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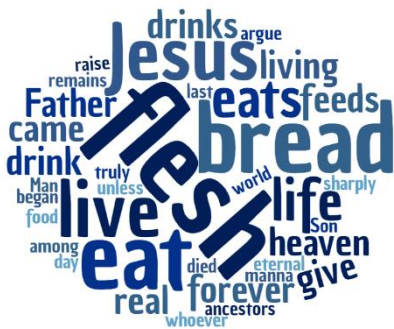
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Hospital Stay: If you or your loved ones are admitted to Hospital, please let the Parish Office know and we will arrange for the Hospital Deacon to visit with Holy Communion and to provide spiritual support.



In inviting us to feed on his flesh and drink of his blood, Jesus invites us to embrace the life of his Father: the life in which we come to realise our ability to love and understand that love in our lives; the life that readily offers forgiveness and seeks reconciliation with all; the life that finds liberating joy in humbly serving and giving to others.

In the bread he gives us to eat, we become the Body of Christ with and for one another; in his blood he gives us to drink, his life of compassion, justice, and selflessness flows within us, and we become what we have received: a sacrament of unity, peace, and reconciliation.

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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*

Mary Woods (RIP) who died 18th July, aged 69

Anne Hamilton (RIP) who died 25th July, aged 87

John McQuillian (RIP) who died on 26th July, aged 88

Cornelius McAvoy (RIP) who died 3rd August, aged 73

Edith Chesney (RIP) who died 4th August, aged 92

William Convery (RIP) who died 12th August, aged 85

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, 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)
11 th August	£1483.50	£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.

Special Collection: We will take up a 2nd Collection today, Sunday 18th August for African Missions and Holy Places.

Sunday: Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Carfin Join people from across the Archdiocese in Carfin this Sunday (18 August) for the annual pilgrimage, led by Archbishop Leo Cushley. Rosary Procession at 2:00pm followed by Holy Mass at 3:00pm.

Phyllis Kingham (RIP) Funeral Arrangements: Reception of Remains - Monday 19 August 5.30pm, St Paul's Church, Glenrothes; Funeral Mass -Tuesday 20 August 12 noon, St Paul's Church, Glenrothes and thereafter to Hayfield Cemetery, Kirkcaldy.

18th August 20th Sunday of the Year

Course on the Creed with Robert Barron We pray "I believe" at every Sunday Mass. The key beliefs of the Christian Faith are stated succinctly in the Creed, which was born at the Council of Nicaea in the Fourth Century. This formal statement of faith is the foundation of both eastern and western Christianity. But what does it really mean? Please join us as we explore the Creed with Bishop Robert Barron in a new free seven-week study beginning Wednesday September 4th from 7.30pm to 9pm in St Margaret's Hall (teas etc from 7pm) **Please sign-up on the sheet at the back of the church to give me an idea of numbers.** Thanks Jim Roche.

Parish Prayer Network As members of the Parish Prayer Network we pray every morning and night from our own homes asking God for support and comfort to those who need it. In times of struggle, our collective prayers can bring solace and strength. With the Holy Spirit we are united in supporting one another with love, compassion, and unwavering faith. To join us in prayer from your own home text 07503 342275 To ask us to pray phone 01786 473749.

Holy Spirit Tuesday Teas will return on Tuesday 20th August after 10.00am Mass. We look forward to welcoming you back after our summer break.

St Margaret's Ladies Group will start back on Thursday 29th August 7.30pm in St Margaret's Church Hall and fortnightly thereafter. As always all are welcome!

St Mary's 500 Club The July Draw will take place next weekend.

Save the Date – 5 October A Scripture Reflection Day titled 'Celebrating the Gift' will take place at The Gillis Centre in Edinburgh on Saturday 5 October 2024. The event will help explain more about the new lectionary that is being introduced in Advent and is also a chance to reflect on the Word of God. Details to follow.

Season of Creation Conference 2024 The Care of Creation Office of the Bishops' Conference has organised a National Conference for this year's Season of Creation which runs from 1st September – 4th October 2024. The Conference will take place on Saturday 7th September 2024, from 10am – 3pm in St. Margaret's Parish Hall, Raploch, Stirling. The guest speaker is Ben Wilson, Director of Public Engagement for SCIAF. If interested in attending, please complete a booking form here www.tinyurl.com/46wmt9ah and more details about this free day will follow.

Apply now for the MA in Applied Catholic Theology 2024/25 (SAAS funding available for Scottish students!) Secure your place to study for this year's MA in Applied Catholic Theology at the Gillis Centre, Edinburgh. The course is offered by St Mary's University in partnership with the Archdiocese and the good news is that Scottish students can now receive SAAS funding. Apply for this year's programme: <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/applied-catholic-theology>

Raise the Roof concert Barbara Dickson will appear with Nick Holland at a special concert at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, at 7:30pm on Thursday 3 October 2024. The concert is to raise funds for the roof appeal at the Cathedral. Register at bit.ly/raisetherooftshow

Celebrating the Gift A Scripture Reflection Day titled 'Celebrating the Gift' takes place at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, on Saturday 5 October 2024 from 10:00am to 4:00pm. The event will explain more about the new lectionary which is being introduced in Advent and it is also a chance to reflect on the Word of God. Register at bit.ly/scriptureevent

Pilgrimage of Hope Pope Francis declared that 2025 will be a Year of Jubilee. To help us prepare for the year, the Archdiocese is hosting 'Pilgrimage of Hope' which will feature spiritual talks, pilgrim testimonies more. It takes place at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, on Saturday 9 November from 11:00am to 3:15pm. Register at bit.ly/holyyearevent

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

Schedule for This Week: Sunday 18th August

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 appointment)
Sunday 18th August 20 th Sunday of the Year	5.30pm (Vigil) ▪ John Millar (RIP) 10.15am ▪ People of the Parish Month's Mind: Mary Woods (RIP)	9.00am ▪ The Holy Souls in Purgatory	11.30am ▪ Special Intention: Kate & John Cawley 5.30pm ▪ People of the Parish		5.00pm to 5.20pm before Vigil Mass
Monday 19th August 20 th Week of the Year St John Eudes	10.00am ▪ Tom & Bridie Young (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass		9.30am - 9:50am before Mass
Tuesday 20th August <i>St Bernard - Memorial</i>	No Mass	10.00am ▪ Myra Boyle (RIP)	No Mass Reception 6:00pm Edith Chesney (RIP)		9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
Wednesday 21st August St Pius X - Memorial	No Mass	No Mass	11.30am Funeral: Edith Chesney (RIP)		9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
Thursday 22nd August The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Memorial	10.00am ▪ Mary Woods (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass		9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
Friday 23rd August 20 th Week of the Year St Rose	10.00am ▪ Caroline Dawson - for a speedy recovery	No Mass	No Mass	8.30am St Modans High School	10.30 am- 11.00am after Mass
Saturday 24th August <i>St Bartholomew - Feast</i>	10.00am ▪ Anne Hamilton (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass		
Sunday 25th August 21 st Sunday of the Year	5.30pm (Vigil) ▪ Linda Weir 10.15am ▪ People of the Parish	9.00am ▪ People of the Parish	11.30am ▪ Anca Bartes - for restoration to full health 5.30pm ▪ The Holy Souls in Purgatory		5.00pm to 5.20pm before Vigil Mass