



## PARISH CONTACTS

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## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Tues-Thurs - 10am-3pm

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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. If you need a priest, Fr Gabriel can be contacted at St Margaret's on the number above.

**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.



Both the first reading and second reading contain light imagery. Where in your life do you need God's illuminating light?

The psalm calls us to joy in liturgy and in God's presence. Is anything keeping you from this joy?

How do you feel hearing the gospels' description of Jesus' coming? How could you invite God into any anxiety you may be feeling?

## 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

**Norah Cairney** who died 8th November, aged 84

**Karen McArthur** who died 8<sup>th</sup> November, aged 62

**Nora Mackenzie** who died 5th November, aged 96

**Margaret Rainey** who died 8<sup>th</sup> November aged 94

**Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound of the Parish:** Regina Ammam, Irene Bett, Mary Bett, Isabel Boyle, David Burns, Allan Brown, Anne Cairns, Donald & Edna Copland, Helen Conway, John Cawley, Thomas Devine, Patsy Docherty, Margaret Doherty, Vera Eastwood, Baby Ava Gordon, Agnes Heggie, David House, Celia Hunter, Kaz Kaney, Helen Killiard, Lusia Koloczek, Joe Lahbib, John Lydon, Terry & Allan MacDonald, Georges Marquetty, Marlene Mathieson, Isabel McDonald (Lafferty), Cathy McIvor, Karen McKay, Margaret McKay, Maureen McLynn, Beth Meldrum, May Millar, Margaret Mullin, Gilbert Murphy, May Robertson, May Robinson, Margaret O'Rourke, Ruby Quinn, Cherie Todd, Niall Tracey, Celia Walker, John Wilson, Mary Woods, Greta Wright.

**Weekly Sunday Plate Collection:** (Excludes standing order payments)

Date	St Mary's	Holy Spirit	St Margaret's
20th November	£582.00	£303.50 (2 weeks)	£492.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

**24 Hours Eucharistic Adoration St Margaret's Church Friday 2nd December** This will start after 10.00am Mass Friday and continue through to 10.00am Mass Saturday. Please note above change of venue for Adoration to St Margaret's this month. Also note there is a change to the regular Mass Schedule over 2nd and 3rd December shown on the Church Scshedule below.

**Advent Holy Hour** As the season of Advent gets underway you are warmly invited to an Advent Holy Hour on Saturday 3rd December at 1:00pm in St. Mary's. This time of prayer will help us to focus on what the Season of Advent is all about and how we can make the most of this season in preparation for Christmas.

**Advent Candlelit Masses** During Advent we will celebrate a Candlelit Mass in each Church. The first of these will be in **St Mary's on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December**. Please join us if you can.

**St Modan's Pantry "Take what you need, give when you can"** To help with the current cost of living crisis, the staff and pupils at St Modan's have started their own food pantry. We would be so thankful if you were able to donate any items listed on the poster at the back of the church in the box provided. All donations made will help support families in need within our community. Thank you, St Modan's Equity Team.

**Advent Prayers and Christmas Carols** Please support these events in Stirling to raise awareness of people dealing with mental health issues: Tuesdays 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup> December at the intersection of King Street, Port Street and Murray Place from 6.30pm to 7.45pm.

**Torbrex Community Choir** are holding a concert in Park Church (St Columba's) on Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7.30pm. Several of our Parishioners are in the choir which is conducted by Genia our Church Organist! Tickets, Adults £7, and Children £3 are available from members of the choir and also at the door on the night. All proceeds will go to PLUS which aims to provide a better quality of life for local children with disabilities and their families through social inclusion and regular short breaks.

**Margaret Paterson** would like to pass on her grateful thanks to all Parishioners – especially those at Holy Spirit on 15<sup>th</sup> November, who helped make her special Birthday such a memorable day!

