

# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH, STIRLING

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh

**CORPUS CHRISTI**  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026



Day	Time	Church	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday, 7 <sup>th</sup> 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
Monday, 8 <sup>th</sup> June	5.30pm	St Margaret's	The Holy Souls	
	10.00am	St Mary's	George Tortolano (RIP)	
Tuesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> June	7.00pm	St Margaret's	Tom Young Junior	
	10.00am	Holy Spirit	St Columba, Abbot	
Wed, 10 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00am	St Mary's	St Ephraem, Deacon & Doctor	
	7.00pm	Holy Spirit	Noel Flavin (RIP)	
Thursday, 11 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00am	St Mary's	St Barnabas, Apostle	
	10.00am	St Margaret's	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	
Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup> June	08.30 am	St Modan's	Immaculate Heart of Mary	Evelyn Lucy Murray
	10.00am	St Margaret's		Osita Andy-Oji
Saturday, 13 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00am	St Mary's	11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time	Tony Meller (RIP)
	5.30pm (Vigil)	St Mary's		Kenneth Broadfoot (RIP)
Sunday, 14 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am	Holy Spirit		Alan Rennie (RIP)
	10.15am	St Mary's		George Tortolano (RIP)
	11.30am	St Margaret's		The People of the Parish
	5.30pm	St Margaret's		Joanna Louise Thatcher
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 Scott Deeley (Administrator) [FrScott.Deeley@staned.org.uk](mailto:FrScott.Deeley@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](mailto:admin.stmarystirling@staned.org.uk). Baptism preparation courses will be held once every three months, the next one will be in September. 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

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a

‘He fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know.’

Moses spoke to the people: You shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

Do not forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 147: 12-13. 14-15. 19-20. R12a*

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

*O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord!*

## Second reading

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

‘Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body.’

Brothers and Sisters: The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

## Gospel

John 6:51-58

‘My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.’

At that time: Jesus said to the Jews, ‘I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.’

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, ‘How can this man give us his flesh to eat?’

So Jesus said to them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live for ever.’

# PARISH NOTICES

## Sunday Collection

The collection combined over the three churches on 31<sup>st</sup> May was £1532. 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.



## Solemnity of Corpus Christi

This weekend the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, or Corpus Christi, a time to give thanks for the great gift of the Holy Eucharist – Christ truly present among us in His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. In the Eucharist, the Lord continues to feed His people, strengthen His Church and remain close to us in every age.

This feast is a special opportunity to renew our love for the Mass and our reverence for the Blessed Sacrament, recognising the Eucharist as the source and summit of the Christian life. As Catholics, we are called not only to receive Christ worthily in Holy Communion, but also to become what we receive, carrying His presence into the world through lives of faith, charity and service.

## June: The month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

The month of **June** is traditionally dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Following the month of May, which is devoted to Our Lady, the Church invites us to contemplate the Heart of Christ, burning with love for humanity. In the Sacred Heart we see God's mercy, compassion and faithful love revealed in its fullness. At a time when the world can often seem marked by division, indifference and uncertainty, devotion to the Sacred Heart reminds us of the need for hearts shaped by Christ's own love – hearts that are prayerful, generous, forgiving and attentive to the needs of others. During this month, perhaps consider spending some time before the Blessed Sacrament, praying that our hearts may become more like His. Remember, St Mary's is available for private prayer in the presence of Our Lord, Monday to Saturday from 9am and there are regular times for Eucharistic Adoration throughout the week.

## Message from Fr. Deeley

Dear Brothers and Sisters, following the Archbishop's message to you last weekend, I have been appointed as Administrator of the parish until August, when Fr Federico Dundas SJS from the St John Society is expected to be appointed as Parish Administrator. I am very grateful to Father Federico and the Society of St John who have so generously stepped in to provide a degree of continuity and to make sure that all the pastoral and liturgical needs of the parish are not interrupted in anyway. We are very blessed to have them among us. I know that some of you have already extended kind offers of help to them, which is encouraging. I am based at St Patrick's in Kilsyth but I hope to visit you from time to time. Father Federico will continue to look after the day-to-day matters in the parish. However, if you need to get in touch with me, please do so at [frscott.deeley@staned.org.uk](mailto:frscott.deeley@staned.org.uk). I have spoken with the Archbishop and it is clear that your parish is uppermost in his mind at this time. I know that many of you are saddened and confused by what has happened. However, it is in these moments of disappointment when we learn anew that we must fix our gaze increasingly and only on Christ, the Good Shepherd. With my prayerful good wishes, Father Scott Deeley.

## 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](mailto: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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### Parish outing - Cancellation

The Parish outing to Carfin Grotto which was planned for the 27<sup>th</sup> of June has now been cancelled.

### 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](http://faith.org.uk/events). Coach transport may be available on a first come, first served basis.

### 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](mailto: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.

### SSVP Lunch Club

The final Lunch Club, before our summer break, will take place at 12 noon on 12<sup>th</sup> June at St Margaret's Hall. Please indicate on the lists at the back of church if you require a lift or have any dietary requirements. We look forward to welcoming you.

### Bingo Afternoon Tea - Thank you

Margaret and Maria would like to thank everyone who came along to the Bingo Afternoon Tea event last Saturday. The final total raised was £500. Thanks also go to all who donated prizes and home baking.