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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.



November – Month of the Holy Souls

Communion with the dead. "In full consciousness of this communion of the whole Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, the Church in its pilgrim members, from the very earliest days of the Christian religion, has honoured with great respect the memory of the dead; and 'because it is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins' she offers her suffrages for them." Our prayer for them is capable not only of helping them, but also of making their intercession for us effective.

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

Janet Ketterick (RIP) who died 25th October, aged 79

Maxine Iffla (RIP) who died 1st November, aged 76

Tom McCann (RIP) who died 7th November, aged 81

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 McIvor, 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)	
5 th November	£1240	£1200	

Many thanks for your continued generosity!

Note: A Special Collection will be taken up next Sunday 19th November for World Day of the Poor.

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.

November Cemetery Visits We will gather together on two Sundays in November and Fr Jamie will lead us in prayer for the Holy Souls. We will have a supply of grave candles available at the cemetery to purchase at the cost of £3.50:

- Sunday 12th November 4.00pm St Thomas Cemetery
- Sunday 26th November 4.00pm Bannockburn Cemetery

Friday Confessions Please note that on Fridays Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration will now be after Mass for an hour (rather than before Mass).

Also please note there are some additional changes to next week's Mass schedule – see below.

St Margaret's Children's Liturgy The next Childrens Liturgy will be Sunday 19th November at 11.00am Mass.

Divine Renovation: As many of you will know, my previous parish in Falkirk was involved with The Divine Renovation ministry. "Divine Renovation exists to inspire, connect, and equip priests and their parishes to go from maintenance to mission – for every Catholic parish to be a place where people can come and have their lives transformed by entering into relationship with Jesus. This is something which I would like us to look at as a parish community. (I believe Fr Andrew had started this process before he moved to Galashiels). To this end I would like to establish a reading group where we read through and discuss Divine Renovation-bringing your parish from maintenance to mission- Fr James Mallon. If you would be interested in, please let the office know and we will then organise copies of the book and arrange the best time for us to meet up. God willing this will be a great opportunity to build on the strengths of our parish community and hopefully encourage others to share with us on our journey of faith. **Fr Jamie**

<u>Salamanca Pilgrimage</u> There will be an information meeting on Tuesday 28th November at 7:00 pm in Sion House for all those hoping to travel to Salamanca on the parish Pilgrimage in October 2024. At this meeting we will look at the proposed itinerary and set out approximate costs of the trip.

<u>Frank Cairney</u> Frank's family would like to extend their thanks to everyone for the retiral collection at Frank's Funeral which raised a total of £767.32 for Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland!

<u>St Mary's 500 Club</u> We are aware that the last draw was done back in May 2023. We are actively working on this and aim to have it up to date by the end of the year. Thank you for your continued patience meantime.

St Margaret's Piety Stall now has Christmas stock available and on display!

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

<u>St Mary's Church Cleaning</u> 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!

<u>Job Vacancy</u> 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 8th November. Interviews scheduled for Friday 17th November.

<u>Diploma in Catechetics 2024</u> 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 25th 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 25th 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.

Schedule for This Week: Sunday 12th November

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 12 th November 32 nd Sunday of the Year	6.00pm (Vigil) Special Intention: Duncan Stewart	9.30am People of the Parish	11.00am 6.30pm People of the Parish	5.00pm to 5.45pm before Vigil Mass
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Monday 13 th November 32 nd Week of the Year St Machar	10.00am ■Tony & Rosemary Boyle and Deceased members of the Boyle & Vaghi Families	No Mass	No Mass 6.00pm Reception: Janet Ketterick (RIP)	9.30am - 9:50am before Mass
	Months Mind: Andrew Robertson			
Tuesday 14 th November 32nd Week of the Year	No Mass	10.00am ■ Eileen Humber (RIP)	10.00am Funeral Mass: Janet Ketterick (RIP)	9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
Wednesday 15 th November 32nd Week of the Year St Albert the Great	No Mass	No Mass	10.00am ■Thanksgiving Mass: St Rita, St Anthony & St Peregrine	9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
Thursday 16 th November ST MARGARET OF SCOTLAND - FEAST	No Mass	No Mass	10.00am Rev Joe Millar (RIP)	9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
Friday 17 th November ST ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY - MEMORIAL	10.00am ■Elizabeth Mujinja Kabamba (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass	10.30 am- 11.30am after Mass
Saturday 18 th November 32nd Week of the Year The Basilicas of St Peter and St Paul	10.00am • Frank Cairney (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass	9.30am- 9:50am before Mass