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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.



6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Year A

Reflect on your Confirmation; what do you remember from that day?

How do you experience the Holy Spirit's promised presence in your life?

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord. Which of these do you need to increase in order to meet your current challenges in life?

## 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*

**Brian Fahy** who died 14<sup>th</sup> April, aged 76

**Duncan Paterson** who died 22<sup>nd</sup> April, aged 81

**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.

**Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound of the Parish:** Irene Bett, Mary Bett, Allan Brown, Derrick Bruce, Mary Burns, Bobby Brown, Baby Carter, Kevin Carty, Patsy Docherty, Margaret Doherty, Lawrence Ewe Kim Foo, Ava Gordon, Lucia Koloczek, Margaret Lowe, Kevin Mackin, Sally Martin, Isabel McDonald, Cathy Mclvor, May Millar, Margaret McKay, Beth Meldrum, Joe Meldrum, Jessie Mitchell, Gilbert Murphy, Margaret Neilson, Margaret O'Rourke, Ruby Quinn, May Robinson, Cherie Todd, Anna Woods, Mary Woods.

**Weekly Sunday Plate Collection:** (Excludes standing order payments)

Date	St Mary's	Holy Spirit	St Margaret's
1 <sup>st</sup> May	£669.50	£148	£463
8 <sup>th</sup> May	£605.50	£153.10	£361

Thank you for your continued generosity.

### **Special Collection, 21 May**

World Communications Day is on Sunday 21 May. Pope Francis has chosen the theme of speaking with the heart - "The truth in love" (Eph 4:15). There will be a special collection for the apostolate of communications. *We pray for all those in the Church who communicate to others, through multiple means, the saving truth of the Gospel, that they may be diligent servants of the Word and conscientious champions of the truth.*

**St Mary's SVDP Conference** During this past year, due to the generosity of parishioners, family, and friends we have been able to provide books, clothes, food, footwear, handbags and toiletries to the local foodbank, hospital, prison, schools, and Ukrainian refugees. Cash from our collection box and individuals was used to make donations to Start-Up and St Modan's Pantry. At Christmas and Easter we helped finance functions and gifts for prisoner's children, our local school children, St Mary's older parishioners and Ukrainian refugees. **In the spirit of St Vincent Thank you! Frances MacEwan, Secretary**

**Volunteer Appeal** St Margaret's church is seeking new volunteers to assist with the varied tasks connected with the church flowers. Due to various extra commitments the usual team will not be around as much over the summer months into early Autumn. We will persevere with artificial arrangements, if necessary, but it would be good to have some new members on the team. It's a very pleasant quiet time to spend in the church doing something creative and contemplative. If you think you can help, please speak to Christine Mclver, Morven Roche or Mary Sutherland.

**Celebrate Marriage** On Wednesday 31 May at 7:15pm the Archbishop will celebrate a special Mass for Married and Engaged Couples at the Cathedral. All married and engaged couples are very welcome to come on the night and celebrate the gift of marriage.

**Celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi** with Archbishop Cushley who will lead a Corpus Christi procession through Falkirk town centre at 2:30pm on Sunday 11 June. The procession will head to St Francis Xavier's Church for Benediction followed by refreshments in the church hall. Altar Servers can wear their altar robes and those who have recently had their First Holy Communion can wear their dresses/suits. 40 hours from Friday through to Sunday evening

**St Margaret's Pilgrimage** returns to Dunfermline on Sunday 18 June. Mass is at 2:30pm in St Margaret's Memorial Church in East Port, with Archbishop Cushley as principal celebrant. Ecumenical service at 12:30pm in Dunfermline Abbey, followed by prayers at the tomb of St Margaret. Join people from across the Archdiocese and beyond to give thanks to God for St Margaret's example of faith, charity and leadership.

