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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.



1. Jesus speaks of a time when “the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light.” What areas of your life feel like they’re in darkness, and how can you invite Jesus’ light into them?

2. Jesus says that his words will never pass away, even though heaven and earth will. How do you experience the strength and permanence of Jesus’ words in your faith journey?

3. Jesus encourages us to “stay awake” and be ready. What are some ways you can stay spiritually alert in your everyday life?

4. Reflecting on the uncertainty of when Jesus will return, how does this Gospel invite you to live more fully and intentionally in the present?

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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 o*

Patricia Phimister who died 24th October, aged 82

Stephen Lahbib who died 2nd November, aged 44

Alexandra Cherubim who died 8th November, 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, Scott Coubrough, Patsy Docherty, Margaret Doherty, Patricia Doherty, Vera Eastwood, Mark Christian Fernandez, George Goodwillie, Ava Gordon, Sarah Hart, Lucia Koloczek, Romie Lesista Jnr, Kevin Mackin, Rosie Mangan, Georges Marquetty, Sally Martin, Cathy Mclvor, Margaret McKay, James (Jim) McMenemy, Beth Meldrum, Joe Meldrum, May Millar, Jessie Mitchell, Margaret Neilson, Margaret O'Rourke, Theresa Pierce, Carolanne Quinn, Ruby Quinn, May Robinson, Cheska Mary Rose, Tom Stokes, Tony Stokes, Anna Woods.

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

Date	Plate Collection	Standing Orders (weekly pro-rata)
10 th November	£1273.50	£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 This Sunday is World Day of the Poor, and we will take up a second collection.

Special Collection Next Sunday 24th November we will take up a second collection for Catholic Education.

Stirling University There is Mass for students every Wednesday at 1.15pm in the University Chaplaincy.

30th Anniversary St Margaret's Church Archbishop Leo Cushley will join us to celebrate Mass this Sunday 17th November at 11.30am Mass. Refreshments will be available after Mass. Everyone is welcome!!!

Campaign Against Assisted Suicide MPs will vote on 29 November on a Bill that, if successful, will introduce a dangerous assisted suicide law. This Bill is being rushed through Parliament. It was only published at 10pm on 11 November, giving MPs and the public barely two and half weeks to scrutinise the Bill before it goes to a vote. It's vital that MPs hear from us now that this bill would put countless vulnerable lives at risk. The details and tools on contacting your MP are available in a handout and on the parish website. - stirlingstmarys.org. Every contact counts!

17th November 33rd Sunday of the Year

Baptism Preparation The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th November 7.00pm in Sion House. Parents planning the Baptism of their child should attend ideally along with Godparents. Please register attendance with the Parish Office.

The Parish Prayer Network We are here to pray for you and your requests are always welcome. If you find yourself in need, remember that you are not alone. Please reach out and ask for prayer. There are people willing to support you. You need only provide a first name and a very short outline of your prayer request. Tel. 01786 473749 and leave a message and God bless you.

Children's Liturgy St Margaret's will take place on: 24th November, 1st December, and 15th December

30th Anniversary Reunion of St Margaret's Music Group: During the past 30 years there has always been live musical accompaniment at Mass in St Margaret's, often at both Masses, There will be a get together for all current and past singers/musicians in **St Margaret's Hall at 7.00pm on 29th November**. Please spread the word!

Parish Youth Groups Dates: (Junior Group 5.00pm to 6.30pm – Senior Group 7.00pm to 9.00pm) 22nd November, 6th December, and Christmas Party 20th December

SSVP Hats, Scarves and Gloves appeal The boxes will be removed from Church after Masses on 17th November and the hats, scarves and gloves distributed to families in need in our local community. Many thanks for your continued generosity.

The Stirling Catenian Group Annual Remembrance Mass will be held Monday 18th November 7.00pm in St Margaret's for the deceased brothers of the Stirling Catenian Group.

