

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH, STIRLING

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
Sunday, 1st March 2026



Day	Time	Church	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday, 1 st March	5.30pm	St Mary's (Vigil)	2 nd Sunday of Lent	John & Margie MacFadyen (RIP)
	9.00am	Holy Spirit		Thomas Gardiner Jnr (RIP)
	10.15am	St Mary's		The People of the Parish
	11.30am	St Margaret's		Patrizia Ballabo who is ill
	5.30pm	St Margaret's		Evelyn Lucy Murray
Monday, 2 nd March	10.00am	St Mary's		Special Int: Ahachukwu Adibe
	6.00pm	St Margaret's		Angela Nicoletti who is ill
Tuesday, 3 rd March	10:00am	St Margaret's		Funeral: Catherine McGuire (RIP)
	6.00pm	St Mary's		Special Int: Ifunanya Andy-Oj
Wednesday, 4 th March	10:00am	St Margaret's		Helen Sutherland (RIP)
	6.00pm	Holy Spirit		Special Int: Giuseppe Costantini
Thursday, 5 th March	10:00am	St Mary's		Funeral: Anna Costantini (RIP)
	6.00pm	St Margaret's		Special Int: Joan Burns
Friday, 6 th March	8.30am	St Modan's		Grace Griffin (RIP)
	10.00am	St Margaret's		
Saturday, 7 th March	6.00pm	St Mary's	Stations of the Cross	Special Intention: Maureen McCall
	10.00am	St Mary's		
Sunday, 8 th March	5.30pm	St Mary's (Vigil)	3 rd Sunday of Lent	Betty Begley (RIP)
	9.00am	Holy Spirit		Special Int: Mary Rennie
	10.15am	St Mary's		Fr Matthew McGovern (RIP)
	11.30am	St Margaret's		Angelo Ghisoni (RIP) -
	5.30pm	St Margaret's		The People of the Parish
Confessions:	9.30am-9.50am - Monday to Thursday 10.30am-11am - Friday 10.30am-12 Noon - Saturday 4.45-5.20pm - Saturday			
Exposition	5.00pm - 6.00pm - Monday to Wednesday 10.30am-11am - Friday 10.30am-12 Noon - Saturday, concluding with Benediction.			

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The Parish Office can be contacted on 01786 473749 or admin.stmarystirling@staned.org.uk

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Parish Clergy: Father Robert Taylor (Administrator) FrRobert.Taylor@staned.org.uk
Father Philip Uguru (Priest in Residence)
Father Federico Dundas SOCSJ (University Chaplain) fdundas@socsj.org

Parish Secretary: Margaret-Mary Higgins Working Hours: Tue-Thurs 10.00am - 3.00pm.

Baptisms: To register your child for baptism, email admin.stmarystirling@staned.org.uk. Baptism preparation courses will be held once every three months. Baptisms will take place on Saturday or Sunday, by arrangement.

Marriages: Couples resident in the parish should contact the office at least six months prior to their proposed wedding to discuss the required preparations.

Hospital Chaplains: Canon Pat Boylan is the co-ordinating chaplain for the Forth Valley Royal Hospital. He can be contacted on 01324 823310 or 07731 763 228.

Please submit items for the Newsletter by Wednesday 12.00 Noon. To add a name to the Prayer List or the Book of Remembrance please pass completed forms to the Parish Office.

The call of Abram, the father of the People of God.

In those days: The Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonours you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him

**Responsorial Psalm
22. R5b**

Ps 33(32):4-5. 18-19. 20,

May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord

Second reading

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

God calls and enlightens us.

Beloved: We share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling not because of our works, but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

'His face shone like the sun.'

At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.' When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Rise, and have no fear.' And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one, but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, 'Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.'

PARISH NOTICES

May the choirs of Angels come to greet you; may they speed you to paradise



Of your charity, please pray for the soul of Ann O'Neill, Noel Scully, Margaret Rose Gordon, Catherine McGuire, and Anna Costantini who died recently.

Paschaline Uzoma Uguru

Of your charity, please also remember in your prayers Paschaline Uzoma Uguru, a sister of Fr Philip, who died recently following complications from childbirth. Fr Philip will return home later this month for her funeral. Please keep Fr Philip and his family in your prayers at this time.

Sunday Collection

The collection combined over the three churches on 22nd February was £1402.50. The weekly donations via Standing Orders: £1200. Thank you for your generosity! Also, if more convenient you can donate using this QR Code for online contactless payment to the Church - a copy of which is also on each Church Noticeboard.



Please pray for the sick and the housebound of the Parish

Please continue to remember in your prayers the members of the parish who are sick and housebound and so unable to join us for the celebration of the Eucharist: Bobby Brown, Anthony Stafford. If you know of someone who cannot make it to Mass due to sickness, please complete the new form required which you will find at the back of each Church or contact the Parish Office. **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. **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 to arrange this for you.

