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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.



As the Church year begins to draw to a close, today's Gospel can sound unsettling. Jesus speaks of wars, divisions, and struggles - yet His message is not one of fear, but hope. "Do not be frightened," He says. Even when the world feels uncertain, God is still at work, and His love is stronger than anything that threatens to shake us.

Malachi reminds us that for those who trust in the Lord, "the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing." In the midst of difficulty, God brings light.

St Paul encourages us to keep going in the ordinary, everyday work of life. Faith isn't just found in big heroic moments—it's lived through patience, kindness, prayer, and perseverance.

So, as we move towards the Feast of Christ the King, we hold on to Jesus' promise: stay faithful, stay hopeful, and by our endurance, we will find life.

### Response to the psalm:

The LORD comes to judge the people with fairness.

### Gospel Acclamation:

**R. Alleluia, alleluia**

Straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

**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 May Robinson 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 Copland, Scott Coubrough, Patsy Docherty, Margaret Doherty, Patricia Doherty, Mark Christian Fernandez, Ava Gordon, Robert Graham, Sarah Hart, Lusja Koloczek, Romie Lesista Jnr, Kevin Mackin, Rosie Mangan, Sally Martin, Beth Meldrum, Joe Meldrum, Jessie Mitchell, Margaret Neilson, Annie Theresa Nevin, Margaret O'Rourke, Catherine Philomy, Theresa Pierce, Cheska Mary Rose, Jeannette Simpson, Annmarie Stokes, Tom & Tony Stokes, Anna Woods, Eman Guerrero, Vanesa Mazo, Bernadeth Mellina, Ruby & Carolanne Quinn.

**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.

**Sick and Housebound:** Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to receive Holy Communion and we will co-ordinate with the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Team to arrange this for you.

**Weekly Sunday Collection** (Note: Combined total across all 3 Churches - Many thanks for your continued generosity!)

Date	Plate Collection	Standing Orders (weekly pro-rata)
9 <sup>th</sup> November	£1295	£1200

Last Sundays Special Collection for World Day for the Poor raised £1311. Thank you!

**St Margaret's Stall QR Code** if you have recently used the QR Code please contact Fr Jamie. Thanks!

**Next Sunday 23rd November** there will be a Special Collection for Catholic Education.

**The New Winter Weekday Mass Schedule** is now in place until end February: Note the schedule will flex to accommodate funerals and 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Adoration etc. So please refer to the Mass Schedule in the Newsletter each week. Thank you!

**St Margaret's Children's Liturgy Sunday Mass 11.30am:**

- 16th November      30th November      14th December

**Catholic Education Week 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope School Mass** The children from all our local primary schools will gather in Stirling on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November and process to St Mary's where Mass will be celebrated at 11.00am. Please keep our children, their families and teachers in your prayers at this time.

**Parish Prayer Network** Are you or is there someone in your life struggling with health, social or emotional issues? Let us support you in daily prayer before our loving God and his blessed mother. Place your intentions in the white box at the back of the church. We need only first name of person to be prayed for and a short description of intention. God Bless you.

16<sup>th</sup> November 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year - World Day of the Poor, Catholic Education Week

**November: Month of the Holy Souls: Parish Calendar**

- Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November 4pm: Cemetery visit to Bannockburn Cemetery
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November 7pm St Mary's: Annual Parish Mass of Remembrance.

**Sacramental Preparation** Parents are reminded to check the dates for the various meetings and rites for their children. At this time your child's sacramental preparation should be a priority. In addition to Mass each Sunday we expect attendance at all events. PLEASE NOTE THAT REGISTRATION IS NOW CLOSED. ANY CHILDREN WHO ARE NOT REGISTERED WILL BE DEFERRED UNTIL 2027  
[.https://catholicstirling.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/sacramental-dates-table-2025-2026.pdf](https://catholicstirling.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/sacramental-dates-table-2025-2026.pdf).

**St Mary's 500 Club** The October draw will be made this weekend.

**Coffee (or Tea) and a Chat** The SSVP will be hosting a coffee and chat/social afternoon on November 28<sup>th</sup>. Drop in to St Margaret's Hall to join us at 2-4pm. All welcome and lifts are available. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Lourdes Coffee Morning** Please join us for our Lourdes Coffee Morning each Thursday after Mass in St Margaret's Hall. Everyone is welcome.

