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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.



How can I make space for Jesus in my life during this Advent season? Consider specific ways you can deepen your relationship with Christ through prayer, acts of kindness, or moments of quiet reflection.

In what areas of my life do I need to "wake up" and be more alert to God's presence? Reflect on how you might be distracted or too focused on worldly concerns and how you can become more mindful of God's work in your daily life.

What is one concrete action I can take this Advent to bring Christ's love and mercy to others? Think of a specific way to serve or reach out to someone in need during this season, showing the love and compassion of Christ.

How does the hope of Christ's coming—both at Christmas and at the end of time—bring peace and joy into my life? Reflect on the ways the promise of Jesus' return gives you hope and helps you navigate challenges in the present.

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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 o*

Stephen Lahbib who died 2nd November, aged 45

Alexandra Cherubim who died 8th November, aged 74

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.

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

Date	Plate Collection	Standing Orders (weekly pro-rata)
24 th November	£1095	£1200
Catholic Education	£924.50	

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.

Stirling University There is Mass for students every Wednesday at 1.15pm in the University Chaplaincy.

Hour Eucharistic Adoration Friday 6th December takes place in **Holy Spirit** 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!

Advent Candlelit Masses Wednesdays 7.00pm:

- 4th December – Holy Spirit
- 11th December – St Margaret's
- 18th December – St Mary's

Our Parish Reconciliation Service is in St Margaret's Tuesday 17th December 7pm

Christmas Masses

St Mary's – Christmas Eve Children's Vigil 6.00pm, Midnight Mass 12.00am & Christmas Day 10.00am
 Holy Spirit – Christmas Day 9.30am
 St Margaret's – Christmas Eve Vigil 9.00pm & Christmas Day 11.00am

Children's Liturgy at St Margaret's will take place on 1st December, and 15th December

1st December 1st Sunday of Advent

The Parish Prayer Network “And I tell you more: whenever two of you on earth agree about anything you pray for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, I am there with them.” Mathew 18 Vs 19 + 20

Parish Youth Groups Dates: (Junior Group 5.00pm to 6.30pm – Senior Group 7.00pm to 9.00pm)
6th December, and Christmas Party 20th December.



New Dawn Advent Healing Service Dear Brothers & Sisters, New Dawn in Scotland is organising our next Healing Service. It will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes RC Church, 67 Aberdour Road, Dunfermline, KY11 4QZ on Friday 6th December, starting at 7pm. Thank you to Fr Andrew Kingham for his support. Fr Gladson Dabre OSA will be leading the service. We look forward to welcoming you for an evening of Praise & Worship, Witnessing, Exposition and Prayer Ministry from our Priests.

Fundraising for Strathcarron Hospice Update The Hospice team interviewed Kevin and Linda Clarke for their newly launched podcast series before they left for the Camino. The episode has just been published and can be accessed at: <https://www.strathcarronhospice.net/News/strathcarron-stories-podcast-with-ward-manager-susan-bateman> The podcast is in two parts, and Kevin and Linda's interview lasts at around 32.5 minutes. The parish community has been hugely supportive, and Kevin and Linda so far have raised more than £8,000. As we know, in present times, the work of the Hospice is of even greater significance, given proposed changes in legislation.

Parish Festive Afternoon Tea Saturday 7th December St Margaret's Church Hall Christmas Afternoon Tea, jewellery stall and raffle. Tickets cost £5 and are available at the back of each church! Any donations for the raffle would be gratefully received and can be given to Caroline Dawson or handed in to the Parish Office.

St Mary's Parish Lunch Club The lunch club will take place on 13th December at St Margaret's Church Hall. Lunch will be served at 12.15pm. Please indicate on the sheet at the back of church if you would like to attend. Lifts are available and dietary requirements accommodated.

Save the Date - Annual Seniors Lunch will be on Friday 10th January – more information to follow.

New Sunday Missal Standard Edition If you ordered a copy, these can now be collected from the Piety Stalls. Discounted price to pay is £17.96.

The Raploch War Memorial Committee would like to thank everyone who supported the recent concert in St Marks Church which raised the fantastic sum of £535. Special thanks are due to the young musicians from the Big Noise who gave a superb performance!

Prayer and Carol Singing Group We pray to bring awareness to those suffering from mental health issues within our parishes so that we may give heed to our neighbours needs and not be indifferent to their pain and suffering. The group will meet at the bottom of King Steet in Stirling to pray the Rosary and sing Christmas Carols from 6:30pm until 7:45pm on: December 3rd, December 10th and December 17th.

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 1st December

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

Sundays: Year C. Weekdays: Year 1	St Mary's (SMY)	Holy Spirit (HS)	St Margaret (SMT)	School/ University	Confession and by Appt
Sunday 1st December 1 st Sunday of Advent	5.30pm (Vigil) ▪ Kevin Caroll (RIP) 10.15am ▪ Judith McQuillian (RIP)	9.00am ▪ Thomas & Joan Quinn	11.30am 5.30pm ▪ Alice Thom (RIP)		5.00pm to 5.20pm before Vigil Mass
Monday 2nd December 1 st Week of Advent	10.00am ▪ Patricia Phimister (RIP) Month's Mind: Stephen Lahbib	No Mass	No Mass		9.30am - 9:50am before Mass
Tuesday 3rd December St Francis Xavier - Memorial	No Mass	10.00am ▪ Catherine Cavanagh	No Mass		9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
Wednesday 4th December 1 st Week of Advent St John Damascene	No Mass	7.00pm Advent Candlelit Mass ▪ Stephen Lahbib (RIP)	10.00am ▪ Isabel McGhee (RIP)	1.15pm Stirling University ▪ Special Intention	9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
Thursday 5th December 1 st Week of Advent	10.00am (RIP) ▪ Tom & Bridie Young (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass		9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
Friday 6th December 1 st Week of Advent St Nicholas	No Mass	10.00am ▪ Special Intention: Stephanie McNair Eucharistic Adoration 10.00pm Night Prayer	No Mass	8.30am St Modans ▪ The Holy Souls	10.30 am- 11.00am after Mass
Saturday 7th December St Ambrose - Memorial	10.00am ▪ Joe Burns (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass		
Sunday 8th December 2 nd Sunday of Advent	5.30pm (Vigil) ▪ Salvatore Lai (RIP) 10.15am ▪ Chilsong Kohler (RIP)	9.00am ▪ People of the Parish	11.30am 5.30pm ▪ People of the Parish Month's Mind: Alexandra Cherubim		5.00pm to 5.20pm before Vigil Mass