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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 Holy Family reminds us that no family is perfect, but with faith and love, we can face life's challenges together. In **1 Samuel**, we meet Hannah, a mother who trusted God so much that she dedicated her son Samuel to Him. Her story reflects Mary's willingness to say "yes" to God's plan, even when it wasn't easy. In **Colossians**, St. Paul gives us practical advice: be kind, patient, and forgiving with one another. He even adds a reminder for parents and children to treat each other with respect and love—wise words for any household! Finally, in **Luke**, Jesus' parents experience the panic of losing Him, only to find Him focused on His Father's work. This reminds us that even in family life, God must come first. The Holy Family wasn't immune to difficulties, but their faith and love show us how to centre our homes on God and His plan.

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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

Thank you! Fr Gabriel and I would like to express our thanks for the many cards, gifts and messages of support that we received for Christmas. Your continued generosity is very much appreciated, especially in today's economic climate.

As I mentioned at the Christmas masses, I wish also to thank all those who serve the parish in so many ways. Our parish would not be what is without such a great team of dedicated volunteers.

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, Scott Coubrough, Patsy Docherty, Margaret Doherty, Patricia Doherty, Vera Eastwood, Mark Christian Fernandez, George Goodwillie, Ava Gordon, Sarah Hart, Lucia Koloczek, Romie Lesista Jnr, Kevin Mackin, Rosie Mangan, Georges Marquetty, Sally Martin, Cathy McIvor, Margaret McKay, James (Jim) McMenemy, Beth Meldrum, Joe Meldrum, May Millar, Jessie Mitchell, Margaret Neilson, Annie Theresa Nevin, Margaret O'Rourke, Theresa Pierce, Carolanne Quinn, Ruby Quinn, May Robinson, Cheska Mary Rose, Tom Stokes, Tony Stokes, Anna Woods.

May the choirs of Angels come to greet you; may they speed you to paradise



*Of your charity
please pray for the soul of*

Marion Bell, who died on 26th December, aged 87

Weekly Sunday Collection (Note: Combined total across all 3 Churches)

Date	Plate Collection	Standing Orders (weekly pro-rata)
22 nd December (St Margaret's to follow)	£707	£1200

Many thanks for your continued generosity!

Contactless Payment The Contactless Payment Machine in St Mary's can be used 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.



Justice and Peace Sunday 5th January. A 2nd collection for the work of justice and peace will be taken up.

Stirling University Mass for students Wednesdays (term time) 1.15pm in the University Chaplaincy.

The Parish Prayer Network During this Christmas season, when we pray for you may our prayers be a light in the darkness, a hope for the hopeless and a source of strength for the weary. To join us in prayer text 07503342275.

29th December The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Eucharistic Adoration Friday 3rd January takes place in **St Mary's** after 10.00am Mass through to 10.00pm. We will conclude with Night Prayer and Benediction. You can register as normal with the parish office, on the list at the back of the church, or directly with Pat Nicol!

St Margaret's Children's Liturgy Dates 11.30am Sunday Mass:

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| ▪ January 12th | ▪ February 9th | ▪ March 9th | ▪ April 6th |
| ▪ January 26th | ▪ February 23rd
(Rite of Illumination) | ▪ March 23rd
(Rite of the Creed) | ▪ April 27th |

St Mary's 500 Club - Congratulations to all our winners:

November Draw

- 1st Prize £153.00 David Dunbar
- 2nd Prize £76.50 Genia Graham
- 3rd Prize £25.50 Kathleen Knight

2024 Annual Draw

- 1st Prize £300 Edna Strang
- 2nd Prize £180 Dolores Hughes
- 3rd Prize £120 Anne Finn

If you would like to join for 2025, please complete the form which you will find at the back of the Church and return to the Parish Office – if paying by standing order you should set this up directly with your bank – the more players who join, the greater the prize fund will be, with more money coming to the Church. The cost is £5 per month per ticket payable by monthly standing order or annually in January £60 - we can accept a cheque or cash. Note this is open to everyone across the Parish.

Merry Christmas from all at SCIAF: The time of Advent often brings with it a time of reflection. We would like to extend our gratitude of our supporters in Parishes across Scotland for their unwavering support of SCIAF throughout the year. As we prepare for the birth of Jesus Christ, our King, we pray that your Christmas surrounded by love, light, joy, and peace and wish you all the best for 2025.

Tuesday Teas at Holy Spirit. are now paused for the holidays.

Diploma in Catechetics Take the Diploma in Catechetics and make the Holy Year 2025 a time of discovery and deepening in your life of faith. The course is run by the Archdiocese and starts in January. It consists of a weekly lecture on Zoom, guided reading from the Catechism and regular 1-to-1 support. To mark the Holy Year the course is being offered at £125 (normally £200). Find out more and register at bit.ly/diploma2025

For a full list of forthcoming events in the Archdiocese visit <https://archedinburgh.org/news-events/>

Schedule for This Week: Sunday 29th December

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30am before weekday Mass except Fridays when is after Mass

Sundays: Year C. Weekdays: Year 2	St Mary's (SMY)	Holy Spirit (HS)	St Margaret (SMT)	School/ University	Confession and by Appt
Sunday 29th December The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph - Feast	5.30pm (Vigil) ▪ Caterina Lai (RIP) 10.15am ▪ Cathie Graham (RIP) Birthday Remembrance	9.00am ▪ Jean Cooper (RIP)	11.30am ▪ The People of the Parish 5.30pm ▪ The People of the Parish		5.00pm to 5.20pm before Vigil Mass
Monday 30th December Christmas Octave by Date	10.00am ▪ Kathleen Lawson (RIP) Birthday Remembrance	No Mass	No Mass		9.30am - 9:50am before Mass
Tuesday 31st December Christmas Octave by Date St Sylvester I	No Mass	10.00am ▪ Marie Scullion (RIP)	No Mass		9.30am-9:50am before Mass
Wednesday 1st January MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD - SOLEMNITY	10.15am ▪ Patricia Phimister (RIP)	9.00am ▪ John & Sheila O'Loan & Deceased Family Members	11.30am ▪ Jo McNamee (RIP)		9.30am-9:50am before Mass
Thursday 2nd January ST BASIL AND ST GREGORY NAZIANZEN	10.00am ▪ Barbara Morgan (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass		9.30am-9:50am before Mass
Friday 3rd January Weekday of Christmas Time The Most Holy Name of Jesus	10.00am ▪ Brian Welsh (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass		10.30 am-11.00am after Mass
Saturday 4th January Weekday of Christmas Time	10.00am ▪ Jane Hamill (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass		
Sunday 5th January THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	5.30pm (Vigil) ▪ Bobbi Dawson (RIP) 10.15am ▪ Stephen Lahbib (RIP)	9.00am ▪ The People of the Parish	11.30am ▪ Joseph Duffy 5.30pm ▪ The People of the Parish		5.00pm to 5.20pm before Vigil Mass