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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.



Today, we hear Jesus call Himself the Good Shepherd, and it's such a comforting image. In a noisy, chaotic world, He reminds us that we are not alone—we're known, seen, and protected. "My sheep hear my voice," He says. It's a voice of calm in the middle of everything pulling us in different directions. Sometimes we get lost, distracted, or even discouraged, but Jesus never gives up on us. He knows each of us by name and keeps calling us back. This Sunday is also a day to pray for vocations—those who will serve as shepherds in our Church. Let's pray for them and also ask how we're being called to care for others in our own way. Whether we're leading or following, what matters most is that we stay close to the Shepherd who leads us to life. Do we recognize His voice today?

Response to the psalm: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord. I know my sheep and my own know me.

R. Alleluia

PARISH NEWS

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, Lusie Koloczec, 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 <i>(weekly pro-rata)</i>
4 th May	£1295	£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.



Hebemus Papam! We offer our prayerful support and ask the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our new Holy Father Pope Leo 14th. May God bless him with his abundant blessings,

World Day of Prayer for Vocations This Sunday is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We pray especially for Gerard Holden and Matthew McCafferty who are seminarians of the Archdiocese. We also keep in our prayers your parish priest and all priests, deacons and religious in the Archdiocese who dedicate their lives to serving God and His people. A second collection will take place for Ecclesiastical Students at all Masses on Sunday 11 May which helps cover tuition fees and living costs for our seminarians. You can also donate at bit.ly/eccstudents25

Parish Prayer Network Across sunny Stirling, in this lovely month of May, our small group join our Holy Mother in prayer every morning and evening. One decade of the rosary before bed, one decade on wakening. It's not much, but with humility and compassion we join Mary in lifting up in prayer before God the Father, fellow parishioners in need. Despite busy lives with family and work, would you be able to take time to join us from your own home? If so, text 07503342275

Children's Liturgy Workshop (New date) Join the Catechetics Commission for the second Children's Liturgy (CL) Catechist Workshop. The morning will begin with Mass and include a presentation on music & art and a time of discussion. It takes place on Saturday 17 May 2025 9:30am – 12:00pm at The Gillis Centre 100 Strathearn Rd EH9 1BB. Register at bit.ly/childrensliturgy2. Contact srmiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk with any questions.

Nature's best kept secret A webinar to help you discover a simple approach to spacing, delaying or achieving pregnancy - without drugs or devices. It takes place at 7:45pm on Monday 12 May and is organised by Fertility Care Scotland. This free webinar introduces the Billings Method, trusted by couples and health professionals worldwide, and reveals how understanding fertility can deepen connection and transform family life. Register at bit.ly/naturesbestsecret

Laudato Si' Week 2025 24th - 31st May Laudato Si' Week is held annually to mark the anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical Laudato Si': Care for Our Common Home and in this Jubilee Year, as we strive to be Pilgrims of Hope, we are 'called to discover hope in the signs of the times that the Lord gives us'. This hope is manifested in those who seek to respond to the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor recognising that both cries are, like everything in our world, interconnected. We are faced not with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather with one complex crisis which is both social and environmental. LSi' 139

Assisted Suicide: critical debate this coming week Bills will be debated and voted on at Holyrood and Westminster on 13 May (Holyrood) and 16 May (Westminster). Those who are ill or dying deserve special care and respect not killing. Assisted suicide consists of putting an end to the lives of handicapped, sick or dying persons and would change the NHS. Please write to your MP and MSPs urgently. The easiest way is via <https://writetothem.com>

General assistant for Iona The Catholic House of Prayer on Iona is looking to recruit a general assistant to help run the house from July this year for two or more months. Accommodation and good rate of pay provided. The role involves changeovers and cooking. More information from Jane Kindlen at mail@catholic-iona.com or call 01681 700369.

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.

Confirmations A reminder that the Archbishop will join us on Sunday 18th May at 10:15 am to Confer the sacrament of Confirmation on our young people.

Baptism Preparation Meeting Parents who wish to have their child baptised are invited to attend a Baptism preparation meeting on Wednesday 4th June at 7:00pm in Sion House. Please register with the parish office.

Meeting for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Thursday 12th June 7:00pm St Margaret's Hall

Reception of the Precious Blood The Archbishop has confirmed that the practice of dipping the host into the chalice (Intinction) is not permitted for the lay faithful. This follows the guidelines of Redemptionis Sacramentum 104 which gives the specific details. "The communicant must not be permitted to intinct the host himself in the chalice.

Childrens Liturgy at St Margarets 11th May, 25th May, 8th June and 22nd June.

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: 11th May

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

Sundays: Year C. Weekdays: Year 1	St Mary's (SMY)	Holy Spirit (HS)	St Margaret (SMT)	University /School	Confession and by Appt
Sunday 11th May 4 th Sunday of Easter World Day of Prayer for Vocations	5.30pm (Vigil) ▪ Special Intention: Birthday Prayers 10.15am ▪ The People of the Parish	9.00am ▪ Rev Dermot Healy	11.30am ▪ Christopher Mitchell (RIP) 5.30pm ▪ John Bernard Ross (RIP)		5.00pm to 5.20pm before Vigil Mass
Monday 12th May 4 th Week in Eastertide	10.00am ▪ Bernard Colvin Snr	No Mass	No Mass		9.30am - 9:50am before Mass
Tuesday 13th May 4 th Week in Eastertide Our Lady of Fatima	No Mass	10.00am ▪ Patrick O'Donnell (RIP)	No Mass		9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
Wednesday 14th May St Matthias - Feast	No Mass	No Mass	10.00am ▪ The Holy Souls		9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
Thursday 15th May 4 th Week in Eastertide	10.00am ▪ Jason Steel (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass		9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
Friday 16th May 4 th Week in Eastertide	10.00am ▪ Ray Leggit: Special Intention 90th Birthday Gift	No Mass	No Mass	8.30am St Modans ▪ Special Intention: Bryan Welsh	10.30am- 11.00am after Mass
Saturday 17th May 4 th Week in Eastertide	10.00am ▪ David Clark (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass		9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
Sunday 18th May 5 th Sunday of Easter	5.30pm (Vigil) ▪ Cassie Doherty (RIP) 10.15am ▪ John William Black (RIP)	9.00am ▪ Special Intention: Mary and Alan Rennie	11.30am ▪ Danny McGregor (RIP) 5.30pm ▪ The People of the Parish		5.00pm to 5.20pm before Vigil Mass