

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH, STIRLING

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh

MOST HOLY TRINITY
Sunday 31st May 2026



Day	Time	Church	Holy Day	Mass Intention
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
Monday, 1 st June	5.30pm	St Margaret's	St Justin, Martyr	Evelyn Lucy Murray
	10.00am	St Mary's		Andrew Lawson
Tuesday, 2 nd June	7.00pm	St Margaret's	St Charles Lwanga & Companions	Celina, Brendan, Eva-Kate & David Reilly
	10.00am	Holy Spirit		Patrick O'Donnell (RIP)
Wed, 3 rd June	10.00am	St Mary's	St Boniface	George Tortolano (RIP)
Thursday, 4 th June	7.00pm	Holy Spirit		Alec Paterson (RIP)
	10.00am	St Mary's		Mary Kathleen Robinson (RIP)
Friday, 5 th June	08.00 am	St Modan's		St Margaret's
Saturday, 6 th June	10.00am	St Mary's	Etta McGarrigle	
	Sunday, 7 th June	10.00am	St Mary's	George & Elizabeth Bell (RIP)
Sunday, 7 th June	5.30pm (Vigil)	St Mary's	SOLEMNITY: Corpus Christi	Billy Begley
	9.00am	Holy Spirit		John O'Donnell
	10.15am	St Mary's		The People of the Parish
	11.30am	St Margaret's		Helen MacDonald
5.30pm	St Margaret's	The Holy Souls		
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.

READINGS FOR MASS

First reading

Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

'The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious.'

In those days: Moses rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand two tablets of stone. The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, 'The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.'

And Moses quickly bowed his head towards the earth and worshipped. And he said, 'If now I have found favour in your sight, O Lord, please let the Lord go in the midst of us, for it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance.'

Responsorial Psalm

Dan 3:52. 53. 54. 55. 56. ~~57~~52b

The response to the psalm is repeated after every line, the response is:

To be praised and highly exalted for ever!

Second reading

2 Corinthians 13:11-14

'The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.'

Brothers and Sisters: Rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Gospel

John 3:16-18

'God sent his Son in order that the world might be saved through him.'

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

PARISH NOTICES

Sunday Collection

The collection combined over the three churches on 24th May was £1379.60. 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. Please remember that we have stopped collecting the wee boxes, if you still have yours you can return your collection directly to SCIAF following the details on the box.



Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

This Sunday the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, when we give thanks for the mystery of God revealed as Father, Son and Holy Spirit – three Persons in one God. While the Trinity is a mystery beyond our full understanding, it is not something distant from us; through Baptism we are drawn into the very life and love of God Himself. The feast reminds us that the Christian life is rooted in relationship: the love shared within the Trinity overflows into the life of the Church and into our own lives of prayer, charity and communion with one another. As we make the Sign of the Cross each day, may we do so with renewed faith and gratitude for the God who created us, redeemed us and remains with us always.

Next Saturday

On Saturday 6th June at 12.30pm, children from the parish will make their First Holy Communion. This is a beautiful celebration marking an important moment in the life of these young people, as they receive for the first time in the sacrament, the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. Please continue to pray for them, for their families and those who have helped prepare them for this important moment. The regular daily Mass will remain at 10am on Saturday morning with Adoration and Benediction concluding at 12 Noon, sharp.

Magnifica Humanitas

In his first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas* (“Magnificent Humanity”), Pope Leo XIV reflects on the challenges and opportunities presented by artificial intelligence in the modern world. Drawing upon Catholic social teaching, the Holy Father calls all people to ensure that technological progress always serves the dignity of the human person and the common good. The encyclical highlights the importance of safeguarding truth, justice, peace, and authentic human relationships in an increasingly digital age, while encouraging the responsible and ethical use of new technologies for the benefit of humanity. The full text of the encyclical may be read at the Vatican website and plenty of summaries are available now too.

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.

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 Rosary

The Rosary is prayed each Wednesday morning in St Mary’s before the 10.00am Mass. This led Rosary is an opportunity for parishioners to gather in prayer and devotion to Our Lady, entrusting our intentions, our parish and our families to her care. Those who are sick or housebound are also able to join from home via the livestream. In a busy world, coming together in prayer is an important part of the life of the parish. Why not consider setting aside this time each week to deepen your devotion to Our Lady and draw closer to Our Lord through this beautiful prayer of the Church.

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.

St. Mary's 500 Club

The April draw will be made this weekend after Mass at the Holy Spirit. The draw will be made in at the church door as people leave Mass.

SSVP Coffee & Cake Afternoon

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. Don't forget the regular teas and coffee following Mass in the Holy Spirit on Tuesday and St Mary's on Wednesday and Thursday. The coffee morning on Thursday is to support parishioners who wish to travel to Lourdes.

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 St Mary's at 12.30pm. 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. The coach to join the pilgrimage costs £10 per person, please make that payment to the Parish Office before departure date. The bus will leave from St Mary's at 11:00am.

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.

National Catholic Event

Join others from across Scotland at Glasgow Caledonian University on Saturday 6 June for Trust in God Still - a Celebration of the Catholic Church in Scotland. Whether involved in parish life, diocesan leadership, education, ministry or simply seeking to grow deeper in mission, this day is for you. Lunch is included on the day. Tickets £45: Register bit.ly/synodality26

New Catholic Retreat Day

Have you joined the Church in the last three years? On Saturday 20 June join other new Catholics at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Rd EH9 1BB for a day including Mass, short talks, testimony and time for prayer. Register your interest with Sr Miriam Ruth: smiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk

Mass for Married & Engaged Couples

Archbishop Cushley will celebrate Mass for Married and Engaged Couples at St Mary's Cathedral on Friday 19 June at 7:00pm with a reception afterwards in Coffee Saints. All welcome! Couples at every stage of married life are encouraged to attend, giving thanks for the vocation of marriage and praying for God's continued blessing.