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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.



It's the Sunday after the Ascension, and Jesus has returned to the Father—but he hasn't left us behind. In today's Gospel, we overhear Jesus praying for us. Isn't that something? He's just about to face his passion, yet his heart is full of love and hope—for us.

He prays that we may be one. Not just in a polite, get-along sort of way—but united in love, just as He and the Father are one. That's deep, unbreakable unity.

And while the world around us can feel divided or uncertain, Jesus' prayer reminds us who we are: one family, rooted in love, carrying his mission forward.

So this week, as we wait for Pentecost, let's live like people who belong to Jesus. Let's bridge divisions, forgive generously, and be signs of unity in a world that's desperate for healing.

Jesus hasn't left us—he's praying us forward.

Response to the psalm: The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia

I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord. I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

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, 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, Catherine Philomy, 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)
25 th May	£1345	£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 for Stall purchases. This QR Code can also be used to make online payments and is displayed on the Notice Boards in each Church.



This Sunday 1st June is Communications Sunday We will take up a second collection for the apostolate of communications. Bishop Frank Dougan, of Galloway Diocese, is setting up a National Office for Communication and Evangelisation, and your financial support will help the office produce quality content across various media platforms to spread the Good News.

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

12 Hour Eucharistic Adoration Friday 6th June 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!

The Parish Prayer Network St Paul emphasized the importance of praying for one another as a way to strengthen the Christian community and express love and support. If you feel moved to pray for others text 07503342275.

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

Parish Pastoral Council The next meeting of the PPC is on **Thursday 19th June**. If you would like anything raised on your behalf, please speak to a member of the PPC.

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.

SSVP Lunch Club The next lunch club will take place on Friday 13th June in St Margaret's Hall. Lunch will be served at 1200 midday. Please indicate on the list at the back of church if you would like to attend, have any dietary requirements, or require a lift. After this lunch, we will break for summer. Thank you for your continued support.

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 it's important that all volunteers are aware of health and safety regulations. Thanks!

Note of thanks from Pat Docherty Pat would like to extend his grateful thanks to all family and friends who helped celebrate his 97th birthday, and for all the gifts and best wishes. May God bless you all. Papa Doc!

Lourdes 2025: A small number of spaces have become available for supported pilgrims on the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (11 to 18 July 2025). Do you know someone who is ill or infirm and would enjoy the opportunity to experience this life-changing trip? Contact Bernadette on [0131 441 1939](tel:01314411939) or [visit www.edinburgh-lourdes.com](http://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com)

St Margaret's Pilgrimage - Sunday 8 June All are welcome at the annual St Margaret's Pilgrimage in Dunfermline on Sunday 8 June. 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. 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](tel:01236822136). If there is enough interest we will run a bus from the parish. Sign up this week.

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. 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. Register at bit.ly/archpicnic

New Dawn: Begins with Mass at 10:30am, followed by testimonies, workshops, healing prayers and more. Speakers are Fr James Anyaegbu and Gary Stephen. It takes place on Saturday 14 June 2025 at Ss Ninian & Triduana, 232 Marionville Road, Edinburgh, EH 7 6BE. Event organised by New Dawn Scotland.

Dignity Not Detention – Dungavel Join Justice & Peace Scotland to call for Dignity Not Detention and advocate for an end to the inhumane practice of unlimited immigration detention. The UK is the only country in Europe that does not have a statutory time limit on detention, meaning people can be held in prison-like conditions indefinitely with no idea when they will be released. Guest speaker: Archbishop William Nolan. It takes place at Dungavel House, Strathaven, ML10 6RF at 1:00pm on Sunday 15 June. Contact office@justice@peacescotland.org.uk for more info.

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: 1st June

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 1st June 7 th Sunday of Easter WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY	5.30pm (Vigil) ▪ Special Intention; Gordon & Audrey Lindsay 10.15am ▪ The People of the Parish	9.00am ▪ Cherie Todd (RIP)	11.30am ▪ Bill Friel (RIP) 5.30pm ▪ The Holy Souls		5.00pm to 5.20pm before Vigil Mass
Monday 2nd June 7 th Week in Eastertide Saints Marcellinus and Peter	10.00am ▪ Sharon Gallagher (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass		9.30am - 9:50am before Mass
Tuesday 3rd June St Charles Lwanga and Companions - Memorial	No Mass	10.00am ▪ Jason Steel (RIP) Month's Mind: Helen McPake Hunter (RIP)	No Mass		9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
Wednesday 4th June 7 th Week in Eastertide	No Mass	No Mass	10.00am ▪ Silvia's friend's Mum		9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
Thursday 5th June St Boniface – Memorial	10.00pm ▪ Slaw Roch (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass		9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
Friday 6th June 7 th Week in Eastertide St Norbert	No Mass	No Mass	10.00am ▪ George & Elizabeth Bell (RIP) 12 Hour Eucharistic Adoration 10.00pm Night Prayer Month's Mind: James Flaherty (RIP)	8.30am St Modans ▪ Special Intention for Carla.	10.30am- 11.00am after Mass
Saturday 7th June 7 th Week in Eastertide	10.00am ▪ Ellen Dickson (Birthday Gift)	No Mass	No Mass		9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
Sunday 8th June PENTOCOST - SOLEMNITY	5.30pm (Vigil) ▪ Anthony Bundy 10.15am ▪ Tony Meller (RIP)	9.00am ▪ Maria Emilia Alves	11.30am ▪ The People of the Parish 5.30pm ▪ The Holy Souls		5.00pm to 5.20pm before Vigil Mass