

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH, STIRLING

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh

13th Sunday of the Year
Sunday 28th June 2026



Day	Time	Church	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday, 28 th June	5.30pm (Vigil)	St Mary's	St. Peter and Paul- Solemnity Peter's Pence collection	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
Monday, 29 th June	5.30pm	St Margaret's		Immogen Keely (Birthday Intention)
	10.00am	St Mary's		George Tortolano
	7.00pm	St Margaret's		Charles Mitchell (RIP)
Tuesday, 30 th June	10.00am	Holy Spirit		Holy Souls
Wed, 1 st July	10.00am	St Mary's		Bishop Robert Mutsaerts
	7.00pm	Holy Spirit		People of the Parish
Thursday, 2 nd July	10.00am	St Mary's		Fr. Thomas McLaughlin & Fr. Matthew McGovern (RIP)
Friday, 3 July	10.00am	St Margaret's	St Thomas- Feast	Alan Rennie (RIP)
Sunday, 5 th July	5.30pm (Vigil)	St Mary's		James & Catherine Lindsay (RIP)
	9.00am	Holy Spirit		George Tortolano (RIP)
	10.15am	St Mary's		Catherine & Robert Millar (RIP)
	11.30am	St Margaret's		Evelyn Lucy Murray
	5.30pm	St Margaret's		Pat Reade
Confessions:	Before every weekday Mass <u>There will temporarily be no confessions Saturday mornings.</u> 4.45-5.20pm - Saturday			
Exposition	6.00pm - 7.00pm - Monday & Wednesday 9.00am - 10.00am - Tuesday <u>There will temporarily be no Exposition or Benediction Saturday mornings.</u>			
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.
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

Acts 12:1-11

‘Now I am sure that the Lord has rescued me from the hand of Herod.’

In those days: Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword, and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church. Now when Herod was about to bring him out, on that very night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, ‘Get up quickly.’ And the chains fell off his hands. And the angel said to him, ‘Dress yourself and put on your sandals.’ And he did so. And he said to him, ‘Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.’ And he went out and followed him. He did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel left him. When Peter came to himself, he said, ‘Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 34(33):2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9. R5

From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

Second reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

‘There is laid up for me the crown of righteousness.’

Beloved: I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have loved his appearing. The Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-19

‘You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.’

At that time: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter replied, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed 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.

Sunday Collection

The collection combined over the three churches on 21st June was £1888. St. Margarets Collection has been double counted from last 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 Church – a copy of which is also on



Peter's Pence Collection – 28th June

Donating to Peter's Pence is a concrete gesture of communion with the Holy Father and closeness to his mission of proclaiming the Gospel and bringing hope and love to every part of the world.

13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

When we ponder on how what Jesus says in the Gospel is actually reflected in our lives, it can make us uncomfortable - but this is good! It shows that our conscience is alive. Jesus says that those who choose something finite over God are not worthy of Him. In the end, that is what sin is: to choose something which is earthly and will pass away over God Who is eternal and never changes. When it's put simply like that, we see how irrational sin is. We ask God for the grace to help us not to replace Him with life's cheap imitations.

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

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.

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.

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.

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