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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.



My Kingdom is not from this world" What does it mean for me to belong to Christ's kingdom? How can I live as a witness to His reign in my daily life?

Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice" How open am I to hearing and living the truth that Christ proclaims?

The First Reading describes the eternal and universal kingship of Christ. How does this vision give me hope amidst the challenges of the world today?

How can I allow Christ to reign more fully in my heart, family, and community this week?

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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)
17 th November	£1246	£1200
World Day of the Poor	£1532	

Many thanks for your continued generosity!



<u>Contactless Payment</u> 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.

<u>Special Collection</u> This Sunday 24th November we will take up a second collection for Catholic Education.

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

Children's Liturgy at St Margaret's will take place on: 24th November, 1st December, and 15th December

Campaign Against Assisted Suicide MPs will vote on 29 November on an extreme Bill that, if successful, will introduce a dangerous assisted suicide law. This Bill is being rushed through Parliament. It was only published at 10pm on 11 November, giving MPs and the public barely two and half weeks to scrutinise the Bill before it goes to a vote. It's vital that MPs hear from us now, showing that there are many who oppose this extreme and harmful change to our laws - a change that would put countless vulnerable lives at risk. You can help stop this from happening by contacting your MP now using this simple tool: https://righttolife.org.uk/jdrx This takes less than 30 seconds. Please make sure to share with a friend after emailing your MP - every share is crucial to help us defeat this Bill.

24th November Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of The Universe - Solemnity

<u>Hour Eucharistic Adoration Friday 6th December</u> 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!

<u>The Parish Prayer Network</u> Our daily practice is to pray for all in the parish. With heartfelt commitment we stand in the gap for one another and believe with unwavering faith that God is able and willing to do more for us than we could ever ask. Join us in prayer from your home. Txt 07503342275

30th Anniversary Reunion of St Margaret's Music Group: During the past 30 years there has always been live musical accompaniment at Mass in St Margaret's, often at both Masses, There will be a get together for all current and past singers/musicians in St Margaret's Hall at 7.00pm on 29th November. Please spread the word!

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

<u>Parish Festive Afternoon Tea Saturday 7th December</u> Save the date for our 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.

<u>St Mary's Parish Lunch Club</u> 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 available and dietary requirements accommodated.

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

St Mary's 500 Club Congratulations to our October Winners:

■ 1st Prize £153.00: Margaret Smith

2nd Prize £76.50 : Nina Wick

3rd Prize £25.50 : Janet Dermidy

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!

<u>Prayer and Carol Singing Group</u> 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.

<u>Visit of Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzabella</u> will be at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh on Sunday 1st December. His Eminence will preach at the evening Mass that will be presided at by Archbishop Cushley. Mass begins at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

<u>Diploma in Catechetics</u> 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/

24th November Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of The Universe - Solemnity **Schedule for This Week: Sunday 24th November**

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

Sundays: Year B. Weekdays: Year 2	St Mary's (SMY)	Holy Spirit (HS)	St Margaret (SMT)	School/ University	Confession and by Appt
Sunday 24th November	5.30pm (Vigil)	9.00am	11.30am		5.00pm to
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe -	Isolita Fernandes Rocha& Vincent Mario Rapa(RIP)	■Donal & Anna O'Hare (RIP)	■ People of the Parish		5.20pm before Vigil Mass
Solemnity	10.15am • Christopher & Shaun (Birthday Gift)		5.30pm ■ Alice Thom (RIP)		Wass
	Months Mind: ■Patricia Phimister				
Monday 25 th November 34 th Week of the	10.00am	No Mass	No Mass		9.30am - 9:50am
Year	 Deceased Members of the Canton Family 				before Mass
Tuesday 26 th November 34 th Week of the Year	No Mass	10.00am Isabel McGhee (RIP)	No Mass		9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
Wednesday 27 th November	No Mass	No Mass	10.00am	1.15pm	9.30am-
34 th Week of the Year St Fergus			■Jo McNamee (RIP)	Stirling University The Holy Souls	9:50am before Mass
Thursday 28 th November		No Mass	No Mass		9.30am-
34th Week of the Year	10.00am ■Ann Marquetty (RIP)				9:50am before Mass
Friday 29 th November 34 th Week of the	10.00am	No Mass	No Mass	8.30am St Modans	10.30 am- 11.00am
Year	■ Annie McTaggart			■ Special Intention	after Mass
Saturday 30 th November St Andrew- Solemnity Patron of Scotland	10.00am ■The Holy Souls	No Mass	No Mass		
Sunday 1st	5.30pm (Vigil)	9.00am	11.30am		
December 1 st Sunday of Advent – Year C	■Kevin Caroll (RIP)	■Thomas & Joan Quinn	■ People of the Parish		5.00pm to 5.20pm before Vigil
	10.15am		5.30pm		Mass
	Judith McQuillian (RIP)		■ Alice Thom (RIP)		