

# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH, STIRLING

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh



**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**  
Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026

STIRLING

## Christ is risen Alleluia Alleluia

Day	Time	Church	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Saturday, 4 <sup>th</sup> April	8.00pm	St Mary's	Easter Vigil	The People of the Parish
Sunday, 5 <sup>th</sup> April	9.00am	Holy Spirit	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	Carol Ogilvie (RIP)
	10.15am	St Mary's		Anne Black 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration
	11.30am	St Margaret's		May Dowd
Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am	St Mary's	Easter Octave	Catherine McGuire (RIP)
Tuesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> April	10:00am	Holy Spirit		Anna Costantini (RIP)
Wednesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> April	10:00am	St Margaret's		Nannie Kearney (RIP)
Thursday, 9 <sup>th</sup> April	10:00am	St Mary's		Paddy & Sheila Roache
Friday, 10 <sup>th</sup> April	10:00am	St Mary's		Funeral: Margaret McGregor
Saturday, 11 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am	St Mary's		Nannie Kearney (RIP)
Sunday, 12 <sup>th</sup> April	5.30pm (Vigil)	St Mary's		Second Sunday of Easter
	9.00am	Holy Spirit	Alan Rennie (RIP)	
	10.15am	St Mary's	The People of the Parish	
	11.30am	St Margaret's	Thomas & Anne McKenna	
	5.50pm	St Margaret's	Joanna Louise Thatcher (RIP)	
Confessions:	9.30am-9.50am - Monday to Friday 10.30am-12 Noon - Saturday 4.45-5.20pm - Saturday			
Exposition	5.00pm - 6.00pm - Monday & Wednesday 10.30 - 12 Noon (with Benediction) Saturday			

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**Parish Clergy:** Father Robert Taylor (Administrator) [FrRobert.Taylor@staned.org.uk](mailto:FrRobert.Taylor@staned.org.uk)  
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**Parish Secretary:** Margaret-Mary Higgins Working Hours: Tue-Thurs 10.00am - 3.00pm.

Please note that this week the Parish office will be closed.

**Baptisms:** To register your child for baptism, email [admin.stmarystirling@staned.org.uk](mailto: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.

**'We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.'**

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: 'You yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and caused him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118(117):1-2. 16-17. 22-23. **R24**

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad. or: Alleluia

Second reading

Colossians 3:1-4

**'Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.'**

Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Gospel

Matthew 28:1-

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**'He has risen and he is going before you to Galilee.'**

After the Sabbath, towards the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.' So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.'

# PARISH NOTICES

## Easter Message

Christ is risen, alleluia! In the joy of Easter, we celebrate the victory of life over death and the hope that the Risen Lord brings to our world. The Resurrection calls each of us to share this Good News in our daily lives, living with faith, courage and love. This joy is made all the greater as we warmly congratulate those who have been received into the Church this Easter – a beautiful witness to faith renewed and embraced. I'd like to thank, on behalf of us all, those who have accompanied them on their journey in recent months. I'd also like to express my heartfelt thanks to all who have contributed to making Lent, the Sacred Triduum and Easter such a spiritually rich and prayerful time in our parish. In a particular way, I thank Fr Federico, Fr Philip and Fr Patrick for their generous support of the Lenten programme. I am deeply grateful also to the many volunteers across our three churches who have prepared our liturgies, cared for and beautified our buildings, and given so freely of their time and gifts. In all of this, we see the Body of Christ at work, united in proclaiming the Good News of the Resurrection. At this most important time in our life of faith, my prayer is for our parish - that the great mysteries we have celebrated will continue to inspire us – as Catholics in this city, rooted in faith – to pray for one another, to love and serve one another, and to witness to Christ both here and throughout the world. May we always hear and be encouraged by the words of the Risen Lord on that first Easter morning: “Do not be afraid” (Mt 28:10)

Fr Robert

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



Of your charity, please pray for the souls of Margaret McGregor, Sheila Elizabeth Kelly and Patrick Lennon who have died recently. May all the faithful departed rest in peace.