Lenten Mission in St Margaret's

Fr Federico, Christopher, and John are undertaking a Lenten mission of outreach in the Raploch. They will be inviting those who they visit to participate in Holy Mass as well as offering the opportunity for a home blessing. In this season they will also be visiting the sick and the housebound, ensuring that they remain connected to the life of the Church. Speak to Father Federico or one of the seminarians to sign up for a home visit or blessing and to leave their contact details

Children's Liturgy at St Margaret's

The dates for Children Liturgy during 11.30am Sunday Mass are: 1st March, 29th March (Palm Sunday), 26th April, 3rd May, 24th May, 14th June and Sunday 21st June.

Mass during Lent

Lent is a sacred season of prayer, reflection, and renewal as we journey towards the Paschal Triduum. From 19th February, a new Mass schedule will run throughout Lent, offering additional opportunities to pray, attend Mass, and participate in parish devotions. **See the posters displayed in each Church.** We encourage everyone to use this time to draw closer to Christ, deepen their faith, and prepare their hearts for the great mysteries of Easter.

Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting takes place on Saturday 7th March at 10.30am. If you are planning to join, please register with the Parish Office and we will send you log on details (Note: this an online meeting).

St Marys Parish SSVP Lunch Club

The first Lunch club of 2026 will take place on 13th March in St Margarets Hall. Please be ready to start by 1200. Please indicate on the list at the back of each church if you would like to attend, if you have any dietary requirements or if you require a lift. We look forward to seeing you there.

Volunteering in the Parish

Our parish community is built up through the generous service of volunteers who give their time, skills and show their care for others. There are many ways to get involved, from assisting before and at Mass, helping with children's liturgy and music, welcoming people at our churches, supporting parish events and social activities, helping with church flowers or cleaning, and offering practical or pastoral support to those who are elderly, housebound or unwell through visiting, companionship or practical assistance, as seen through groups such as the SSVP. There are also opportunities to contribute your experience and expertise through involvement in the Finance Committee or Fabric Committee, helping to support the good stewardship of parish resources and the care of our buildings for future generations. This list is not exhaustive, and every contribution – whether regular or occasional – plays a vital part in sustaining parish life. More suggestions are on the noticeboards in each church. If you feel able to offer your help, or would simply like to find out more, please get in touch with the parish office, and we will be glad to help you find a role that suits you!

SCIAF Wee Box Appeal - Lent 2026

As ever during the season of Lent, we are encouraged to support the SCIAF Wee Box Appeal. This year the appeal is aimed at helping communities in Ethiopia with the basic need of clean water. Wee Boxes are available in our churches – please take one home and fill it during Lent with all the loose change from those things that you've given up, your support will help support communities who currently have to walk great distances to access water. Your generosity is a powerful expression of Lenten almsgiving and solidarity with those in need.

Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 31st March at 7.00pm in St Mary's Catholic Cathedral, Edinburgh. At this beautiful and significant liturgy, the holy oils used in the Sacraments throughout the year are blessed, and priests renew their promises, expressing the unity of the Church gathered around her Bishop.

A bus will run from the parish to enable us to take part in this special diocesan celebration. If you would like to travel by bus, please register with the parish office by Friday 13th March.

Holy Spirit Church Piety Stall

The piety stall in Holy Spirit is now reopened thanks to the hard work of Margaret and Maria. There is a range of Easter Cards and other items now in stock - please feel free to browse.

OTHER NOTICES

Campaign Against Assisted Dying

In a few days the final vote on the Assisted Dying Bill will take place in the Scottish Parliament. Last week's letter signing realised over 300 letters for our elected officials, there is still time to add to that though, by signing a letter to ask Eileen Tweed and Alexander Stewart to change their position and vote against the Bill. Letters are available at the back of all churches and on the Parish website. Next week, these letters will be hand delivered to the MSP's offices. Please also see Pastoral Letter from the Bishop's Conference of Scotland posted on the Parish Website.

40 Days for Lenten Vigil 2026

Why not join for ONE Hour of prayer per week between 08.00 and 20.00 from Ash Wednesday 18th February to Palm Sunday 29th March. The Vigil location is on Shieldhall Road Glasgow close to the traffic lights (out with the buffer zone). To arrange a time to join us or for further information, please contact ogilvie1615@outlook.com or Stuart Young on 07583248866.

What's Happening at Mass

Mass is the climax of Catholic life. Join the Archdiocese's Catechetics Commission to explore what we are ultimately doing with God at Holy Mass. takes place at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on Saturday 14 March, from 9:30am-4:00pm. Register: bit.ly/archmass