



## PARISH CONTACTS

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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.



In what ways can we be “deaf” to the love of God?

When have you been especially blessed by another person's gift of simple listening?

What attitudes, situations, troubles, etc., in your life would you ask Jesus to 'release' you from?

Who are among the most difficult to welcome into our lives? Who are those among us most often forgotten or ignored, if not out-and-out rejected? How can we create a place of welcome to them within our parish community?

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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 of*

Kathleen Thomson (RIP) who died on 22<sup>nd</sup> August, aged 75

Catherine Morrison (RIP) who died on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, aged 62

Maeve Canavan (RIP) who died on 26th August aged 83

**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, Caroline Dawson, Patsy Docherty, Margaret Doherty, Patricia Doherty, Vera Eastwood, Mark Christian Fernandez, George Goodwillie, Ava Gordon, Sarah Hart, Lucia Koloczek, Stephen Lahbib, 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, Gilbert Murphy, Margaret Neilson, John O'Donnell, Margaret O'Rourke, Theresa Pierce, Ruby Quinn, May Robinson, Tom Stokes, Anna Woods.

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

Date	Plate Collection	Standing Orders (weekly pro-rata)
25 <sup>th</sup> August	£1308	£1200
1 <sup>st</sup> September	£1163	

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.

**Parish Pastoral Council** The next Meeting is on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September. If you would like anything raised on your behalf please speak to a Council Member.

**Sacramental Preparation** Parents of children in Primary 3 (or who have not yet made their First Confession) are invited to attend a meeting on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 7.00pm in Sion House. Please register your child using the following link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSctZzO3\\_LYPaW22IZpcNDqJ\\_PL1JyKx48CPV-Xv8UOSVVkefw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSctZzO3_LYPaW22IZpcNDqJ_PL1JyKx48CPV-Xv8UOSVVkefw/viewform)

8th September 23rd Sunday of the Year

**Infant Baptism Parents Preparation Meeting:** The next preparation meeting will take place Tuesday 8th October 7.00pm in Sion House. Please register with the Parish Office if you would like to attend. Ideally both Parents and Godparents should attend.

**Stirling University** The opening Mass for the new Academic Session will be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 1.15pm in the Catholic Chaplaincy in the University. All Catholic students are urged to attend.

**Assisted Suicide Legislation** The call for evidence on Scottish Assisted Suicide Legislation has now closed and the first reading of the Bill is expected to take place later this year. It's more important than ever that our MSPs vote against this bill. Over the next few weeks, there will be information flyers available at the back of the church which explain the difficulties of this Legislation and ways to contact our MSPs. There are also details of where more information can be found.

**Message from Fr Peter** Dear Brothers and Sisters, I just wanted to place on record my heartfelt thanks to you all for all your prayers and best wishes over the last 3 years I have been staying here in the parish and in particular after my ordination as a priest. I have taken great encouragement from you all as I started out in ministry, and you have improved my confidence for which I am very grateful. I would also like to thank Father Jamie and Father Gabriel and the Parish Secretary Margaret-Mary for being so welcoming and accommodating to me during my stay here. As I move into St Francis Xaviers in Falkirk on Saturday please keep me in your prayers and please be assured of my prayers for you. You will always receive a warm welcome from me if you ever find yourselves in Falkirk. God Bless you all. **Father Peter**

**SCIAF** would like to thank all parishioners for their continued and wonderful support of our recent appeals, including that at Lent, our Summer Appeal focusing on hunger in Zambia and the support of our Holy Land Appeal as the devastation in Gaza continues. Please keep our brothers and sisters in your prayers and thank you for all that you do for them.

**Catenian Association Family Quiz Night** The local Catenians are holding a fundraising Family Quiz Night on Friday 13 September in St Margaret's Church Hall, Drip Rd, Stirling FK9 4UA, at 7.30pm, with all proceeds going to Strathcarron Hospice and Catenian charities. Tickets are £5, payable at the door. Light refreshments will be available. All are welcome.

**Season of Creation - what it means to live a life of Christian virtue** Pope Francis, in Laudato Si' section 217, writes: "The external deserts in the world are growing, because the internal deserts have become so vast". For this reason, the ecological crisis is also a summons to profound interior conversion. It must be said that some committed and prayerful Christians, with the excuse of realism and pragmatism, tend to ridicule expressions of concern for the environment. Others are passive; they choose not to change their habits and thus become inconsistent. So what they all need is an "ecological conversion", whereby the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them. Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience.

### **Events in the Archdiocese**

For a full list of forthcoming events in the Archdiocese visit <https://archedinburgh.org/news-events/>  
There are also some paper copies available at the back of the Church

**Schedule for This Week: Sunday 8th September**

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

Sundays: Year B. Weekdays: Year 2	<b>St Mary's</b> (SMY)	<b>Holy Spirit</b> (HS)	<b>St Margaret</b> (SMT)	<b>School/ University</b>	<b>Confession</b> and by Appt
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 23<sup>rd</sup></b> <i>Sunday of the Year</i> <b>Vocations Awareness Week</b>	<b>5.30pm (Vigil)</b> ▪ Isabel and Edward McDonald (RIP) <b>10.15am</b> ▪ John McQuillian (RIP)	<b>9.00am</b> ▪ Helen Malley - Cassidy and Malley Family Dec'd.	<b>11.30am</b> ▪ People of the Parish  <b>5.30pm</b> ▪ People of the Parish		5.00pm to 5.20pm before Vigil Mass
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 23<sup>rd</sup></b> <i>Week of the Year</i> <i>St Peter Claver</i>	No Mass	No Mass	No Mass		9.30am - 9:50am before Mass
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 23<sup>rd</sup></b> <i>Week of the Year</i>	No Mass	<b>10.00pm</b> ▪ John Lindsay (RIP) Birthday Remembrance	No Mass		9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept 23<sup>rd</sup></b> <i>Week of the Year</i>	No Mass	<b>10.00pm Funeral:</b> Maeve Canavan (RIP)	No Mass	<b>1.15pm</b> Stirling University	9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept 23<sup>rd</sup></b> <i>Week of the Year</i>	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Month's Mind: William Convery (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass		9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Sept</b> <i>St John Chrysostom - Memorial</i>	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Bernard Fullerton (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass	<b>8.30am</b> <b>St Modans</b> ▪ The Holy Souls in Purgatory	10.30 am- 11.00am after Mass
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept</b> <i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Feast</i>	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Connelly Family (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass		
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Sept</b> <i>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>	<b>5.30pm (Vigil)</b> ▪ Edith Chesney (RIP) <b>10.15am</b> ▪ Judith McQuillian - Birthday Remembrance	<b>9.00am</b> ▪ Months Mind: Margaret Wilson (RIP)	<b>11.30am</b> ▪ People of the Parish  <b>5.30pm</b> ▪ Sr Margaret Murphy - 60yrs a Nun		5.00pm to 5.20pm before Vigil Mass