

# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH, STIRLING

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh

2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER  
Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026



STIRLING

Day	Time	Church	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday, 12 <sup>th</sup> April	5.30pm (Vigil)	St Mary's	Second Sunday of Easter	Giuseppe Lai (RIP)
	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
Monday, 13 <sup>th</sup> April	5.30pm	St Margaret's		Joanna Louise Thatcher (RIP)
	10.00am	St Mary's		Martin Dickson (RIP)
Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> April	7.00pm	St Margaret's		The Holy Souls
	10.00am	Holy Spirit		Mary McGarrity (RIP)
Wed, 15 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am	St Mary's		Tom Young (RIP)
	7.00pm	Holy Spirit		Paschaline Uzoma Uguuru and her baby (RIP)
Thursday, 16 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am	St Mary's		Gerry McCulloch (RIP)
Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am	St Margaret's		Frank and Bridget Kerr (RIP)
Saturday, 18 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am	St Mary's	Dedication of the Cathedral Anne Kearney (RIP)	
Sunday, 19 <sup>th</sup> April	5.30pm (Vigil)	St Mary's	Third Sunday of Easter	David Kerr (RIP) and Hugh Garvin (RIP)
	9.00am	Holy Spirit		The Flaherty Family (RIP)
	10.15am	St Mary's		John Flynn
	11.30am	St Margaret's		Lily & Tommy Nevin (RIP)
	5.50pm	St Margaret's		The People of the Parish
Confessions:	Before every weekday Mass 10.30am-12 Noon - Saturday 4.45-5.20pm - Saturday			
Exposition	6.00pm - 7.00pm - Monday & Wednesday 9.00am - 10.00am Tuesday 10.30 - 12 Noon (with Benediction) Saturday			
St Mary's Church is open Monday to Saturday from 9am for private prayer				

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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.

**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.

**‘All who believed were together and had all things in common.’**

The believers devoted themselves to the Apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the Apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the Temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they shared their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118(117):2-4. 13-15b. 22-24. **R1**

Give praise to the Lord, for he is good,  
his mercy endures for ever.

or: Alleluia.

Second reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

**‘He has caused us to be born again to a living hope  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.’**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith – more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire – may be found to result in praise and glory and honour at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel

John 20:19-31

**Eight days later, Jesus came.**

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.’ And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.’

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.’

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.’ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.’

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

# PARISH NOTICES

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 whose Month's Mind we celebrate this week. May all the faithful departed rest in peace.

## Sunday Collection

The collection combined over the three churches on 5<sup>th</sup> April was £2482. 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. **REMINDER:** Return your SCIAF *Wee Boxes* ASAP so we can return all monies to SCIAF. Thank you!



## 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*), Margaret O'Rourke. 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.

## New Mass Schedule

Our new Mass schedule is now in place: 10.00am Monday to Friday, with evening Mass at 7.00pm on Monday and Wednesday, and 10.00am on Saturday, followed by Adoration and Confessions. These regular opportunities are a great support for our prayer and spiritual life. Please see the newsletter for full details of times for Adoration and Confession, and remember that St Mary's is open daily from 9.00am for private prayer. Do consider making time to come before the Lord, especially during the week.

## Children's Liturgy & Catechism Classes

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. Meanwhile, 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 at St Margaret's Church Hall.

## Parish Prayer Network

The Parish Prayer Network exists to remember the intentions of parishioners in Stirling. Perhaps you are experiencing a tough time just now, are a High School pupil preparing for exams or maybe you have experienced real grace and joy recently and want help in giving thanks for that. The network will begin praying right away, just place your requests in the white box at the back of any of the churches and be assured that the network will remember those intentions for the coming month.

## SSVP Coffee and Cake Afternoon

The SSVP Coffee and Cake afternoon will take place on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 2.00pm in St Margaret's Church Hall. Anyone requiring transport please contact a member of SSVP.

## 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. One urgent need we have, is for someone to help with the altar linens at Holy Spirit. If you can take this on, either on your own or with a group, 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 & Fundraising – Your Ideas Welcome

We are keen to continue building up the social life of our parish through gatherings and events that bring us together in faith and friendship, while also supporting important parish projects. These might include the redecoration of St Margaret's Church, the building fund for St Mary's, and the Holy Spirit garden appeal. If you have an idea for a social or fundraising event and would be willing to help develop it, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please email [admin.stmarystirling@staned.org.uk](mailto:admin.stmarystirling@staned.org.uk) – your contribution could make a real difference to the life and future of our parish.

## Update from Parish Finance Committee

Regular giving through standing orders and Gift Aid Envelopes is what keeps our Parish running. Thank you to everyone who already gives this way – your support really makes a difference. As costs have risen across the board in recent years (especially heating, electricity, and insurance), we kindly ask everyone to review their contribution and consider any changes possible. Whilst always remembering to give what you can afford. We are also moving all contributions to our RBS account.

If you are setting up a new standing order, or updating an existing one, please use the RBS details: Sort Code: **83-27-09** Account No: **00170956**. If you currently give to a BoS account can we ask you to please look into moving that arrangement to the RBS account. Paper Copies of the new Standing Order Forms are available at the back of the church. If your standing order currently goes to BoS, please remember to cancel it once the new one is set up. Another great way to supplement what you give, is if you are a UK taxpayer by completing a Gift Aid form you can increase your donation by **25% at no extra cost**. Copies of Gift Aid Forms are also available at the back of the church.

**Please Note: These changes do not affect the 500 Club Standing Orders, there will be more information on that arrangement later in the year**

## Church Cleaning St Mary's Monday 13th April

The bi-weekly cleaning of St Mary's will take place on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April, following 10am Mass. As a result, please note that there will be no public Rosary after Mass on Monday.

## Supporting St Modan's Pantry

Collection points are available in all three churches for St Modan's Pantry, based in St Modan's High School, which supports pupils and families in our local community who are in need of some extra help. The pantry provides essential food and household items in a practical way to those who need it. Donations of non-perishable food and basic household goods are always appreciated and go directly to those who need them most. Check the posters in all churches to give you more details on exactly what the pantry takes in donations. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

## SPUC

SPUC holds Campaign Meetings around the UK to spread the pro-life message. In these meetings, we focus on current SPUC campaigns, including the ongoing fight to oppose abortion decriminalisation. We are delighted to let you know that there will be a Campaign Meeting for SPUC supporters in **St Margaret's Hall on Friday 17th April at 7pm**. Although we were encouraged by the defeat of the Assisted Suicide Bill in Holyrood there is still much work to be done in this fight! To find out more about what comes next, please join us.