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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.



The risen One walks among us in 'flesh and bone'; he is our family and friends who offer their love to us and receive the love we give; he is the poor and troubled who challenge us to imitate his compassion and servanthood. As the risen Jesus appears to his eleven disciples as 'flesh and bone', Jesus calls us to be witnesses of his resurrection, to be his 'flesh and bone' compassion and justice to all. In calling us to be 'witnesses' of his resurrection, Jesus asks us to live his gospel of peace and reconciliation in the simplicity of our everyday lives, in the complexities of our workplaces, in the struggle to realise our hopes and dreams for ourselves and our families.

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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

**Terence Delaney (RIP)** who died 2<sup>nd</sup> April, aged 82

**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)
7 <sup>th</sup> April	£4334.50	£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.

14<sup>th</sup> April 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

**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.

**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, the Sacraments and in our lives today. We will meet on Wednesday evenings in the hall from 7pm – 8:30pm, starting 17<sup>th</sup> 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)

**Festival of life:** Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> April. An opportunity to pray, witness and celebrate the goodness of all human life. Please join Fr Gerard Hatton in praying the rosary at Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston, EH3 9DJ (10am) and at Lothian Road Edinburgh 11am – 1pm. Refreshments afterwards.

**Funeral Teas** A few people have expressed an interest in establishing a 'Funeral Tea' group to provide simple catering (sandwiches, soup, cakes etc) for funerals in the parish. If you are interested, please give your name to the parish office. If we get enough names, then we can have a meeting to discuss the best way forward. This would be a great way for our parish to support families especially in the current financial climate.

**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 14<sup>th</sup> April**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30am before weekday 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 14<sup>th</sup> April</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	<b>6.00pm (Vigil)</b> ▪ Charles Devine (RIP)  <b>11.00am</b> ▪ William Joseph MacDonald (RIP)	<b>9.30am</b> ▪ People of the Parish	<b>11.00am</b> ▪ Patrick Tierney (RIP) Birthday Remembrance  <b>6.30pm:</b> ▪ People of the Parish		5.00pm to 5.45pm before Vigil Mass
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week in Eastertide	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Lily Dickson & Rinzi Fadrilan (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass		9.30am - 9:50am before Mass
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week in Eastertide <b>St Magnus</b>	No Mass	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ John McEntee (RIP)	<b>11.30am Funeral:</b> Terence Delaney (RIP)	<b>2.00pm St Modans</b> Mass for Exam Success	9.30am-9:50am before Mass
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week in Eastertide <b>St Donan and Companions</b>	No Mass	No Mass	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ James Freil (RIP)	<b>1.15pm University Mass</b> ▪ Sandro Tortolano (RIP)	9.30am-9:50am before Mass
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week in Eastertide	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Willie MacDonald	No Mass	No Mass		9.30am-9:50am before Mass
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week in Eastertide	(Note no 10.00 Mass)  <b>1.00pm Funeral:</b> Mary Ramsay (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass		10.30 am-11.00am after Mass
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week in Eastertide	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Lily & Tommy Nevin (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass		9.30am-9:50am before Mass