

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH, STIRLING

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh

12th Sunday of the Year
Sunday 21st June 2026



Day	Time	Church	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday, 21 st June	5.30pm (Vigil)	St Mary's	12 th Sunday of Ordinary Time Day For Life	Deceased children of the Rapa Family
	9.00am	Holy Spirit		Robert Arthur (RIP)
	10.15am	St Mary's		Anne & Lex Broadfoot (RIP)
	11.30am	St Margaret's		The People of the Parish
Monday, 22 nd June	5.30pm	St Margaret's	St John Fisher and St Thomas Moore	Evelyn Lucy Murray
	10.00am	St Mary's		George Tortolano (RIP) Craig and Louise Kinnear
Tuesday, 23 rd June	7.00pm	St Margaret's	Nativity of St John the Baptist	Holy Souls
	10.00am	Holy Spirit		Betty McNally (RIP)
Wed, 24 th June	10.00am	St Mary's	St. Benedict - Feast	Marie Hendrick (RIP)
Thursday, 25 th June	7.00pm	Holy Spirit		Linda Glackin
	10.00am	St Mary's		Wendy Beckford
Friday, 26 th June	08.30 am	St Modan's		St Cyril of Alexandria
Saturday, 27 th June	10.00am	St Margaret's	Charlotte and James O'Hare	
	10.00am	St Mary's	St Peter and Paul	Terry Gavin (RIP)
Sunday, 28 st June	5.30pm (Vigil)	St Mary's		Agnes Dixon (RIP)
	9.00am	Holy Spirit		Margaret Nicol (RIP)
	10.15am	St Mary's		Lily and Tommy Nevin
	11.30am	St Margaret's		Joanna Louise Thatcher
	5.30pm	St Margaret's		Immogen Keely (Birthday Intention)
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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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.

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

Jeremiah 20:10-13

‘He has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.’

Jeremiah said: I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! ‘Denounce him! Let us denounce him!’ say all my close friends, watching for my fall. ‘Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him.’ But the Lord is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten. O Lord of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause. Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 69(68):8-10. 14, 17. 33-35. ~~R~~14c

In your great mercy, answer me, O Lord

Second reading

Romans 5:12-15

‘The free gift is not like the trespass.’

Brothers and Sisters: Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned — for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for many.

Gospel

Matthew 10:26-33

‘Do not fear those who kill the body.’

At that time: Jesus instructed his Apostles: ‘Have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father knowing. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.’

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 (*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.

Day for Life Collection, Sunday 21 June

The National Day for Life Collection is split 50/50 between the Archdiocese and the Bishops' Conference of Scotland. The Archdiocesan share will be used to support pro-life work covering issues at the beginning and end of life: the unborn and their mothers, the disabled, the elderly and the dying. This may include support for advocacy, education, pastoral care and formation in these areas, particularly in response to current developments and needs. In recent years, the Archdiocese has supported work including opposition to assisted suicide, protection of the unborn, post-abortion support, and the formation of young pro-lifers. More details at bit.ly/dayforlife26

Sunday Collection

The collection combined over the three churches on 14th June was £1108. This number does not include St. Margaret's Collection-- it will be double counted next week. 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



12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel forms part of a section in St. Matthew's Gospel in which Jesus instructs the Apostles about their mission. The readings invite us to reflect on one of the essential foundations of that mission: our trust in God, who constantly sustains us. In the first reading, we hear that "the Lord is at my side, a mighty champion." In the Gospel, Jesus reminds us that even the hairs of our head have all been counted. These powerful images assure us of God's loving care and constant presence in our lives. Whatever circumstances we may be facing, and whatever mission the Lord entrusts to us, we can be confident that He is with us. We are never alone. Strengthened by His grace, we can faithfully carry out the work He has called us to do.

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.

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.

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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.

Parish Prayer Network

“The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few.”

Many people in our parish are in need of prayer. Would you be the one to join us? We pray from our own homes and stay connected via WhatsApp. If you can spare just 15–20 minutes a day, you can make a real difference – both in the lives of others and in your own – while pleasing our loving God. Text 07503 342275 for details.

SSVP Afternoon Tea

The last afternoon tea before our summer break will take place on 26th June. If you would like to attend and need a lift, please speak to a member of SSVP.

Tuesday Teas.

The last Tuesday teas before the summer break will take place on 30th June after Mass in Holy Spirit. Many thanks for all your support and friendship. Have a lovely summer.

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 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.

Concert at the Cathedral

A renowned Australian choir sing a special choral Mass at 12:45pm on Wednesday 1 July in St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, with music by Widor, Sir James MacMillan, and Colin Mawby. Then at 7:30pm, the ensemble, from St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney, perform a free concert at the Cathedral featuring music by Palestrina, Poulenc, MacMillan, and a world premiere by Australian composer Brooke Shelley. Come along for a rare opportunity to hear this acclaimed Australian Catholic choir in Scotland.

Visit of relics of St Gerard Majella

The relics of St Gerard Majella will be at St Patrick's Church, The Cowgate, Edinburgh, on Saturday 18 July. Entrance of the relics at 10:00am with devotions and talk, Exposition of Blessed Sacrament at 11:30am. Mass at 12:30pm followed by blessing with the relics

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