Parish Festive Afternoon Tea Saturday 7th December Save the date for our Christmas Afternoon Tea, jewellery stall and raffle. Tickets will be £5 – more details to follow!

St Mary's 500 Club The draw for October will take place this weekend

Buy your new Missal From Advent, the Church will be using a new Lectionary. The Lectionary is the book of Scriptural Readings proclaimed at Mass. In the new Lectionary, the order and selection of readings will be the same, but their translation into English will be slightly different. You can buy a new Missal (or your first one) from various outlets: www.rpbooks.co.uk, www.ctsbooks.org, and <https://www.hachette.co.uk>.

Note: The 3 Year Missal is currently out of stock so if you would like the Parish to source one on your behalf (Cost £19.95) please add your name to the list at the back of the Church and we will place an order once back in stock. We will keep this order list open until 17th November.

Visit of Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzabella will be at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh on Sunday 1st December. His Eminence will preach at the evening Mass that will be presided at by Archbishop Cushley. Mass begins at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Diploma in Catechetics Take the Diploma in Catechetics and make the Holy Year 2025 a time of discovery and deepening in your life of faith. The course is run by the Archdiocese and starts in January. It consists of a weekly lecture on Zoom, guided reading from the Catechism and regular 1-to-1 support. To mark the Holy Year the course is being offered at £125 (normally £200). Find out more and register at bit.ly/diploma2025

Songs of the Poor *Songs of the Poor and other stories of El Salvador* is a book written by the late Tommy Greenan, a priest of the Archdiocese, and is available from various online retailers. As we mark World Day of the Poor today (Sunday 17 November), it is an inspiring and moving read of a young priest living and working among the poorest of the poor in a country torn apart by civil war.

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

Schedule for This Week: Sunday 17th November

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

Sundays: Year B. Weekdays: Year 2	St Mary's (SMY)	Holy Spirit (HS)	St Margaret (SMT)	School/ University	Confession and by Appt
Sunday 17th November 33 rd Sunday of the Year World Day of the Poor	5.30pm (Vigil) ▪ Paul Mulvey (RIP) 10.15am ▪ People of the Parish	9.00am Ena Henderson (RIP)	11.30am ▪ Tommy Mulheron (RIP) 5.30pm ▪ People of the Parish		5.00pm to 5.20pm before Vigil Mass
Monday 18th November 33 rd Week of the Year The Basilicas of St Peter and St Paul St Fergus	10.00am ▪ Rosalina Canton (RIP) 6.00pm Reception: Stephen Lahbib (RIP)	No Mass	7.00pm Mass Stirling Catenian Group Annual Remembrance Mass		9.30am - 9:50am before Mass
Tuesday 19th November 33 rd Week of the Year	10.00am Funeral: Stephen Lahbib (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass		9.30am-9:50am before Mass
Wednesday 20th November 33 rd Week of the Year	No Mass	No Mass	10.00am ▪ Michael Mulhern (RIP)	1.15pm Stirling University Special Intention	9.30am-9:50am before Mass
Thursday 21st November The Presentation of The Blessed Virgin Mary - Memorial	Note: No 10.00am Mass 6.00pm Reception: Patricia Phimister (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass		9.30am-9:50am before Mass
Friday 22nd November St Cecilia - Memorial	10.00am Funeral: Patricia Phimister (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass	8.30am St Modans The Holy Souls	10.30 am-11.00am after Mass
Saturday 23rd November 33 rd Week of the Year St Clement I St Columban	No 10.00am Mass	No Mass	10.00am Funeral: Alexandra Cherubim (RIP)		
Sunday 24th November Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Solemnity	5.30pm (Vigil) ▪ Isolita Fernandes Rocha & Vincent Mario Rapa (RIP) 10.15am ▪ Christopher & Shaun (Birthday Gift) Months Mind: Patricia Phimister	9.00am ▪ Donal & Anna O'Hare (RIP)	11.30am ▪ People of the Parish 5.30pm ▪ Alice Thom (RIP)		5.00pm to 5.20pm before Vigil Mass