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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.



The readings this Sunday really make us think about the kind of people we are on the inside. Sirach reminds us that just like a sieve sorts out the good from the bad, our words show what's really in our hearts. Jesus takes it further in the Gospel, warning us not to be so quick to point out other people's faults when we've got plenty of our own to work on! It's a wake-up call to be real, to make sure our words and actions match up with the faith we claim to have. And Paul gives us that boost of hope—we might struggle, but in the end, everything we do for God matters. So maybe this week, we can ask ourselves: do the things I say and do reflect the kind of person God wants me to be?

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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*

Edward (Ted) Smart who died 30th January, aged 85

Bozena Dormer who died 3rd February, aged 73

William Lafferty who died 6th February, aged 92

Allan Brown who died 6th February, aged 79

Margaret McKay who died 7th February, aged 87

Bernard Colvin (Snr) who died on 10th February, aged 100

Jason Steel who died 10th February, aged 36

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound of the Parish: David Anderson, John Barrett, Irene Bett, Mary Bett, 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, Romie Lesista Jnr, Kevin Mackin, Rosie Mangan, Georges Marquetty, Sally Martin, 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, Jeannette Simpson, Tom Stokes, Tony Stokes, Anna Woods.

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

Date	Plate Collection	Standing Orders (weekly pro-rata)
23 rd February	£1059	£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.



Stirling University Mass for students Wednesdays (term time) 1.15pm in the University Chaplaincy.

The Parish Prayer Network Need Prayer? Text 07503342275 Anytime anywhere day or night. We are here for you. Thanks, be to God.

Ash Wednesday 5th March - Mass Times:

- St Marys 10.15am and 7.00pm
- Holy Spirit 9.00am
- St Margaret's 11.00am

2nd March 8th Sunday of the Year

Hour Eucharistic Adoration Friday 7th March takes place in **St Margaret's** 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!

SSVP Lunch Club. The next lunch club will take place on 14th March in St Margaret's Hall at 1200hrs. Please indicate on the list at the back of church of you would like to attend, have any dietary requirements, or need a lift. We look forward to seeing you.

Sacramental preparation for children

- Sunday 2nd March – Presentation of the Creed for children preparing for 1st Holy Communion.

Parish Youth Groups Dates:

➤ 14th March, 28th March, 11th April.

(Junior Group 5.00pm to 6.30pm – Senior Group 7.00pm to 9.00pm - St Margaret's Church Hall)

St Mary's 500 Club: Congratulations to our January Draw Winners:

1st Prize £204 Ellen Dickson 2nd Prize £102 Josephine Rodger 3rd Prize £34 Caroline Dawson

Race Night Fundraiser St Mary's Primary - School Hall 7th March 6.45pm The Parent Council and school are organising a race night to raise funds for school excursions for all children this school year.

Tickets are £5 per person. Anyone from the community wishing to attend or sponsor horses can contact the school office. We are also looking for race sponsorship from local businesses as there are still some spaces available for this. Lastly, we are also asking for raffle and bottle donations as part of prizes which can be handed in to the school office.

Pilgrimage: Camino de Santiago Kevin and Linda Clarke will give an illustrated talk on their pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela.. The talk is on Thursday, 6 March 2025 starting at 7.15pm in St Margaret's Church Hall and the doors will be open from 7 00pm. Refreshments will be available after the talk.

Rise in Faith, Live in Hope The Archdiocese invites high school pupils to 'Rise in Faith, Live in Hope' at St Francis Xavier's Church, 11am-3pm on Saturday 15 March. The event will provide encouragement and inspiration to help our young people grow in their faith amidst the challenges they face. Includes Mass with Archbishop Cushley. Register at bit.ly/archyouth

Remembering Service A prayer service those who have suffered the loss of a child, from the beginning of pregnancy onwards, together with those who wish to come in love and support. Ecumenical and open to all. This Sunday (2 March) at 5.00pm in St John the Baptist Church, Corstorphine, 37 St Ninian's Road, Edinburgh, EH12 8AL.

RETURN: A day for Confession The day includes talks, a how-to session, Q&A, prayer, and a chance to receive the Sacrament of Confession. .10am-4pm, Saturday 8 March at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Register: bit.ly/return2025

Palm Sunday Youth Day Let your children know about our day of games and inspiring talks at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB on Saturday 12 April from 11am-3pm. Includes sessions for primary school pupils (8+) and sessions for high school pupils. Register at bit.ly/youthpalm

Campaign Against Assisted Dying The [Scottish Bishops](#) have issued a statement calling on the UK Parliament to abandon the Assisted Suicide Bill at Westminster. The Bishops say it undermines human dignity and reduces the value of life to "efficiency and utility." Compassion should mean supporting the vulnerable in times of suffering—not causing death. A link to the statement has been added to the selection of templates and email tools to make the task of writing to our MP easier. It can be found on the CAAD page on the St Mary's Parish website. Next CAAD Stirling Update Meeting on Tuesday 11th March in Sion House at 7pm.

Schedule for This Week: 2nd March

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

Sundays: Year C. Weekdays: Year 2	St Mary's (SMY)	Holy Spirit (HS)	St Margaret (SMT)	School/ University	Confession and by Appt
Sunday 2nd March 8 th Sunday of the Year	5.30pm (Vigil) ▪ Betty Begley (RIP) 10.15am ▪ Margaret Russell (RIP) Month's Mind: Bridget McDonagh	9.00am ▪ Evelyn Welsh (RIP)	11.30am ▪ The People of the Parish 5.30pm ▪ Dr Patrick Stones (RIP)		5.00pm to 5.20pm before Vigil Mass
Monday 3rd March 8 th Week of the Year	10.00am ▪ Terry Gavin (RIP)	No Mass	Private Prayer 7:30pm - 8:30pm		9.30am - 9:50am before Mass
Tuesday 4th March 8 th Week of the Year St Casimir	No Mass	10.00am Funeral Margaret McKay (RIP)	No Mass		9.30am-9:50am before Mass
Wednesday 5th March ASH WEDNESDAY <i>Fasting and Abstinence</i>	10.15am ▪ John Ross (RIP) 7.00pm ▪ Marion Bell (RIP)	9.00am ▪ Frank Simpson (RIP)	11.00am ▪ Maureen McLynn (RIP) Private Prayer 7:30pm - 8:30pm	Stirling University 1.15pm ▪ Special Intention	9.30am-9:50am before Mass
Thursday 6th March Thursday after Ash Wednesday	10.00am ▪ Thanksgiving Months Mind: ▪ William Lafferty ▪ Allan Brown	No Mass	No Mass		9.30am-9:50am before Mass
Friday 7th March Friday after Ash Wednesday <i>Day of Prayer for Those who have Suffered Abuse</i> St Perpetua and St Felicity	10.00am ▪ Annie Casey Arthur (RIP) Month's Mind: Margaret McKay	No Mass	No Mass	St Modan's 8.30am ▪ Gerard Fay (RIP)	10.30 am-11.00am after Mass
Saturday 8th March Saturday after Ash Wednesday St John of God St Duthac	10.00am Funeral Jason Steel (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass		
Sunday 9th March 1st Sunday of Lent	5.30pm (Vigil) ▪ Maurice Felstead (RIP) 10.15am ▪ John O' Donnell (RIP)	9.00am ▪ The People of the Parish	11.30am ▪ Sarah McPake (RIP) 5.30pm ▪ Stephen Lahbib (RIP)		5.00pm to 5.20pm before Vigil Mass