

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH, STIRLING

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh

7th SUNDAY OF EASTER
Sunday 17th May 2026



Day	Time	Church	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday, 17 th May	5.30pm (Vigil)	St Mary's	Seventh Sunday of Easter	Helen O'Neil (RIP)
	9.00am	Holy Spirit		David Forrest (RIP)
	10.15am	St Mary's		Thomas Gardiner (RIP)
	11.30am	St Margaret's		Danny McGregor (RIP)
	5.30pm	St Margaret's		The People of the Parish
Monday, 18 th May	10.00am	St Mary's	St John I, Pope, Martyr	Patrizia Ballabro (RIP)
	7.00pm	St Margaret's		Mark & Stephen Lahbib (RIP)
Tuesday, 19 th May	10.00am	Holy Spirit	St Bernardine of Siena	Dennis Wilton (RIP)
Wed, 20 th May	10.00am	St Mary's		Bridie & Tom Young (RIP)
	7.00pm	Holy Spirit		The Holy Souls
Thursday, 21 th May	10.00am	St Mary's	St Rita of Cascia	Cyril Jane Lejista (RIP)
Friday, 22 nd May	08.00 am	St Modan's		Joanna Louise Thatcher
Saturday, 23 rd May	10.00am	St Margaret's	SOLEMNITY: Pentecost	Nadia Aoun (RIP)
	10.00am	St Mary's		Hugh and James Doherty
Sunday, 24 th May	5.30pm (Vigil)	St Mary's		Victor Begley (RIP)
	9.00am	Holy Spirit		Michael Preston (RIP)
	10.15am	St Mary's		Ugochi Ochugbua & Talia Christabel Ibegwan
	11.30am	St Margaret's	Christopher Mitchell (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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The Parish Office can be contacted on 01786 473749 or admin.stmarystirling@staned.org.uk

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Whilst we recruit a new Parish Secretary the office may not be manned during the day. Please do call and leave a voicemail or e-mail and someone will reply in due course. Many thanks for your understanding in this time.

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.

‘All with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer.’

After Jesus was taken up into heaven the Apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers and sisters.

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 27(26): 1-4. 7-8a. R13**

I believe I shall see the Lord’s goodness in the land of the living.

Second reading**1 Peter 4: 13-16**

‘If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed’

Beloved: Rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evildoer, or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

Gospel**John 17: 1-11a**

‘Father, glorify your Son.’

At that time: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, ‘Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

‘I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.’

PARISH NOTICES

Sunday Collection

The collection combined over the three churches on 10th May was £1083.50. The weekly donations via Standing Orders: £1200. Thank you for your continued 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:** If you have not yet returned your SCIAF Wee Boxes, you can make payments direct to the charity itself, details are found on the boxes or via the website, sciaf.org.uk.



Communications Sunday

There will be a special collection for the apostolate of communications this weekend. Your donation supports the work of the Office of Communications and Evangelisation, led by Bishop Frank Dougan from the Diocese of Galloway. Your support will help to fund initiatives that amplify the Gospel and strengthen the Church's voice in Scotland and in the digital sphere.

Supporting Parish Life

Social events and gatherings are an important part of the life of any parish community. They bring people together in friendship and faith, strengthen the bonds between us, and help create a welcoming and vibrant parish family. They also provide valuable support for important parish projects and initiatives across our three churches. The social life of the parish must continue to develop through events and gatherings which support projects such as the redecoration of St Margaret's Church, the St Mary's building fund, and the Holy Spirit garden appeal. If you have an idea for a social or fundraising event – or would be willing to help organise or support one – we would be very pleased to hear from you. On a similar note, the continued life and mission of the parish depends greatly upon the generosity of volunteers. There remains a real need for people willing to offer their time and talents in practical, liturgical and pastoral roles across the parish. Posters in our churches outline some of the areas where help is currently needed, and we encourage parishioners to consider whether they may be able to become involved. If you would like to help in any way, or would like to discuss an idea, please contact admin.stmarystirling@staned.org.uk. Your support makes a real difference to the strength and future of our parish community.

Parish Finance Committee Appeal

Following on from last Sunday's Appeal from the Parish Finance Committee we kindly ask everyone to review their contribution and consider any changes possible, whilst always remembering to give what you can afford. Our costs have risen significantly over the last few years especially heating, electricity, and insurance. We are very grateful to everyone who supports the Parish in this way. Remember when setting up a new standing order, or updating an existing one, please use the RBS details: Sort Code: **83-27-09** Account No: **00170956** as we need to move to the RBS account (and away from the BoS account). If your standing order currently goes to BoS, please remember to cancel it once the new one is set up. Also if you are not already signed up to Gift Aid and are a UK tax payer please complete a Gift Aid Form and return it to the parish office. **This is hugely important and gives us an additional 25% at no additional cost to you.** Copies of Standing Order and Gift Aid Forms are 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.

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.

