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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.



We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

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*

Frank Cairney (RIP) who died 11th October, aged 83

Andrew Robertson (RIP) who died 13th October, aged 63

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound of the Parish: John Barrett, Irene Bett, Mary Bett, Allan Brown, Bobby Brown, Derrick Bruce, Mary Burns, Baby Carter, Magdeleine Mee Kiew Chia, Donald Copeland, Patsy Docherty, Margaret Doherty, George Goodwillie, Ava Gordon, Lucia Koloczek, Stephen Lahbib, Margaret Lowe, Kevin Mackin, Sally Martin, Gerry McGloin, Cathy Mclvor, Margaret McKay, James (Jim) McMenemy, May Millar, Beth Meldrum, Joe Meldrum, Jessie Mitchell, Gilbert Murphy, Margaret Neilson, John O'Donnell, Margaret O'Rourke, Ruby Quinn, May Robinson, Selina Spafford, Anna Woods, 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 Collection (Note: Combined total across all 3 Churches)

Date	Plate Collection	Standing Orders (weekly pro-rata)
22 nd October	£1241.50	£1200

Many thanks for your continued generosity!

Special Collection World Mission Sunday. Thank you for responding to Missio Scotland's World Mission Appeal last weekend. Together as a parish we raised **£1447**. Your donations and prayers will go towards supporting the work of our missionaries worldwide. Thank you once again - from Missio Scotland.

Rite of Commitment A reminder that the Rite of Commitment for children preparing for First Confession will be celebrated during Mass this weekend.

Rite of Enrolment will be celebrated at Masses next weekend for children preparing for First Holy Communion.

October Rosary Our Family Rosary is in St Mary's today Sunday 29th October at 4.00pm.

Wednesday 1st November All Saints Solemnity - Holiday of Obligation:

Mass times:

- **St Mary's:** 10.00am and 7pm
- **Holy Spirit:** 9.30am
- **St Margaret's:** 11.00am

November Lists – please place your intentions in an envelope in the box on the altar from 1st November. (There is a small supply of envelopes in the Church Porch which can be used).

St Mary's Book Of Remembrance To have a name included, please complete the form at the back of the Church and pass to the Parish Office with details of: Name, Anniversary Date and Church.

29th October 30th Sunday of the Year - Mission Sunday

12 Hour Eucharistic Adoration Friday 3rd November Takes place in **St Mary's** after 10.00am Mass through to 10.00pm. We will conclude with Night Prayer and Benediction. You can register as normal with the Parish Office, on the list at the back of the church, or directly with Charlene!

Baptism Preparation Meeting The next meeting will be 8th November 7:00pm in Sion House.

Parish Mass of Remembrance This will be held in St Mary's Church, Thursday 9th November at 7.00pm when we can come together to remember and pray for all members of our parish community who have died over the last 12 months.

Safeguarding Training A training session will take place on Tuesday 7th November at 7pm in St Margaret's Church Hall. This is a new course and replaces the old Part 1 and Part 2 training courses. The training course must be completed by **all new volunteers** who will be working in a Regulated Role **prior** to assuming any role in the Church involving children or vulnerable adults. **Those of you who have not completed Safeguarding Training Induction Part 2, must also attend this training session.** A Regulated Role is those that are involved with Children's Liturgy; a Eucharistic Minister who visits the sick and housebound; a member of SVDP or Legion of Mary involved in home visits. The session will last approximately two hours. To register, please email alfie.francis@staned.org.uk providing your name and role.

If anyone is unsure of their need to attend, you can email Alfie at the email above and he can check the records for you.

Christmas Afternoon Tea Saturday 2nd December Save the date for our Christmas Afternoon Tea, jewellery stall and raffle. Tickets will be £5 – more details to follow!

St Mary's Church Cleaning We are looking to expand the Cleaning Team in St Mary's. If you can spare a couple of hours each month, we would greatly appreciate the help. Please contact the Parish Office. Many thanks!

Job Vacancy The Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh is seeking to appoint an Administrator to provide support to the Chancery and Catechetics departments in the Archdiocesan offices at The Gillis Centre, Edinburgh. A full job description is available at archedinburgh.org/news-events To apply, please send CV and a cover letter to recruitment@staned.org.uk by Wednesday 8 November. Interviews scheduled for Friday 17 November.

Diploma in Catechetics 2024 Explore the richness and depth of our Catholic faith – all from home – with the Diploma in Catechetics from the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh, led by Sr Miriam Ruth Ryan RSM. Tune in each Thursday at 7:30pm for an expert-led Zoom Webinar (or watch the recording at your convenience), and further enjoy guided readings, regular one-to-one support, and an in-person retreat. The Diploma in Catechetics begins on Thursday 25 January 2024. Concessions available. Registration and info at bit.ly/archdiploma2024. Questions? Email srmiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk.

Archdiocesan Youth Day A day of faith and fun for p4-7s on Saturday 25 November. Join us as we unpack Jesus the King of the Universe and explore how we can prepare to meet our King this Christmas. Games, talks, sweets, confessions, mass and more! 10:30am to 3:30pm at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Speak to the parish priest to register.

All Souls' Day Archbishop Cushley will offer Holy Mass for the repose of all the faithful departed who have died in the Archdiocese in the last year. It takes place on All Souls' Day, Thursday 2 November at 10am in the Chapel at Mount Vernon Cemetery, 49 Mount Vernon Road, Edinburgh, EH16 6JG. All welcome.

Vocations Retreat Thinking about a vocation to the religious life? Join other young women at a retreat in Edinburgh led by Sr Mirjam Hagens FSO, the Archdiocesan Director for Religious Vocations. It takes place from 3-5 November 2023 at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street, EH9 1SN. Email religiousvocations@staned.org.uk

Vocations Mass The next Mass to pray for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the Archdiocese is on Tuesday 31 October at 7pm at St Margaret's, Drip Road, Raploch, Stirling, FK9 4UA.

Schedule for This Week: Sunday 29th October

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30am before weekdays Mass

Sundays: Year A. Weekdays: Year 1	St Mary's (SMY)	Holy Spirit (HS)	St Margaret (SMT)	Confession (and by appointment)
Sunday 29th October 30 th Sunday of the Year	6.00pm (Vigil) ▪ Anne, Lex & Kenneth Broadfoot (RIP) 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 30th October 30 th Week of the Year	10.00am ▪ Jessie Scullion (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass	9.30am - 9:50am before Mass
Tuesday 31st October 30 th Week of the Year	No Mass	10.00am ▪ Special Intention: John & Janice Whyte 6.00pm Reception: Andrew Robertson (RIP)	7.00pm Vocations Mass	9.30am-9:50am before Mass
Wednesday 1st November ALL SAINTS SOLEMNITY Holy Day of Obligation	10.00am ▪ Donal & Anna O'Hare (RIP) 7.00pm ▪ John & Jane Watson (RIP)	9.30am ▪ William Malley & Malley Family Dec'd 1.00pm Funeral: Andrew Robertson (RIP)	11.00am ▪ Dean Laing (RIP)	9.30am-9:50am before Mass
Thursday 2nd November COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED	10.00am ▪ David Robertson (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass	9.30am-9:50am before Mass
Friday 3rd November 30 th Week of the Year St Martin de Porres	10.00am ▪ Joe Tierney who is ill Eucharistic Adoration 10.00pm Night Prayer and Benediction	No Mass	No Mass	9.30am-9:50am before Mass
Saturday 4th November ST CHARLES BORROMEO - MEMORIAL	10.00am ▪ Special Intention: Gaspare Pasquini & Liliana Ricci	No Mass	No Mass	9.30am-9:50am before Mass