**Save the Date: Fire Safety Training** There will be Fire Safety Training on 25<sup>th</sup> November 6.30pm to 8.45pm Sion House. This is for all Group Leaders, Pass Keepers, and volunteer Fire Wardens to help us comply with Archdiocesan guidance. We look forward to seeing you then!

**Parish Dinner Dance on Friday 21st November** St Margaret's Hall 7.00pm/7.30pm until late. There will be soup to start followed by a choice of Steak Pie/Chicken/Mac & Cheese. Tea/coffee & cake will also be provided. BYOB, £15/person.

**Catholic Education Week** celebrates the importance of educating children and young people in the Faith. There will be a special collection next Sunday for the work of the Scottish Catholic Education Service which promotes and supports Catholic Education.

**Red Wednesday at Cathedral** Archbishop Leo will celebrate Mass at 7:00pm on Wednesday 19 November at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, to pray for Christians across the world who suffer for their faith. William More from Aid to the Church in Need, will speak at the Mass.

**Mass for Young Adults** Archbishop Leo invites Young Adults across the Archdiocese for Mass on the Feast of Christ the King, Sunday 23 November at 7:00pm, in the Jesuit Church of the Sacred Heart, 26 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh.

**Diploma in Catechetics** Explore the richness of the Catholic faith in 2026 by taking the Diploma in Catechetics. The popular course is run by the Archdiocese and takes place at 7:30pm each Thursday on Zoom, starting on 22 January. Be quick, places limited to 100. Cost £220. Register at [bit.ly/diploma2026](https://bit.ly/diploma2026)

**Prisoners' Week 2025** Prisoners Week runs from 16 to 23 November and a launch service takes place at 3:00pm on Sunday 16 November at Letham St Mark's, Rannoch Road, Letham PH1 2HH. More at [prisonersweek.org.uk](https://prisonersweek.org.uk)

**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: 16<sup>th</sup> November**

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</b> (SMY)	<b>Holy Spirit</b> (HS)	<b>St Margaret</b> (SMT)	<b>Schools</b>	<b>Confession</b> and by Appt
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November</b> 33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year  <b>World Day of the Poor, Catholic Education Week</b>	<b>5.30pm (Sat Vigil)</b> ▪ Giuseppe Lai (RIP)  <b>10.15am</b> ▪ Iris Vera Coan  Month's Mind: Douglas Clark	<b>9.00am</b> ▪ Thanks Giving: Our Lady, St Anthony, St Rita, and St Peregrine	<b>11.30am</b> ▪ Mary Mooney (RIP)  <b>5.30pm</b> People of the Parish		5.00pm to 5.20pm before Vigil Mass
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b> ST ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY - MEMORIAL	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Edna Copeland (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass		9.30am - 9:50am before Mass
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b> 33 <sup>rd</sup> Week of the Year The Basilicas of St Peter and Paul St Fergus	No Mass	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Alan Rennie (RIP)	No Mass		9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November</b> 33 <sup>rd</sup> Week of the Year	<b>11.00am</b> Pilgrims of Hope School Mass	No Mass	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Lorna & Louise Birthday Congratulations		9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b> 33 <sup>rd</sup> Week of the Year	<b>7.00pm</b> Annual Parish Mass of Remembrance	No Mass	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Oma Andy-Oji Birthday Anniversary		9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b> THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIGIN MARY - MEMORIAL	No Mass	No Mass	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Marlene McKinlay Mathison (RIP)	<b>St Modan's 8.30M</b> ▪ Adelaida Granada	10.30am- 11.00am after Mass
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b> ST CECILIA - MEMORIAL	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Augustine Smith - Birth Gift	No Mass	No Mass		9.30am- 9:50am before Mas
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b> OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE SOLEMNITY	<b>5.30pm (Sat Vigil)</b> ▪ Edna Copeland (RIP)  <b>10.15am</b> ▪ Jane Hamill (RIP) Birthday Remembrance	<b>9.00am</b> ▪ People of the Parish	<b>11.30am</b> ▪ Brendan Reilly 21st Birthday Gift  <b>5.30pm</b> ▪ People of the Parish		5.00pm to 5.20pm before Vigil Mass