Rosary in the Month of May

Throughout May, the Rosary will be prayed at St Mary's at 9.30am before Mass on the livestream for those who are sick and housebound to join. All are warmly invited to take part in this time of prayer, especially during May, the month dedicated to Our Lady. The Wednesday Rosary will continue beyond the Marian month as a regular part of our parish prayer. Please do consider making this a part of your week – a simple and beautiful way to honour Our Lady, Patron of our Parish, and to place your intentions before the Lord.

Weekday Coffee Mornings

In addition to gathering at the altar for the Eucharist, we are also a family which cherishes opportunities to meet socially too. If you are at a weekday Mass why not join us for tea and coffee after Mass: on Tuesdays in the Upper Room at Holy Spirit, and on Wednesdays after the 10am Mass at St Mary's. All are most welcome.

St Mary's Primary School, Bannockburn

This week St. Mary's Primary, Bannockburn will be celebrating their 90th Anniversary at its current location. There will be 2 open evenings for former pupils, family, friends and staff to visit the school on **Wednesday 20th May** and **Thursday 21st** between the hours of **6pm and 8pm**. Any photographs you would like to scan and share can be emailed to the school office (**Email address: stmarybps@stirling.gov.uk**) or handed in personally for display prior to the events taking place. Please label, name and identify who, what, where and when these photographs were taken. We look forward to seeing you at the school.

Parish Youth Group

The Youth Group is back at St Margaret's Church Hall on Drip Road this Wednesday evening. The group is open for Primary 4 to 7 and meets every fortnight between 5.30 and 7pm until the school holidays begin. 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. If you are coming for the first time, please register via the QR Code on the posters in each church. If you are attending the youth group for the first time, there is also one-off registration fee of £2 per person. Please don't forget your 50p for tuck shop spending money each week. Unfortunately, no credit can be extended!

Tickets are selling fast!

The remaining tickets are on sale for the upcoming Irish Night (Friday 22nd May at St Margaret's Church Hall) The event of Irish Music and Culture starts at 7.00pm. Tickets - including supper - cost £20. The following weekend, on Saturday 30th May, there is a Parish Bingo and Afternoon Tea in the Hall at St Margaret's. Join us for an afternoon tea, bingo games, and a raffle with great prizes. Entry £2 for adults and £1 for children.

Upcoming Pilgrimages & Parish Outings

The closing dates are fast approaching for the various outings and pilgrimages next month. These include the Corpus Christi Procession in Galashiels, St Margaret's Pilgrimage in Dunfermline (more details included below with timings). As well as the Parish outing to Carfin Grotto on the 27th June. Please ensure that you have registered, by signing up on the sheets that can be found at the back of each church in the parish by this weekend. More information will be given in upcoming newsletters about departure times and pick up points.

Corpus Christi Procession

The Archdiocesan Corpus Christi procession, led by Archbishop Cushley, will take place from Our Lady & St Andrew's, Stirling Street, Galashiels, at 3:00pm on Sunday 7 June 2026. Afterwards there will be Benediction in the Church followed by refreshments in the presbytery garden. This annual event is a beautiful, public celebration of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. All welcome.

St Margaret Pilgrimage

This annual national Catholic event takes place on Sunday 14 June in Dunfermline. Schedule: 12:00pm Angelus at St Margaret's Cave; 1:00pm Prayer Service at St Margaret's tomb at Dunfermline Abbey; 2:00pm Procession from Glen Gates to St Margaret's Memorial Church, East Port; 3:00pm Mass at St Margaret's Memorial Church, celebrated by Archbishop Cushley.

Pentecost event for young adults

Join young adults from across the Archdiocese to celebrate Pentecost at St Andrew's Church, 77 Belford Road, Edinburgh, EH4 3DP, on Saturday 23 May, beginning at 4:00pm. There will be a talk from Fr Daniel Magaji, Eucharistic Adoration & opportunity for Confession, Holy Mass celebrated by Archbishop Cushley and a barbecue. Organised by the Archdiocese along with the young adult ministries at Edinburgh Jesuit Church, St Mary's Cathedral and St Albert's Chaplaincy. Register at bit.ly/pentecost26. Come, Holy Spirit!

World Youth Day

"Experience the universal Church first-hand amidst the unique and vibrant story of Catholicism in South Korea. From remarkable saints, bustling markets and poignant shrines to Holy Mass with Pope Leo and sleeping under the stars. Come with us from our Archdiocese and discover, in a profound and personal way, God, the Church, and the transforming power of faith." - Archbishop Cushley. If you are aged 19-35 and want to find out about attending the World Youth Day in South Korea, 3-8 August 2027, please register your interest at youth.office@staned.org.uk.

Faith Summer Conference: 27-31 July 2026

This five-day Catholic youth conference for young people aged 16-30 will take place this summer at Ampleforth Abbey, near York. The annual summer conference draws young people from across the country to enjoy a programme of prayer, talks, catechesis, music, and social activities in the wonderful setting of the Abbey grounds. It is a popular event for many young Catholics and provides a valuable opportunity to deepen faith, build friendships, and share in the life of the Church. If you'd like more information, then visit faith.org.uk/events. Coach transport may be available on a first come, first served basis.