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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.



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus gives us a beautiful image: "I am the vine, you are the branches." It's a reminder that we're not meant to go it alone. Just like branches draw life from the vine, we draw life, love, and strength from staying close to Jesus.

As we journey through the Easter season, it's a good time to ask ourselves: Are we still connected? Are we finding moments for prayer, for Mass, for love of neighbour?

Sometimes life gets busy, and we can drift a little—but the good news is that the vine never gives up on the branches. Christ is always ready to draw us back in.

Let's keep rooted in him and let his love bear fruit in our lives this week—through patience, kindness, and simple acts of faith.

Response to the psalm: I will bless your name forever, my God and king.

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia

A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

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 souls of Helen McPake Hunter and James Flaherty who died recently.
May they 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 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 (weekly pro-rata)
11 th May	£1317.00	£1200

Many thanks for your continued generosity!

Last Sundays Special Collection for the Ecclesiastical Students Fund raised £1698.50. Many Thanks.

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.



Parish Prayer Network Edward Everett Hale said, "I am only one, but I am one; I cannot do everything, but I can do something. What I can do I ought to do, and what I ought to do, by God's grace, I will do." Are you willing to spend 15 minutes morning and evening praying for the needs of your fellow parishioners? If so, txt 07503342275.

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

Confirmations A reminder that the Archbishop will join us this 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.

Health and Safety - All Church Volunteers If you volunteer for the parish in **any capacity** you are required to attend Health and Safety Training. Please save the date for this training meeting to be held Wednesday 25th June 7.00pm in St Margaret's Hall. Fr Jamie has an obligation to ensure the health and safety for everyone and so its important that all volunteers are aware of health and safety regulations. Thanks!

Meeting for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Please note the date change to Wednesday **18th June** 7:00 pm St Margaret's Hall.

Fr Gabriel invites you all to join in the celebrations for the 15th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on 12th July at 12 noon in St Margaret's. See posters at the back of the Church.

St Mary's 500 Club The draw for April will be made this weekend.

Prayers for Pope Leo XIV Pope Leo XIV presides over the Mass of Inauguration of his Petrine Ministry in St Peter's Square at 9:00am (UK) this Sunday morning. We all join in prayer that the Lord will give him the grace to be a true shepherd to us and an authentic witness to Christ in the world.

St Margaret's Pilgrimage - Sunday 8 June. All are welcome at the annual St Margaret's Pilgrimage in Dunfermline on Sunday 8 June. Join Archbishop Leo, clergy and people from across Scotland for the procession through the town centre with the relic of St Margaret at 2:00pm, followed by Holy Mass at 3:00pm in St Margaret's Church. Full schedule in the news-events section at archedinburgh.org

Corpus Christi Procession - Sunday 22 June Archbishop Leo will lead the Archdiocesan Corpus Christi Procession from St Patrick's Church in Kilsyth at 3:00pm on Sunday 22 June. This is a joyous occasion with the Blessed Sacrament being carried through the streets. First Holy Communicants in the Archdiocese are invited to take a special place in the procession wearing their formal clothes. Parking available at the Church. Contact St Patrick's to reserve disabled/minibus parking or to book a space on the free shuttle buses from Croy train station to the Church. priest.stpatrickskilsyth@staned.org.uk or 01236 822136.

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 Leo will be the principal celebrant and will give a blessing to couples. Refreshments after Mass in Coffee Saints.

Laudato Si' webinar Bishop John Arnold of Salford Diocese is the guest speaker at a webinar to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si'. Bishop John is the environment spokesperson for the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. It takes place at 7:00pm on Friday 30 May. Register at bit.ly/laudatowebinar

Jubilee Year Picnic for families Join families from across the Archdiocese for a Jubilee Year picnic on Saturday 28 June, 11:00am – 4:00pm at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. There will be spiritual talks on the theme of Hope and talks and games for children. Includes Rosary at The Grotto and concludes with Holy Mass in St Margaret's Chapel. At 4:00pm there is the chance to walk to the Jubilee Cross at St Mary's Cathedral (optional). Childcare provided.

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".

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

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Schedule for This Week: 18th 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 18th May 5 th Sunday of Easter	5.30pm (Vigil) ▪ Cassie Doherty (RIP) 10.15am ▪ John William Black (RIP) 6.00pm Reception: Helen McPake Hunter (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
Monday 19th May 5 th Week in Eastertide	10.00am Funeral: Helen McPake Hunter (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass		9.30am - 9:50am before Mass
Tuesday 20th May 5 th Week in Eastertide St Bernardine of Siena	No Mass	10.00am ▪ Patrick O'Donnell (RIP)	No Mass		9.30am-9:50am before Mass
Wednesday 21st May 5 th Week in Eastertide	No Mass	No Mass	10.00am ▪ Marc & Stephen Lahbib (RIP)		9.30am-9:50am before Mass
Thursday 22nd May 5 th Week in Eastertide St Rita of Cascia	10.00am ▪ Lidia Kochanelo Birthday Present	No Mass	No Mass		9.30am-9:50am before Mass
Friday 23rd May 5 th Week in Eastertide	10.00am ▪ David Nevin	No Mass	No Mass	8.30am St Modans ▪ The Holy Souls	10.30am-11.00am after Mass
Saturday 24th May 5 th Week in Eastertide	10.00am ▪ Lisa McGloin (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass		9.30am-9:50am before Mass
Sunday 25th May 6 th Sunday of Easter	5.30pm (Vigil) ▪ Marie Hendrick (RIP) 10.15am ▪ Helen O'Neil (RIP)	9.00am ▪ Pat Doherty - 97th Birthday Celebration	11.30am ▪ The People of the Parish 5.30pm ▪ Jason Steel (RIP)		5.00pm to 5.20pm before Vigil Mass