### **Lourdes Pilgrimage 2023**

There's still time to book your place on the Archdiocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, which takes place from 7-14 July. For full details visit [www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/](http://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/) or email [edinburghlourdes@gmail.com](mailto:edinburghlourdes@gmail.com)

**Called & Gifted Workshop** Identify your charisms (spiritual gifts) and discern God's call through the Called and Gifted Workshop. It is hosted by the Archdiocese in collaboration with the St Catherine of Siena Institute and takes place on Saturday 20 May from 9:00am to 3:30pm. Cost is £25 and includes materials, online access, and lunch. Details and registration at [bit.ly/calledgifted2023](http://bit.ly/calledgifted2023)

**Dominican Conference** This conference offers participants an opportunity to explore what lies at the heart of being a Dominican. It takes place on Friday 23 and Saturday 24 June 2023 at various venues in Edinburgh city centre, including St Mary's Cathedral. Visit <https://scotland.op.org/preachersofgrace> for details and to book.

**Retreat** Journeying Onward is a four week retreat beginning on Saturday 27 May, offered by the Edinburgh Jesuit Centre and The Epiphany Group Scotland. It is open to all and can be taken online or in-person, with the option of individual meetings. For more information or to book, email [rdljourney@epiphanygroup.org.uk](mailto:rdljourney@epiphanygroup.org.uk) or [ejcretreats@jesuit.org.uk](mailto:ejcretreats@jesuit.org.uk)

**Society of St Gregory Summer School** A summer school for parish musicians and liturgists takes place from 6 -29 July 2023 at Liverpool Hope University. Bursary funding available. More at <https://www.ssg.org.uk/summer-school-2023/>

**Laudato Si' Week** takes place from May 21-28. It marks the eighth anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical on care for creation. You can watch the Pope Francis film 'The Letter' for free online at <https://www.theletterfilm.org/watch/> "It is my hope that this Encyclical Letter, which is now added to the body of the Church's social teaching, can help us to acknowledge the appeal, immensity and urgency of the challenge we face." [LS 15, 1st sentence]

### **St Mary's Parish Bereavements Team - Who are we and what do we do?**

- We are a small team from across the Parish who assist the priest in supporting bereaved families in planning the funeral of their loved one; to understand their wishes and to help ensure they are comfortable with how the reception and funeral will proceed. We are then available ongoing, to provide support if or as the family may require.

This is an important ministry which supports people at the time of bereavement. However, we are a very small team for the size of St Mary's Parish and therefore, can become very stretched. **We would like to appeal for new volunteers to join the team.** If you would like to know more, please speak to Fr Jamie or any of the team members or contact the Parish Office.

**Church Schedule for This Week: Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30am before weekdays Mass

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 14<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<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 15<sup>th</sup> May</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Week in Eastertide  St Joseph the Worker	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Terry Gavin (RIP)  Month's Mind: Brian Fahy	No Mass	<b>10:00 am</b> <b>Duncan Paterson</b> <b>RIP</b> <b>(Funeral)</b>	9.30am - 9:50am before Mass
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Week in Eastertide	No Mass	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Michelle Rutherford	No Mass	9.30am-9:50am before Mass
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Week in Eastertide St John of Avila	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Bill Cambell (RIP)  <b>7:00pm</b> 1st Communion Meeting Sion House	No Mass	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Margaret Conway (RIP)	9.30am-9:50am before Mass
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – SOLEMNITY</b>	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Special Intention: Mary & Eugene Toal  <b>7.00pm</b> ▪ Justin Yare (RIP)	<b>9.30am</b> ▪ Duncan Paterson (RIP)	<b>11.00am</b> ▪ Mary O' Hara (RIP)	9.30am-9:50am before Mass
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Week in Eastertide	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ McPake & Malley Families (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass	9.30am-9:50am before Mass
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Week in Eastertide St Bernadine of Siena	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Cathie, Campbell, William and Campbell (Jnr) Graham (RIP)		<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Lawrence Ewe Kim Foo for surgery recovery	9.30am-9:50am before Mass