

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH, STIRLING

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh



PENTECOST
Sunday 24th May 2026

STIRLING

Day	Time	Church	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday, 24 th May	5.30pm (Vigil)	St Mary's	SOLEMNITY: Pentecost	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)
Monday, 25 th May	5.30pm	St Margaret's	Mary, Mother of the Church	The People of the Parish
	10.00am	St Mary's		Janet Heggie & Patricia Silcock (RIP)
	1.30pm	Our Lady's		For the School Intentions
Tuesday, 26 th May	7.00pm	St Margaret's	St Philip Neri	Margaret & Frank
	10.00am	Holy Spirit		George Tortolano (RIP)
Wed, 27 th May	10.00am	St Mary's	St Augustine of Canterbury	Kathleen Lawson (RIP)
	7.00pm	Holy Spirit		Annie, Matilda, Celina, Jacqueline, Mary & Thomas & Families
Thursday, 28 th May	10.00am	St Mary's	Pope St Paul VI	Special intention
Friday, 29 th May	08.00 am	St Modan's		The Holy Souls
	10.00am	St Margaret's		Daniel Flaherty
Saturday, 30 th May	10.00am	St Mary's		Andrew Lawson
Sunday, 31 st May	5.30pm (Vigil)	St Mary's	SOLEMNITY: Most Holy Trinity	Noel Flavin (RIP)
	9.00am	Holy Spirit		David Welsh (RIP)
	10.15am	St Mary's		Matilda, John, Tilly & Vincenzo
	11.30am	St Margaret's		The People of the Parish
	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 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.

‘They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.’

When the day of Pentecost arrived, the Apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians – we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 104(103):1ab, 24ac. 29b-30. 31, 34. *R.* cf. 30

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 12: 3b-7, 12-13

‘In one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.’

Brothers and Sisters: No one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except in the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptised into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

Please remain seated for the *Veni, Sanctae Spiritus* and then stand for the Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

John 20: 19-23

‘As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you Receive the Holy Spirit.’

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.’

PARISH NOTICES

Sunday Collection

The collection combined over the three churches on 17th May was £1791.50. 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. Thank you for your generosity in the annual Lenten appeal by SCIAF, we raised £982.50 this year. Last week's Communications Sunday collection totalled £849. Thank you!



Solemnity of Pentecost

This Sunday the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Pentecost, marking the end of the Easter Season and commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. Often called the “birthday of the Church”, Pentecost reminds us that the same Holy Spirit continues to guide, strengthen and sanctify the Church today. With the conclusion of the Easter Season, the Church returns to Ordinary Time. Although the great feasts of Easter have ended, Ordinary Time is far from “ordinary” in the everyday sense – it is the season in which we continue to grow in holiness through the steady rhythm of Christian life, prayer and discipleship. From Pentecost, the Marian antiphon also changes from the Regina Caeli to the Salve Regina, reflecting the changing season of the Church's prayer. May the Holy Spirit renew His gifts within us and strengthen us in faith and witness.

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

The continued life and mission of the parish depends greatly on your generosity and support. Regular giving helps meet the ongoing costs of ministry, maintenance and the day-to-day running of our three churches. Your continued support has been deeply encouraging. However, as was mentioned in the appeal from the Finance Committee, the cost of running the parish – like anything in life these days – is not getting any cheaper – and so please do take a moment to review your current standing order or planned giving arrangements and consider whether they are still up to date, bearing in mind the banking arrangements have changed to the Royal Bank of Scotland. If you are set up for the Bank of Scotland, please amend this as soon as possible. Even small changes can make a significant difference over time. If you are a UK taxpayer and not already enrolled in **Gift Aid**, please consider doing so – it increases the value of your donation by 25% at no additional cost to you. Standing Order and Gift Aid forms are available at the back of the churches. Anything that you can give is very much appreciated. Thank you for your ongoing generosity and support. **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 and John Mathieson. 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.

Presentation of the Our Father

As part of their preparation for First Holy Communion, the children of the parish will celebrate the Presentation of the Our Father during Mass this weekend. In this important moment on their sacramental journey, the children are entrusted once more with the prayer given to us by the Lord Himself, deepening their understanding of prayer and their relationship with God as our loving Father. Please continue to keep them and their families in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Eucharist for the first time on Saturday 6th June. Mass for the First Holy Communion will begin at 12.30pm.

Mass in Our Lady's Primary School on Monday

You are invited to join the school of Our Lady's, Raploch for the celebration of Mass for the memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church on Monday 25th May at 1.30pm in the Expressive Arts Hall. It would be wonderful to welcome members of the parish community to celebrate with the school. Refreshments will be available afterwards in the Hub.

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. Also, on Thursday morning after Mass at St Mary's, you are welcome to the Lourdes Coffee Morning, which raises funds to support the costs of the pilgrimage in July. All are most welcome. The next **SSVP Coffee & Cake afternoon** will take place on Friday 29th May at St Margaret's Church Hall from 2pm. All are welcome, if you require transport please speak to a member of the SSVP.

St Mary's Primary School, Bannockburn

Sincere thanks to everyone who supported the celebrations marking the 90th Anniversary of St Mary's Primary School, Bannockburn at its present site. In a particular way, thank you to all who attended the Mass celebrated by Archbishop Leo Cushley on Friday, giving thanks for the generations of pupils, families and staff who have passed through the school over the past ninety years. The school has played an important role in handing on the Catholic faith in the Bannockburn and Stirling area, helping young people to grow in faith, knowledge and service. We give thanks for all who have contributed to the life of the school through the years and pray for God's continued blessing upon its future.

Upcoming Pilgrimages & Parish Outings

The closing dates are fast approaching for the various outings and pilgrimages next month. These include the 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. For those travelling from Stirling, the bus will leave at 12:30pm from St Mary's. Payment of £10 per person is required to the Parish Office before departure please.

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.

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.