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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.



A few questions to reflect on:

- Recall experiences in your life when your 'heart' required you to act contrary to your 'head'
- Why do people become disaffected by religion that has become 'institutionalised'? How can a parish community respond to such disaffection?
- What practice or ritual of your faith do you find most meaningful to you, that inspires you in living your faith, that makes you most aware and appreciative of God's presence in your life?
- What's the difference between one's *faith* and *religion*?

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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 who (RIP) died on 26<sup>th</sup> 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 Mclvor, 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	£ TBA	£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 500 Club** Congratulations to our July Winners:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize £153.00 Derek Gavin  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £76.50 M Convery  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £25.50 Marie Fabisak

**12 Hour Eucharistic Adoration Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September** takes place in **Holy Spirit** from 11:00 am through to **10.00pm**. You can register as normal with the Parish Office, on the list at the back of the church, or directly with Pat Nicol.

**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://forms.gle/TjNqF6yF7x5T5M6Z7>

**Course on the Creed with Robert Barron** We pray "I believe" at every Sunday Mass. 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** Among the parishioners of St Mary's, St Margaret's and The Holy Spirit we are building a community of faith and support through prayer in our home. Join our network of prayer, where we can lift each other up and share our love for God and each other. Everyone is welcome! Text: 07503342275 for information on how to join us. Phone: 01786 473749 to ask for prayer

**Justice & Peace Mass** The annual Caritas, Justice & Peace Mass takes place at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh, EH9 1SN on Monday 2 September at 7:00pm. It is a chance to worship together and celebrate the work done in parishes on Justice & Peace issues. After Mass there will be a hot food buffet in the church hall and a chance to meet members of the Archdiocesan Caritas, Justice & Peace Commission.

**Season of Creation** This Sunday (1 September) is World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. A Season of Creation conference takes place at St Margaret's, Drip Road, Stirling, FK8 1ES, on Saturday 7 September from 10:00am-3:00pm. Register at [www.tinyurl.com/46wmt9ah](http://www.tinyurl.com/46wmt9ah). A separate online event will take place on Thursday 19 September with Fr Joshtrom Kureethadam at 7:00pm. Register at <https://bit.ly/hopeactcreation> Both events are hosted by the Bishops' Conference of Scotland's Care of Creation Office.

**Venerable Margaret Sinclair** The annual Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage takes place at St Patrick's Church in The Cowgate, Edinburgh, EH1 1TQ on Sunday 22 September. Schedule: 1:30pm – Holy Hour; 2:45pm – individual blessings at Shrine; 3:30pm – Reflection, Novena Prayers, presentation from Sinclair Academy; 4:30pm Holy Mass with Archbishop Cushley. Find out more about Margaret Sinclair at <https://stpatricksedinburgh.com/margaret-sinclair/>

**National Pilgrimage** The National Pilgrimage of the Church in Scotland to Carfin Grotto takes place this Sunday (1 September), with Holy Mass at 3:00pm. The Pope's representative in Great Britain, Archbishop Maury Buendía, will attend, along with the Bishops of Scotland. The event launches preparations for the Holy Year 2025.

**National Youth Pilgrimage** The National Youth Pilgrimage takes place in Glasgow on Saturday 21 September. The pilgrimage includes a walking tour through the streets of Glasgow City Centre, recalling the saints that walked them before us. The event is open to ages 18-35. Pilgrims from the Archdiocese are asked to meet outside the City Chambers in George Square at 12:15pm. Please register with Fr Robert Taylor at [frrobert.taylor@staned.org.uk](mailto:frrobert.taylor@staned.org.uk)

**Holy Year 2025** 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 and more. It takes place at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on Saturday 9 November from 11:00am to 3:15pm. Register at [bit.ly/holyyearevent](http://bit.ly/holyyearevent)

**Apply now for the MA in Applied Catholic Theology** 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>

**Celebrating the Gift** A Scripture Reflection Day titled 'Celebrating the Gift' takes place at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, 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](http://bit.ly/scriptureevent)

**Schedule for This Week: Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 (SMY)</b>	<b>Holy Spirit (HS)</b>	<b>St Margaret (SMT)</b>	<b>School/ University</b>	<b>Confession and by Appt</b>
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b> <i>22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year</i> <b>World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation</b>	<b>5.30pm (Vigil)</b> ▪ Stephen Lahbib – who is ill  <b>10.15am</b> ▪ Edith Chesney (RIP)	<b>9.00am</b> ▪ Michelle Vincent (RIP)	<b>11.30am</b> ▪ People of the Parish  <b>5.30pm</b> ▪ Myra Boyle (RIP)		5.00pm to 5.20pm before Vigil Mass
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b> <i>22<sup>nd</sup> Week of the Year</i>	<b>10.00pm</b> ▪ Maureen McKenna (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass		9.30am - 9:50am before Mass
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b> St Gregory the Great - Memorial	No Mass	<b>10.00 am Funeral</b> ▪ Kathleen Thomson RIP Month's Mind: Cornelius McAvoy (RIP)	No Mass		9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>22<sup>nd</sup> Week of the Year</i> St Cuthbert	No Mass	No Mass	<b>10.00pm</b> ▪ Month's Mind: Edith Chesney (RIP)		9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>22<sup>nd</sup> Week of the Year</i> St Teresa of Calcutta	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ In honour of our Lord's agonising suffering in the garden of Gethsemane	No Mass	<b>6:00 pm</b>  <b>Reception</b> Catherine Morrison RIP		9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>22<sup>nd</sup> Week of the Year</i>	No Mass	<b>11:00 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>  <b>10.00pm</b> Night Prayer	<b>10.00am Funeral</b> ▪ Catherine Morrison RIP	<b>8.30am St Modans</b> ▪ The Holy Souls in Purgatory	10.30 am- 11.00am after Mass
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>22<sup>nd</sup> Week of the Year</i>	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Mary Sullivan Rainey (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass		
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>23<sup>rd</sup> 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