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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 Gospel for the 5th Sunday of Year C tells the story of Jesus calling Simon Peter, James, and John. After a long, unsuccessful night of fishing, Jesus tells them to put out into deep water and let down their nets. Despite their doubts, they obey—and catch so many fish that their boats nearly sink! Overwhelmed, Peter falls at Jesus' feet, feeling unworthy. But Jesus reassures him: "Do not be afraid; from now on, you will be catching people."

This passage reminds us that Jesus meets us in the ordinary moments of life and calls us beyond our comfort zones. Like Peter, we may feel unworthy or doubt that God can work through us. But Jesus asks for trust, not perfection. When we say "yes" to Him, He does more with our lives than we could ever imagine. Are we ready to cast our nets in faith?

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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*

Lorna McCabe who died 15th January, aged 81

Mary Rooney who died 22nd January, aged 81

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

Bozena Dormer who died 3rd February, aged **73**

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, Romie Lesista Jnr, Kevin Mackin, Rosie Mangan, Georges Marquetty, Sally Martin, Margaret McKay, James (Jim) McMenemy, 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, Tom Stokes, Tony Stokes, Anna Woods.

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

Date	Plate Collection	Standing Orders (weekly pro-rata)
2 nd February	£1324	£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 Together, we can lift our voices to God in hope and gratitude while encouraging one another in our shared journey as Catholics. To join the Prayer Network text 07503342275. To submit a prayer request phone 01786 473749.

Parish Youth Groups Dates:

➤ 14th February, 28th February, 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 Marys Parish Lunch Club The lunch club will resume on 14th February in St Margaret's Hall at 12.00 Noon. Please indicate on the list at the back of Church if you would like to attend, have any dietary requirements, or need a lift. We look forward to seeing you.

Private Prayer- St Margarets will be open on Monday & Wednesday evenings from 7:30pm – 8:30pm for private prayer.

New Bible Study "Ten Bible Verses Every Catholic Should Know" Week two of a four-week programme: Wednesday 7.30 pm (teas etc. from 7.00pm) St Margaret's Hall 12th February: Four New Testament verses; the Papacy, Mary's Immaculate Conception, the Eucharist, and Confession/Reconciliation.

Free Online Bibles Scripture has never been easier to find. Search The Bible in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz) which is a free podcast. There is also biblegateway.com and the Universalis App gives the readings used every day at Mass as well as other prayers.

Pilgrimage: Camino de Santiago Kevin and Linda Clarke will give an illustrated talk on their pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela which they cycled last year, in support of Strathcarron Hospice. This journey of nearly 900kms along the north coast of Spain and through the mountains of Cantabria took 21 days and was well supported by parishioners. 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.

World Day for Marriage World Day for Marriage is on 9 February, and we pray particularly for all married couples, that God may daily give them the strength and energy to support one another and their families. We especially pray that those who are experiencing difficulties in their relationship may seek help, either from the diocesan marriage counsellor (marriage.counsellor@staned.org.uk) or from organisations such as Retrouvaille www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Holy Year Pilgrimage to Rome Archbishop Cushley leads our Holy Year Pilgrimage to Rome for young adults (18+) which takes place 28 July to 4 August 2025. Cost £1,175 includes return flights from Edinburgh to Rome, coach transfers, bed and breakfast at Casa Santa Lucia and an opportunity to take part in the Jubilee for Young People programme, including attending Mass with the Holy Father. Limited single rooms available. Email frrobert.taylor@staned.org.uk by Sunday 2 February.

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

Workshop for Children's Liturgy Leaders If you are involved with Children's Liturgy in your parish, the Archdiocesan Catechetics Commission invites you to The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, for a workshop on Children's Liturgy of the Word. The day takes place on Saturday 22 February from 9:30am-12:00pm and will include Mass, discussion groups, a presentation on resources, and a presentation on the Liturgy of the Word within Mass. Registration and full event schedule at <https://forms.office.com/e/yRxbbsJ5kL>.

Assisted Pilgrims for Lourdes Do you know someone who is ill or infirm and would enjoy the opportunity to experience a life-changing trip to Lourdes? The Archdiocese is seeking *Assisted Pilgrims* to join them on the pilgrimage 11-18 July. They will receive 24hr support from the brilliant doctors, nurses and volunteers in the Medical/Helper Team and stay in specially equipped accommodation. It will be an unforgettable week with a full spiritual and social programme. Please contact Bernadette on 0131 441 1939 or visit www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes24

Aid to the Church in Need: Scottish Conference 'Courage to be Catholic' Hear from inspiring speakers, meet representatives of Catholic organisations from around Scotland, and help build Catholic community. 9:30am - 4:00pm, Saturday 29 March, Glasgow Royal Concert Hall. Register at <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EHSR>

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

Schedule for This Week: 9th February

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 9th February 5 th Sunday of the Year	5.30pm (Vigil) ▪ Antonio Lai (RIP) 10.15am ▪ Ahachukwudike P Adibe - Birthday Thanksgiving	9.00am ▪ Doris Bell (RIP)	11.30am ▪ The People of the Parish 5.30pm ▪ Stephen Lahbib (RIP)		5.00pm to 5.20pm before Vigil Mass
Monday 10th February St Scholastica - Memorial	10.00am ▪ Patricia Phimister (RIP)	No Mass	Private Prayer 7:30pm - 8:30pm		9.30am - 9:50am before Mass
Tuesday 11th February 5 th Week of the Year World Day of the Sick	10.00am	10.00am ▪ Special Intention: Allan Brown (SSVP)	No Mass		9.30am-9:50am before Mass
Wednesday 12th February 5 th Week of the Year	No Mass	No Mass	10.00am Maureen McLynn (RIP) 1.00pm Funeral Service: Mary Rooney (RIP) Private Prayer 7:30pm - 8:30pm	Stirling University 1.15pm ▪ The Holy Souls	9.30am-9:50am before Mass
Thursday 13th February 5 th Week of the Year	10.00am ▪ Robert Alexander who is ill	No Mass	No Mass		9.30am-9:50am before Mass
Friday 14th February St Cyril and St Methodius - Feast	10.00am ▪ Robina Millar (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass	St Modan's 8.30am ▪ Special Intention	10.30 am-11.00am after Mass
Saturday 15th February 5 th Week of the Year	10.00am ▪ Lena (Oehme) Kelly (RIP) Month's Mind: Lorna McCabe (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass		
Sunday 16th February 6 th Sunday of the Year	5.30pm (Vigil) ▪ Jane Hamill (RIP) 10.15am ▪ Fr Joseph Docherty (RIP)	9.00am ▪ Fr Michael Savage (RIP)	11.30am ▪ The People of the Parish 5.30pm ▪ Billy McDonald (RIP)		5.00pm to 5.20pm before Vigil Mass