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**Please note:** Fr Jamie's day off is a Monday and the office is closed. Therefore any messages left will not be picked up until Tuesday.



Father, eternal shepherd,  
hear the prayers of your people for your servant Francis,  
who governed your Church with love.  
In your mercy, bring him with the flock once entrusted to his care  
to the reward you have promised your faithful servants.  
May he who faithfully administered the mysteries  
of your forgiveness and love on earth,  
rejoice with you for ever in heaven.  
In your wise and loving care,  
you made your servant teacher of all your Church.  
He did the work of Christ on earth.  
May your Son welcome him into eternal glory.  
May your servant whom you appointed high priest of your flock  
be counted now among the priests in the life of your kingdom.  
Give your servant the reward of eternal happiness  
and let your mercy win for us the gift of your life and love.  
We entrust your servant to your mercy with faith and confidence.  
In the human family he was an instrument of your peace and love.  
May he rejoice in those gifts for ever with your saints.  
Amen.

### **Requiem Mass for Pope Francis**

Archbishop Cushley will celebrate a Requiem Mass for Pope Francis at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh on Monday 28 April at 12:45pm. Everyone in the Archdiocese is warmly invited to attend and pray for the repose of the soul of the Holy Father.

**Response to the psalm:** Give praise to the LORD, for he is good, his mercy endures forever.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia**

You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

**R. Alleluia**

**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 Sharon Gallagher who died recently.  
May she rest in peace.*

**Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound of the Parish:** David Anderson, John Barrett, Irene Bett, Mary Bett, Bobby Brown, Derrick Bruce, Mary Burns, Anne Chadband, Donald Copeland, Edna Copeland, Scott Coubrough, Patsy Docherty, Margaret Doherty, Patricia Doherty, Vera Eastwood, Mark Christian Fernandez, Ava Gordon, Sarah Hart, Lusia Koloczek, 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, Annmarie Stokes, Tom Stokes, Tony Stokes, Anna Woods.

**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.

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

Date	Plate Collection	Standing Orders (weekly pro-rata)
20 <sup>th</sup> April	£2871	£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.



**Society of African Missions** This weekend 26th/27th April Fr Willie Brandon will join us to make the annual appeal on behalf of the SMA Fathers.

**Parish Prayer Network** As the Body of Christ we are called to pray for each other. We pray for the repose of the soul of the Holy Father. Let us also lift up your needs to God in prayer. Place your requests in the box at the back of the church or text them to 07503342275. If you would like to pray for your fellow parishioners, text 07503342275 for details.

**12 Hour Eucharistic Adoration Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** takes place in **Holy Spirit** 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!

**St Margaret's Children's Liturgy Dates 11.30am Sunday Mass:** 27<sup>th</sup> April

**Note:** Please return your **Wee Box** to the Church as soon as you can. Many thanks!

**SSVP Lunch Club** The next lunch club takes place on May 9<sup>th</sup> at St Margaret's Hall at 1200. Please indicate on the lists at the back of church if you would like to attend, have any dietary requirements, or require a lift.

**St Mary's Parish 500 Club** Congratulations to our March Winners:

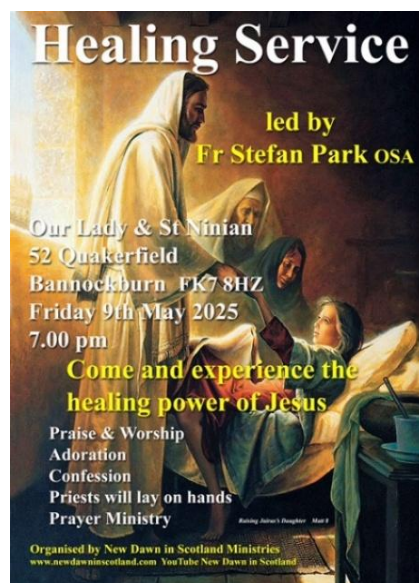
- 1st Prize £205.50 – Liz McLaughlin
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £102.75 – Carla Wilson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £34.25 – Jim Evans

**Gala Concert at Cathedral** The Schola Cantorum will perform a gala concert in St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on Wednesday 30 April at 7:30pm. Includes excerpts from Handel's Messiah and other beautiful music. Prosecco interval. Tickets £10 at [bit.ly/ScholaGala25](http://bit.ly/ScholaGala25) or pay at the door. All proceeds to supporting the choir's singing at diaconate ordinations in Rome next month.

**Holy Year talk** A series of Holy Year talks take place on the last Sunday of each month at 4:30pm in the Carmelite Convent, Hot Pot Wynd, Dysart, KY1 2TF. The next talk is on Sunday 27 April from Fr Paul Lee on *The Risen Jesus*. The one-hour event includes evening prayer, Eucharistic Adoration and has been organised by the Fife Deanery. No registration required. All welcome.

**Celebration of Fr Tommy Greenan** The story of the Edinburgh priest who served the poor in war-torn El Salvador will be shared at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on Thursday 8 May at 7:30pm. Speakers will share their memories of Fr Tommy Greenan and tell the story of how his acclaimed book *The Song of the Poor* came to be published following his death. The book will be available for purchase at the event. No registration required. All welcome.

**Mass for Married & Engaged Couples** The annual Archdiocesan Mass for Married Couples (and those preparing for marriage) takes place at 7:15pm on Tuesday 27 May at St Mary's Cathedral. Archbishop Cushley will be the principal celebrant and will give a blessing to couples.



***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.*

**Schedule for This Week: 27<sup>th</sup> April**

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

Sundays: Year C. Weekdays: Year 1	<b>St Mary's (SMY)</b>	<b>Holy Spirit (HS)</b>	<b>St Margaret (SMT)</b>	<b>University /School</b>	<b>Confession and by Appt</b>
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	<b>5.30pm (Vigil)</b> ▪ Margaret Kelly (RIP)  <b>10.15am</b> ▪ Bernard Colvin Snr (RIP)	<b>9.00am</b> ▪ Owen and Jenny Finn (RIP)	<b>11.30am</b> ▪ The People of the Parish  <b>5.30pm</b> ▪ Cecilia Flanagan (RIP)		5.00pm to 5.20pm before Vigil Mass
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week in Eastertide St Peter Chanel St Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Jason Steel (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass		9.30am - 9:50am before Mass
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b> St Catherine of Sienna - Feast	No Mass	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Mary and Ian Whyte (RIP)	No Mass		9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week in Eastertide Pope St Pius V	No Mass	No Mass	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Bridgid McDonagh (RIP)		9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week in Eastertide St Joseph the Worker	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ John Paul Stokes	No Mass	No Mass		9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b> <b>St Athanasius - Memorial</b>	No Mass	No Mass	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Edward Stokes (RIP)  12 Hour Eucharistic Adoration  <b>10.00pm</b> Night Prayer	<b>8.30am</b> <b>St Modans</b> ▪ The Holy Souls	10.30am- 11.00am after Mass
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b> <b>St Philip and St James - Feast</b>	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Martin Dickson (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass		9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	<b>5.30pm (Vigil)</b> ▪ Brian Oates (RIP)  <b>10.15am</b> ▪ Terry McNair (RIP)	<b>9.00am</b> ▪ The People of the Parish	<b>11.30am</b> ▪ Sarah McPake  <b>5.30pm</b> ▪ The Holy Souls		5.00pm to 5.20pm before Vigil Mass