend.

**Exploring our faith:** Our Lady's & St Ninians Bannockburn will be showing 6 videos over Pentecost to reflect on how the Holy Spirit works in the Church and in our lives today. We will meet on Wednesday evenings in the hall from 7pm – 8:30pm, starting 17th April for six weeks - tea, coffee and cakes supplied! Each session is 'stand-alone' so feel free to come to one or to all. They are for anyone wanting to explore their Catholic faith more deeply and for anyone who is simply curious. Perhaps bring a family member or friend. We look forward to seeing you.

**Assisted Suicide Warning** What will be the impact if assisted suicide is legalised in Scotland? Watch the Archdiocesan webinar 'Euthanasia: A Warning from Canada' on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel (30 mins). Sign the online petition at [www.carenotkilling.scot](http://www.carenotkilling.scot)

**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 7<sup>th</sup> April**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30am before weekdays Mass except Fridays when is after Mass

Sundays: Year B. Weekdays: Year 2	<b>St Mary's</b> (SMY)	<b>Holy Spirit</b> (HS)	<b>St Margaret</b> (SMT)	<b>School/ University</b>	<b>Confession</b> (and by appointment)
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> <b>(Divine Mercy Sunday)</b>	<b>6.00pm (Vigil)</b> ▪ Special Intention: Caroline Dawson  <b>11.00am</b> ▪ Cathie & Campbell Graham (RIP)	<b>9.30am</b> ▪ Thanksgiving	<b>11.00am</b> ▪ Isabel McCarron (RIP)  <b>6.30pm:</b> ▪ People of the Parish		5.00pm to 5.45pm before Vigil Mass
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>The Annunciation of Our Lord - Solemnity</b>	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Elizabeth Battles (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass		9.30am - 9:50am before Mass
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Eastertide</b>	No Mass	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Carol Ogilvie (RIP)	No Mass		9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Eastertide</b>	No Mass	No Mass	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Christine Barrett (RIP)		9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>St Stanislaus - Memorial</b>	No Mass	No Mass	<b>10.00am Funeral:</b> Sally Galletly (RIP)		9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Eastertide</b>	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Michael Donnelly (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass		10.30 am- 11.00am after Mass
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Eastertide</b> <b>Pope St Martin I</b>	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Margaret McQuillan (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass		9.30am- 9:50am before Mass