

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH, STIRLING

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER
Sunday, 19th April 2026



STIRLING

Day	Time	Church	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday, 19 th 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
	10.15am	St Mary's		John Flynn
	11.30am	St Margaret's		Lily & Tommy Nevin (RIP)
Monday, 20 th April	5.30pm	St Margaret's		The People of the Parish
	10.00am	St Mary's		McKenna & Malley Families Deceased (RIP)
Tuesday, 21 st April	7.00pm	St Margaret's		David Welsh (RIP)
	10.00am	Holy Spirit		Thomas Gardiner (RIP)
Wed, 22 nd April	10.00am	St Mary's		Jimmy Walker (RIP)
	7.00pm	Holy Spirit		Duncan Sr. & Helen & Duncan Paterson (RIP)
Thursday, 23 rd April	10.00am	St Mary's	St George	Christine Barrett (RIP)
Friday, 24 th April	08.00 am	St Modan's		Holy Souls
	10.00am	St Margaret's		Martin Dickson (RIP)
Saturday, 25 th April	10.00am	St Mary's	St. Mark	Anna Costantini (RIP)
Sunday, 26 th April	5.30pm (Vigil)	St Mary's	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Teresa Addison - Birthday Gift
	9.00am	Holy Spirit		Owen & Jenny Finn (RIP)
	10.15am	St Mary's		The People of the Parish
	11.30am	St Margaret's		Paschaline Uzoma Uguru (RIP)
	5.30pm	St Margaret's		Evelyn Lucy Murray
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 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, the next one will be **June 6th**. Please register with the parish office. 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.

It was not possible for him to be held by death

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst – as you yourselves know – this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

'For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

'Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this which you yourselves are seeing and hearing.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 16(15):1-2a, 5. 7-8. 9-10. 11. **℟1**

O Lord, you will show me the path of life.

Second reading

1 Peter 1:17-21

You were ransomed with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish.

Beloved: If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

He was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

On the first day of the week, two of the disciples of Jesus were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognising him. And he said to them, 'What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?' And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?' And he said to them, 'What things?' And they said to him, 'Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.' And he said to them, 'O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?' And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going further, but they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, for it is towards evening and the day is now far spent.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognised him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?' And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the Eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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 **George Tortolano** who died recently. May he rest in peace.
George's funeral takes place on Wednesday 29th April 10am Mass in St Mary's and
he will be received into the Church Tuesday 28th at 5.00pm

Sunday Collection

The collection combined over the three churches on 12th April was £1176. 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! There will be a **Special Collection next Sunday 26th April** for the Ecclesiastical Students Fund.



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 29th and Thursday 30th April at St Margaret's Church Hall.

Parish Prayer Network

We are a small group from Holy Spirit, St Margaret's, and St Mary's praying daily from our own homes for those in the parish who request prayer. You're warmly welcome to join us. For more information on how to do so, Text 07503342275 and we will get back to you.

Parking at Our Churches

A reminder to please be considerate when parking at our churches, especially at St Mary's and St Margaret's. Disabled spaces should be kept free for those who need them, and access points – including the road to the upper car park, beside the shrine to Our Lady at St Mary's and the hall side at St Margaret's – must be kept clear at all times. Thank you for your cooperation.

Knights of Saint Columba - Coffee Morning

The Knights of Saint Columba invite you to a coffee morning on April 25th at St Margaret's Church Hall, from 10am till 2pm. All welcome, entry £3, children £1, under 5 free.

Our Churches - Places of Prayer

A gentle reminder and request, of the importance of maintaining a prayerful silence in our churches before and after Mass. It is easy to fall into conversation, particularly when gathering indoors, but our churches are first and foremost the House of God, a place of prayer and encounter with the Lord. Please be mindful of those who are praying, and kindly move conversations to the porch or halls where possible.

Irish Night - Tickets Available Soon

Tickets for our Night of Irish Music and Culture in St Margaret's Hall will be on sale from next weekend (24th/25th April). The event takes place on 22nd May at 7.00pm, and tickets are limited – so do be sure to get yours early! All proceeds will go towards the redecoration of St Margaret's Church. More information next week, or on the posters in each church.

St Margaret's Redecoration - Have Your Say

As part of the planned redecoration of St Margaret's Church, parishioners are invited to share their views. Three proposed options are now on display, and you are encouraged to indicate your preferred choice. The images can be viewed on the noticeboard in the porch at St Margaret's over the next four weeks.

SSVP Coffee and Cake Afternoon

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

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 - for example - 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 – 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

SPUC's Annual Edinburgh Pro-life Chain

SPUC's annual Edinburgh Pro-life Chain will take place on Saturday 25th April from 11am to 1pm, on Lothian Road, Edinburgh. Since the late 60's almost 11 million unborn children have been killed in the UK. We cannot be silent about this and so with legislation concerning the stage of abortion being debated, please make the time to we stand up for Life.