**Christmas Stock** now available for sale at St Margaret's and St Mary's Church Stalls which includes a selection of cards, calendars, candles, and children's books

**Safeguarding Training - Induction Part 2** Two "Face to Face" training sessions will take place on Thursday 1st December 2022 in St Margaret's Church Hall. First session from 2pm - 4pm & second session from 7pm - 9pm. If you are a Parish volunteer in a regulated role, that is those involved with **Children's Liturgy, Eucharistic Minister who visits the sick and housebound; a member of SVDP or Legion of Mary involved in home visits** and have not completed Safeguarding Training Induction Part 2 then you must undertake this training. There is no need to book a place.

**Christmas Toy Swap** We are holding a Christmas Toy Swap. We are looking for donations of good quality used toys, games, bikes, books etc. that can be passed on to children to enjoy at Christmas. Toys can be dropped off at St Margaret's Church Hall on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December between 12 noon and 4pm. Toys can be collected for free at St Margaret's Church Hall on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December between 11.00am and 4.00pm. **Volunteers Needed** we will need volunteers to take in donations on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> and then sort and categorise them into appropriate sections. We will also need volunteers to help on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> when people come along to collect items. Any help would be greatly appreciated. **To sign up please complete the form at the back of the Church and return it to the Parish Office. Or complete the forms on the Parish Facebook Page.** Many thanks!

**Meeting for all existing Readers and any new Volunteers to Read at Mass:** Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 7.00pm St Margaret's Church.

**Children's Liturgy Meeting for all existing Catechists and new Volunteers:** Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 7.00pm St Mary's Church House.

**Vacancy – Administrator.** Full details at [bit.ly/archadminjob](https://bit.ly/archadminjob) To apply, please send your CV and a cover letter to [recruitment@staned.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@staned.org.uk) by **Friday 2nd December.**

**Catholic Education** Make sure Catholic voices are heard in the national discussion on the future of education in Scotland! Submit your response to the Scottish Government's 10-question survey at [bit.ly/scotedsurvey](https://bit.ly/scotedsurvey)

**St Pauls Bookshop** is now open at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh. Opening hours are 10:00am to 5:30pm, including weekends (closed Mondays).

**Female Vocations** Thinking about a vocation to the religious life? Join other young Catholic

women to chat and explore God's will in five monthly get-togethers in Edinburgh. Led by Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO, the first one takes place on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January, 4-7pm at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street. To register or find out more, please email [religiousvocations@staned.org.uk](mailto:religiousvocations@staned.org.uk)

**St Andrew's Day** Celebrate the feast day of our National Patron at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh. There will be adoration on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November from 7pm which will conclude with Evening Prayer and Benediction at 8pm. Then on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November, Archbishop Leo Cushley will celebrate Mass at 12:45pm.

**Holy Hour with Archbishop Cushley** Join Archbishop Cushley for Eucharistic Adoration at St Margaret's Chapel at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, to pray for "insight, courage and joy in our mission," as part of the Synod 2023. It takes place at 6pm on the following Sundays: 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 12<sup>th</sup> Mar. No registration required, just turn up and pray.

### **Church Schedule for This Week: Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30am before weekdays Mass

Sundays: Year A. Weekdays: Year 1	<b>St Mary's</b> (SMY)	<b>Holy Spirit</b> (HS)	<b>St Margaret</b> (SMT)	<b>Confession</b> (and by appointment)
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	<b>6.00pm (Vigil)</b> <b>11.00am</b>  People of the Parish	<b>9.30am</b>  People of the Parish	<b>11.00am</b> <b>6.30pm</b>  People of the Parish	5.00pm to 5.45pm before Vigil Mass
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Advent	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Joseph McPake (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass	9.30am - 9:50am before Mass
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Advent	No Mass	<b>10.00 am</b> ▪ Fr Kyran's Intentions	No Mass	9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November</b> ST ANDREW – SOLEMNITY <b>Patron of Scotland</b>	No Mass	No Mass	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Annie Mc Taggart (RIP)	9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Advent	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Eugene McEvoy (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass	9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Advent	No Mass	No Mass	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Craig Nelson (RIP)	9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b> ST FRANCIS XAVIER – MEMORIAL	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Mary Whyte Birthday Celebration	No Mass	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ William (Billy) Pryde (RIP)	9.30am- 9:50am before Mass