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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 'Crucify' our own interests for the sake of others?

How do our actions sometimes give conflicting answers to Jesus' question in today's gospel: 'Who do you say I am?'

In whom have you seen the face of the crucified Christ?

What is the most difficult and challenging cross that you carry? Has it ever been a means of resurrection in your life?

Has 'knowing' Jesus ever posed a serious challenge to you?

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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 22nd August, aged 75

Catherine Morrison (RIP) who died on 23rd August, aged 62

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

Gilbert Murphy (RIP) who died 8th September

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, 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, 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)
8 th September	£1214.50	£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.

St Mary's Prayer Network We are always looking to add to our network of people willing to commit to set aside 20 minutes a day to pray for our families and our Parish. Having a strong prayer network in our parish has many advantages. It builds connections and provides both spiritual and emotional support. It fosters a sense of belongingness and strengthens our trust in God. Through joint prayer we support each other in faith and hope. If you are interested in joining the network, text 07503 342275 If you would like us to pray for you or your family phone 01786 473749.

15th September 24th Sunday of the Year

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 2nd 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

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 We are very happy to have many new students joining our church community this month. Fr Gabriel invites all the students to the weekly masses at the University Chaplaincy on Wednesdays at 1.15pm. You are all welcome.

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.

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.

Season of Creation 2024 Events:

- **Fossil Fuel Petition** Faith leaders mark Season of Creation with a call on followers to endorse the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty proposal: <https://fossilfuel treaty.org/faith-letter#faith-letter>
- **Online event** with Fr. Joshtrom Isaac Kureethadam, coordinator of Ecology and Creation at the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development. **Thursday 19 September at 7:00pm.** hosted by the Bishops' Conference of Scotland's Care of Creation Office
Register at <https://bit.ly/hopeactcreation>

St Mary's 500 Club The August draw will take place on 29th September.

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 15th September

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 15th Sept <i>24th Sunday of the Year</i>	5.30pm (Vigil) ▪ Edith Chesney (RIP) 10.15am ▪ Judith McQuillian - Birthday Remembrance	9.00am ▪ Months Mind: Margaret Wilson (RIP)	11.30am ▪ People of the Parish 5.30pm Sr Margaret Murphy - 60yrs a Nun		5.00pm to 5.20pm before Vigil Mass
Monday 16th Sept <i>St Ninian - Feast</i>	10.00am ▪ John McQuillian (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass		9.30am - 9:50am before Mass
Tuesday 17th Sept <i>24th Week of the Year St Mirin, St Robert Bellarmine St Hildegard of Bingen</i>	No Mass	10.00am ▪ Paddy & Mary Nevin (RIP)	No Mass		9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
Wednesday 18th Sept <i>24th Week of the Year</i>	No Mass	9.30am Funeral: Gilbert Murphy (RIP)	No Mass	1.15pm Stirling University Kevin Carroll who is ill	9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
Thursday 19th Sept <i>24th Week of the Year St Januarius</i>	10.00am ▪ Bill Dick (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass		9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
Friday 20th Sept <i>St Andrew Kim Tae-Gon and Paul Chong Ha- Sang and Companions Memorial</i>	10.00am ▪ Margaret Wilson (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass	8.30am St Modans No Mass	10.30 am- 11.00am after Mass
Saturday 21st Sept <i>St Matthew Feast</i>	10.00am ▪ Edith Chesney (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass		
Sunday 22nd <i>25th Sunday of the Year</i>	5.30pm (Vigil) ▪ Charlie Devine (RIP) 10.15am ▪ David Kerr (RIP)	9.00am ▪ Ron McNally (RIP)	11.30am ▪ People of the Parish 5.30pm ▪ Thomas Begley (RIP)		5.00pm to 5.20pm before Vigil Mass