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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.



Where might there be a pocket of blindness in your own life? How could you invite God to heal it?

What are your *real* values in life- Where do you really spend your time, attention, energy, and money? Do these conflict with who you profess to be?

Does anything about God's work in these readings make you uncomfortable? How might that be a call to action?

## 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

**Beryl Brenda Park** who died 20<sup>th</sup> February, aged 88

**Mary O'Hara** who died 21<sup>st</sup> February, aged 74

**Catherine (Kate) Kerr** who died 21<sup>st</sup> February, aged 80

**Hugh Colquhoun** who died 26<sup>th</sup> February, aged 74

**Theresa (Terry) Gavin** who died 3<sup>d</sup> March, aged 72

**Ethel McEwan** who died 7<sup>th</sup> March, aged 73

**Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound of the Parish:** Irene Bett, Mary Bett, Alan Brown, Mary Burns, Bobby Brown, Kevin Carty, John Cawley, Margaret Conway, Margaret Doherty, Margaret Lowe, Kevin Mackin, Sally Martin, Cathy McIvor, May Millar, Margaret McKay, Beth Meldrum, Joe Meldrum, Gilbert Murphy, Ruby Quinn, May Robinson, Cherie Todd, Mary Woods, Anna Woods, Thomas Divine .

**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
12th March	£732.40	£451	£155.50

Thank you for your continued generosity.

There is a Special Collection this Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> for the SCIAF & Episcopal Charities



To sign up to Formed 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. This week you are invited to watch Episode 3 of Eternal Rest - The Hour of our death.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is one of the seven sacraments of the Church. But whom exactly is this sacrament for? What are its effects? In this session, we discover the role of this sacramental anointing in the spiritual struggle during serious illness, in the final stages of our temporal life, and at the hour of our death.

**There will Stations of the Cross in each Church weekly throughout Lent:** Holy Spirit Tuesday 7.00pm, St Margaret's Wednesday 7.00pm and St Mary's Thursday 7.00pm

**Happy Mothers Day** We wish all our mothers a very happy and Blessed Mother's Day.

**Laudato Si'- Care for our common home.** Lent is a time of preparation for Easter and the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. During this time of fasting and renewal, we are reminded of who we are, creatures completely dependent on God called to live in love and compassion with all God's creation. This lent you are invited join 'Laudato Si' Lent' in a journey of ecological conversion. The Laudato Si' Lenten calendar is a great step-by-step way to do this. The calendar and a LS prayer book are available to download free from: [laudatosilent.org](http://laudatosilent.org)

**SCIAF WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE appeal.** This year's SCIAF Lent appeal focuses on communities in Zambia, where hunger is killing all hope. Right now, millions of families are suffering from devastating hunger and urgently need your help. Please continue to collect money in your WEE BOX at home or donate to SCIAF by visiting [sciaf.org.uk/donate](http://sciaf.org.uk/donate) or calling 0141 354 5555. Thank you.

**St Mary's Grotto- Laetare Sunday 19th March (Mother's Day)** Fr Jamie will bless the Grotto after 11.00am Mass.

**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.

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

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Register at [bit.ly/lenttalks2023](http://bit.ly/lenttalks2023)

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

**Children's Liturgy** There will be a Children's Liturgy at St Margaret's Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00am Mass

**Padre Pio** The legion of Mary is organizing a trip on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March for Mass and Veneration of a relic of St Padre Pio. If you are interested in attending, please speak to Dolores or Cathy Mills.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation** Please keep in your prayers the children of the parish who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the First time next Saturday at 12 noon in St Mary's.

**Church Schedule for This Week: Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30am before weekdays Mass

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

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 19<sup>th</sup> March</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	<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 20<sup>th</sup> March</b> ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE VIRGIN MARY - SOLEMNITY	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Alice Malfray (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass	9.30am - 9:50am before Mass
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Week of Lent	<b>12.00 Noon</b> <b>Funeral:</b> Terry Gavin (RIP)	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Hugh Carney	No Mass	9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Week of Lent	<b>7.30am</b> <b>Early Morning Mass</b> ▪ Ahachukliudire Adibe	No Mass	<b>10.00am</b> <b>Funeral:</b> Ethel McEwan (RIP)	9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Week of Lent St Turibius of Mogrovejo	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Matthew Godfrey	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Martin Dickson (RIP)	No Mass	9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Week of Lent	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Ladi Yawaina Kauras (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass	9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b> THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD - SOLEMNITY	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Robina & Alex Millar (RIP)  <b>12 Noon</b> ▪ 1 <sup>st</sup> Confessions	No Mass	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ John O'Donnell (RIP)	9.30am- 9:50am before Mass