## Sunday Collection

The collection combined over the three churches on 29<sup>th</sup> March was £2585. 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, Jeannette Simpson, Carolanne Quinn & Ruby Quinn, Irene Bett & Mary Bett, Bennie Tortolano (*Torbrex*). 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.

## Children's Liturgy

The dates for Children Liturgy during 11.30am Sunday Mass at St Margaret's are: 26th April, 3rd May, 24th May, 14th June and Sunday 21st June.

## Children's Catechism Classes

The catechism classes for those children not at Catholic schools are now on holiday and will start again on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April.

## Parish Prayer Network

Looking to improve your prayer life this Easter? Can you pray one decade of the Rosary in your own home every day from Monday to Friday? If so, join us in spirit and faith via WhatsApp. We are a small group from Holy Spirit, St Margaret's, and St Mary's praying for those who request prayer. You're warmly welcome to join us as we pray together during this sacred season. For more information Text 07503342275

## Weekday Mass Schedule from 13<sup>th</sup> April

Monday	St Mary's Mass 10.00am St Margaret's Mass 7.00pm (preceded with Adoration and Confession 6.00pm)
Tuesday	Holy Spirit 10.00am Mass (preceded with Adoration and Confession 9.00am)
Wednesday	St Mary's Mass 10.00am Holy Spirit 7.00pm Mass (preceded with Adoration and Confession 6.00pm)
Thursday	St Mary's St Mary's Mass 10.00am
Friday	St Margaret's Mass 10.00am
Saturday	St Mary's Mass 10.00am followed by Adoration Confessions and Benediction at 12 Noon

### St Marys Parish 500 Club - Congratulations to our winners.

January 2026: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £202.50 Clare Welsh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £101.25 Norrie MacEwan, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £33.75 Carla Wilson  
February 2026: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £202.50 Mary Evans 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize 101.25 Ellen Dickson 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £33.75 Derek Gavin

### SSVP Lunch Club

The next St Mary's Parish SSVP Lunch Club will be on Friday 10th April 12 Noon at St Margaret's Church Hall. Please indicate on the lists at the back of each church if you wish to attend and if you have any dietary requirements or need a lift.

### Volunteers Still Needed

Our parish continues to rely on the generosity of volunteers in so many aspects of its life. If you are able to give some of your time – even in a small way – please consider coming forward to help. Your support makes a real difference in building up our parish community. Please contact the parish office for more information.

### Altar Laundry at Holy Spirit

Many thanks to Helen Millar who, after many years, has retired from doing the altar laundry at Holy Spirit. We are very grateful to Helen for her dedicated service over the years. We do however now need someone to take this on. If you are able to offer your services please contact the parish office. Many thanks!

### Youth Group

The Youth Group will return after Easter at St Margaret's Church Hall on Drip Road. The new group will be open to Primary 4 to 7 and will meet every fortnight between 5.30 and 7pm. There'll be loads of activities, a chance to meet new people and old friends and learn something about the faith all in fun environment. More details to follow, keep an eye on the noticeboards for posters with full registration details. A reminder for those attending the youth group that there is a one-off registration fee of £2 per person at the first meeting on 22nd April. Please also bring 50p for tuck shop spending money each week. Unfortunately, no credit can be extended!

### Parish Social Events – Your Ideas Welcome

As well as our shared celebration of the faith, we are a community that is made for relationship and part of that is built on social events. With the hopefully brighter, longer days upon us, it seems a good time to think of ways to strengthen our parish community through social gatherings and events - which also have the added benefit of supporting the work of the parish. If you have an idea for a social or fundraising event and would be willing to help explore how it might take shape, I would be delighted to hear from you. Please email [admin.stmarystirling@staned.org.uk](mailto:admin.stmarystirling@staned.org.uk).

## OTHER NOTICES

### Save the Date – St Margaret's Pilgrimage

Please save the date for the St Margaret's Pilgrimage in Dunfermline on 14th June 2026. Archbishop Cusley will lead the procession and celebrate Mass in St Margaret's, Dunfermline. A bus will run from Stirling – please keep an eye out for further details