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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.



Which of Jesus temptations do you relate to most? How could you find inspiration for dealing with this struggle in Jesus' response?

What does trust in God look like in your life? Where do you struggle to trust?

The psalm reveals that Lent is a joyful season even amidst the sorrow we bear for our sins. How can you live the joy of this season, celebrating Gods ever - constant mercy?

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

William Ferguson who died 29th January, aged 77

Owen Hughes who died 16th January, aged 77

Regina Amman who died 14th February, aged 96

Beryl Brenda Park who died 20th February, aged 88

Mary O'Hara who died 21st February, aged 74

Catherine Kerr who died 21st February, aged 80

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound of the Parish: Irene Bett, Mary Bett, Mary Burns, Bobby Brown, John Cawley, Margaret Doherty, Terry Gavin, Margaret Lowe, Sally Martin, Cathy McIvor, May Millar, Margaret McKay, Gilbert Murphy, Ruby Quinn, May Robinson, Cherie Todd, 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 Plate Collection: (Excludes standing order payments)

Date	St Mary's	Holy Spirit	St Margaret's
19th February	£680.00	£141.00	£469.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

FORMED
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This week we are launching "Formed." An online platform to help us as a parish to grow in our Faith. Basically, Formed is like Netflix for Catholics. It has a wide variety of Films, documentaries, Catechesis and even cartoons for the younger ones. The good news is that is free for all parishioners. To sign up follow this link <https://signup.formed.org/> Type in St Marys Stirling and you will find the church listed. Select St Mary's and then press next to enter your details. Once you are registered you will have unlimited access to the Formed platform.

During the season of Lent I would like to encourage as many people as possible to use the Formed as individuals and in small groups. Each week we will suggest a video for people to watch so that can we journey together as a community of faith.

Presentation of the Cross At all Masses this Sunday our children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will receive the Sign of the Cross.

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

There will Stations of the Cross in each Church weekly throughout Lent:

- Holy Spirit Tuesday 7.00pm,
- St Margaret's Wednesday 7.00pm
- St Mary's Thursday 7.00pm

Early Morning Mass We are planning a mid-week early morning Mass throughout Lent – Wednesdays 7.30am at St Marys.

Baptism Preparation Meeting There will be a meeting for Parents (and if possible, Godparents) of all children registered to be Baptised. The meeting will be on Wednesday 8th March 7.00pm St Mary's Church House. Please confirm your attendance with the Parish Office. Thank you.

Save the Date - Parish St Patricks Night We will have a St Patrick's Night Friday 17th March in St Margaret's Church hall. More details to follow.

Laudato Si - Care for Our Common Home. The Scottish government, working through SCIAF, have been helping people in Malawi impacted by climate change. Whole villages have been moved to higher ground and flood defences installed. ". . .we are called quietly to imitate his generosity in self-sacrifice and good works." Laudato Si 220.

Standing Order and Gift Aid If you don't already contribute via Standing Order, and if you can, please consider making your regular contribution via Standing Order – this would be beneficial in helping the Parish Finances. It is an efficient way to pay, reduces the amount of time it takes our volunteers to manually count the collection and it is also kinder to the environment!

In addition, if you are a UK Taxpayer, you can boost your contribution via Gift Aid which means the Parish can claim an extra 25% of your contribution at no extra cost to you!

Both the Standing Order and Gift Forms are available from the Parish Office – these can be posted or emailed to you. There is a supply of the forms at the back of the Church, and these will also be posted on our Parish Facebook page.

- The Standing Order Form should be completed and set up directly with your bank.
- The Gift Aid Form should be completed and returned to the Parish Office

Volunteer Appeal: Money Counters Could you spare some time each week to count the collection monies. This task has become extremely onerous as a centralised function. To help alleviate the pressures we propose that each Church counts the money received via plate and special collections, from the piety stalls, candles, and flowers . If you can help, please contact the Parish Office. We will then set up a meeting with all volunteers and Fr Jamie to walk through the process.

Volunteer Appeal: Cleaning St Margaret's We are a bit short of volunteers for the cleaning rota for St Margaret's Church. If anyone might be interested or wishes to know more, please contact the parish office at admin.stmarystirling@staned.org.uk or call on 01786 473749.

Young Adults Group Next meeting is Thursday 2nd March 7pm in Sion House.

40 Days for Life Peaceful Pro-life Lenten Prayer Vigil What are you going to do for Lent from Ash Wednesday 22nd February until Palm Sunday 2nd April 2023? Did you know that since 1967, 10million children have been aborted in the UK ? Our peaceful 40 Days for Life pro-life prayer vigil outside the grounds of the Hardgate Road entrance Queen Elizabeth University Hospital (QEUH) begins this coming Ash Wednesday February 22nd at 8am. Will you come and join us in peaceful public prayer for a culture of life here in Scotland and around the world? Can you spare one hour per week during these 40 Days for Life. They have no voice but ours. **For more information please email Ogilvie1615@outlook.com**

St Margaret's Hall As demand increases for the use of the hall at St Margaret's we are looking to recruit a booking secretary to manage bookings and issue "Hall let agreements" which are now required by our insurance company. We could also do with a few volunteers to help make sure the hall is always kept clean and tidy. If you are able to help out, please speak to Fr Jamie.

Lent Talks Discover Jesus Christ in the Servant Songs of Isaiah with four online talks from the Archdiocese. They are hosted by Fr Jamie McMorrin of St Margaret's, Davidson's Mains, and Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM and take place at 7:30pm on Wednesday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd March. Register at bit.ly/lenttalks2023

Family Retreats Craig Lodge in Dalmally has announced dates for its family retreats. These are 3rd-7th July, 17th-21st July, and 31st-4th July/August For details and to book visit www.craiglodge.org/events

Church Schedule for This Week: Sunday 26th February

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 26th February 1 st Sunday of Lent	6.00pm (Vigil) 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 27th February 1 st week of Lent St Gregory of Narek	10.00am ▪ Special Intention: A Tortolano & Family	No Mass	No Mass	9.30am - 9:50am before Mass
Tuesday 28th February 1 st week of Lent	No Mass	10.00am ▪ Annie Casey Arthur (RIP)	No Mass	9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
Wednesday 1st March 1 st week of Lent	7.30am Early Morning Mass ▪ John McDonald (RIP)	No Mass	10.00am ▪ Thomas Begley (RIP)	9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
Thursday 2nd March 1 st week of Lent	10.00am Funeral: Beryl Park (RIP)	10.00am ▪ Brenda Brannan (RIP)	No Mass	9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
Friday 3rd March 1 st week of Lent	No Mass	No Mass	10.00am ▪ Deirdre & Noel Flavin who are ill	9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
Saturday 4th March 1 st week of Lent St Casimir	10.00am Mass: Knights of St Columba	No Mass	10.00am ▪ Mary MacDonald (RIP)	9.30am- 9:50am before Mass