

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH, STIRLING

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh

11th Sunday of the Year
Sunday 14th June 2026



Day	Time	Church	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday, 14 th June	5.30pm (Vigil)	St Mary's	11 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Kenneth Broadfoot (RIP)
	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
Monday, 15 th June	10.00am	St Mary's	All Saints of Scotland	Mary Ellen Purvis (RIP)
	7.00pm	St Margaret's		Tom Young who is ill
Tuesday, 16 th June	10.00am	Holy Spirit		Thanksgiving Mass for the Sacred Heart of Our Lady and St Jude
	10.00am	St Mary's		Rose Devine (RIP)
Wed, 17 th June	10.00am	Holy Spirit		Andrew & Linda Hethrington
	7.00pm	St Mary's		Janet Lamont
Thursday, 18 th June	10.00am	St Modan's		Holy Souls
Friday, 19 th June	08.30 am	St Margaret's		Rena Morrison
	10.00am	St Mary's		Mary Kerr (RIP)
Saturday, 20 th June	10.00am	St Mary's		Day for Life
Sunday, 21 st June	5.30pm (Vigil)	Holy Spirit	Robert Arthur (RIP)	
	9.00am	St Mary's	Anne & Lex Broadfoot (RIP)	
	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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Father Federico Dundas SOCSJ (University Chaplain) fdundas@socsj.org

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 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

Exodus 19:2-6a

‘You shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’

In those days: The people of Israel came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, while Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him out of the mountain, saying, ‘Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: “You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.” ’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 100(99):1-2. 3. 5. R3c

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Second reading

Romans 5:6-11

‘If we were reconciled by the death of the Son, much more shall we be saved by his life.’

Brothers and Sisters: While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die – but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Gospel

Matthew 9:36-10:8

‘Jesus called to him his twelve disciples and sent them out.’

At that time: When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.’

And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. The names of the twelve Apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, ‘Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And proclaim as you go, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.’

PARISH NOTICES

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 (*Torbrea*), 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.

Sunday Collection

The collection combined over the three churches on 7th June was £1401 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. There will be a second collection taken at all Masses next Sunday 21st June for Day for Life.



11th Sunday of Ordinary Time

The irruption of the Kingdom of Heaven is revealed in the saving mission of the Son of God. In the Gospel, Jesus calls the apostles and sends them forth to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Jesus reminds us that all of us are called to take an active part in the mission of the Church. Through our prayer, the witness of our lives, and our concrete cooperation in the Church's mission, we help the Lord to make His Kingdom grow in this world. We are all invited to this great adventure of sharing in Christ's mission of bringing salvation and new life to a world so deeply in need of it.

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. 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.

Parish Office

Starting this week, the parish office will be open during the usual hours, from Tuesday to Thursday, 10:00am to 3:00pm. We are very grateful for the generous assistance of a team of three parish volunteers who will be helping, at least provisionally, over the next two months during this transition.

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.

Newsletter available online on the Facebook page or Parish website. The newsletter is produced and printed by St Mary's Catholic Parish, Stirling

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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

Congratulations to our April Winners:

1st Prize £202.50 - Teresa Addison, 2nd Prize £101.25 - Selena Bundy, 3rd Prize £33.75 - Gordon Bell

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.

First Holy Communions

On Saturday, June 6th, 21 children from the Parish received their First Holy Communion at St Mary's Church. We give thanks to God for this special day and pray for them, that they may continue to grow in the love of the Lord and always remain close to Him.

Parish Outing - Cancellation

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

OTHER NOTICES

#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.

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.