

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH, STIRLING

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh

15th Sunday of the Year
Sunday 12th July 2026



Day	Time	Church	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday, 12 th July	5.30pm (Vigil)	St Mary's	Sea Sunday	Nora Freer (RIP)
	9.00am	Holy Spirit		Alan Rennie (RIP)
	10.15am	St Mary's		Anthony Bundy (RIP)
	11.30am	St Margaret's		Joseph Tait (RIP)
	5.30pm	St Margaret's		People of the parish
Monday, 13 th July	10.00am	St Mary's		Chilsong Kohler (RIP)
	7.00pm	St Margaret's		Fr Joe Cardana 25th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination
Tuesday, 14 th July	10.00am	Holy Spirit		George Tortolano (RIP)
Wed, 15 th July	10.00am	St Mary's	St Bonaventure Memorial	John Docherty (RIP)
	7.00pm	Holy Spirit		William Strachan
Thurs, 16 th July	10.00am	St Mary's		Terry McNair
Friday, 17 th July	10.00am	St Margaret's		Patrick Golden who is unwell
Sunday, 19 th July	5.30pm (Vigil)	St Mary's	16 th Sunday of the Year	Joyce Pow – for a speedy recovery
	9.00am	Holy Spirit		Thanksgiving : McCann Family
	10.15am	St Mary's		Cathie & Campbell Graham (RIP)
	11.30am	St Margaret's		People of the parish
	5.30pm	St Margaret's		Evelyn Lucy Murray
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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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

Isaiah 55:10-11

‘The rain makes the earth bring forth and sprout.’

Thus says the Lord:
‘For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 65(64):10a-d. 10e-11. 12-13. 14. R Luke 8:8

Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.

Second reading

Romans 8:18-23

‘The creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.’

Brothers and Sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption, and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

Gospel

Matthew 13:1-23

‘A sower went out to sow.’

At that time: Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: ‘A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.’

Then the disciples came and said to him, ‘Why do you speak to them in parables?’ And he answered them, ‘To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says: “You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive.” For this people’s heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them. But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

‘Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.’

PARISH NOTICES

May the choirs of Angels come to greet you; may they speed you to paradise



*Of your charity, please pray for the soul of Anne Brady (RIP) and Cora Pollock (RIP) who died recently.
May they rest in peace.*

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 5th July was £1142. 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. The recent collection for Peter's Pence raised £1000. Many thanks!



Note: We will take up a second collection at all Masses this Sunday 12th of July for Stella Maris to provide pastoral and practical support to seafarers.

Welcome

We are pleased to have with us this weekend Father Campbell, parish priest of St Patrick's, Dumbarton who has kindly agreed to supply some of the Masses across our parish this weekend.

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

In the gospel, we see that Jesus gets into a boat to teach. The boat in the scriptures is an interesting object: everyone who is in the boat will be saved - think of Noah's Ark. The boat is a prefigurement of the Church. Not only are we safe when we are in the boat but we see, as in the scriptures today, that Jesus teaches the world from the boat!

Parish Prayer Network

"Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

If you are burdened by worries or anxieties, please know that we will pray for you daily, asking the Lord to grant you His strength and restful peace. Simply place your intention in the white box at the back of the church or txt 07503342275.

Saturday Morning Mass

There will be no morning Mass, Confession or Adoration and Benediction on Saturday mornings at St. Mary's until further notice.

SMY 500 Club

Congratulations to our winners of the May draw which took place this week:

- 1st Prize £202.50: John Philliben
- 2nd Prize £101.25: Lydia Breslin
- 3rd Prize £33.75 Sarah Purser

Lourdes Coffee Morning

The Lourdes coffee morning will now continue throughout the summer – with grateful thanks to our parish volunteers!

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

As mentioned in the April appeal from the Parish Finance Committee our banking arrangements have changed to the Royal Bank of Scotland. If you are set up for the Bank of Scotland, we would be grateful if you can amend this as soon as possible. Standing Order forms for the RBS Account are available at the back of each Church or if you have access to on-line banking you can make the change on line. Details for the RBS account are: Account Name – Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh – St Mary's Stirling, Sort Code 83-27-09, Account No 00170956. If you need any help with this please contact the parish office or any member of the Finance Committee- Paul Murphy, Margaret Glencross, Liam McCabe or Margaret-Mary Higgins. Many thanks!

Please Note: These changes **do not affect** the 500 Club Standing Orders so please do not make any changes to your standing order for this. There will be more information on that arrangement later in the year.

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

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.

Brecbannoch Pilgrimage 2026

A pilgrimage to pray for the renewal of the Faith in Scotland, from 31 July to 3 August, with a walk across the Isle of Mull, returning the relics of St Columba to Iona. Discounts are available for students and under-22s, and under-5s go free. Visit brecbannoch.co.uk