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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 today's Gospel (John 14:23-29), Jesus speaks words of comfort and peace. He reminds us that love isn't just a feeling—it's something we live out by keeping His word and staying close to Him. And in return, He promises that the Father will come and make a home in us. What a beautiful image—God at home in our hearts!

As we inch closer to Pentecost, we're reminded that Jesus doesn't leave us on our own. He promises the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, who will teach and remind us of everything He said. Life can be confusing, noisy, and overwhelming, but the peace Jesus offers is different—it's deep, lasting, and steady even in chaos.

Let's open our hearts this week—invite God in, let the Spirit stir within us, and be people of peace and love in a world that needs both more than ever!

Response to the psalm: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia

If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.

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)
18 th May	£1574	£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.



Next Sunday 1st June is Communications Sunday and we will take up a second collection.

Mass Times The Ascension of the Lord Thursday 29th May Holy Spirit: Vigil Mass 7.00pm (Wednesday) and Thursday St Margaret's 11.00am and St Mary's 7.00pm

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

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 it's 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 Thursday 18th June 7:00pm St Margaret's Hall.

Men's Group The next meeting will take place in Sion House on Thursday 29th May after 7.00pm Mass. Men of all ages are welcome.

St Mary's 500 Club Congratulations to our April winners:

1st Prize £205.50 John Bett, 2nd Prize £102.75 David Tortolano and 3rd Prize £34.75 Genia Graham

Communications Sunday World Communications Day is on Sunday 1 June and a collection will take place that weekend 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.

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. 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.

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'. It takes place at 7:00pm on Friday 30 May. [Register at bit.ly/laudatowebinar](http://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. 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: 25th 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 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
Monday 26th May St Philip Neri - Memorial	10.00am ▪ Kathleen Lawson (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass		9.30am - 9:50am before Mass
Tuesday 27th May 6 th Week in Eastertide St Augustine of Canterbury	No Mass	10.00am ▪ Michael Preston (RIP) Months Mind: Mary Ellen Stokes	No Mass		9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
Wednesday 28th May 6 th Week in Eastertide	No Mass	7.00pm Vigil The Ascension of the Lord ▪ Special Intention: Mary & Alan Rennie	10.00am ▪ George Goodwillie (RIP)		9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
Thursday 29th May THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD SOLEMNITY Holy Day of Obligation	7.00pm ▪ Thomas & Kathleen Hendrick		11.00am ▪ Special Intention Julia McLaughlin		9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
Friday 30th May 6 th Week in Eastertide	10.00am ▪ Kenneth Broadfoot (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass	8.30am St Modans ▪ Mary Tetsall (RIP)	10.30am- 11.00am after Mass
Saturday 31st May THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	10.00am ▪ Lily & Tommy Nevin (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass		9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
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