

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH, STIRLING

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh

16th Sunday of the Year
Sunday 19th July 2026



Day	Time	Church	Holy Day	Mass Intention
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
Monday, 20 th July	10.00am	St Mary's		George Tortolano (RIP)
	7.00pm	St Margaret's		Anne Brady (RIP) Month's Mind
Tuesday, 21 st July	10.00am	Holy Spirit		P.O. Varghese (RIP)
Wed, 22 nd July	10.00am	St Mary's	St Mary Magdalene	William & Campbell Graham (RIP)
	7.00pm	Holy Spirit		Rosie Urquhart & Hugh Heggarty (RIP)
Thurs, 23 rd July	10.00am	St Mary's	St Bridget of Sweden	Margaret Cully (RIP)
Friday, 24 th July	10.00am	St Margaret's		Costanzo Berganini (RIP)
Sunday, 26 th July	5.30pm (Vigil)	St Mary's	17 th Sunday of the Year	Patrick McGuigan (RIP)
	9.00am	Holy Spirit		Anne Brady (RIP)
	10.15am	St Mary's		John McQuillian (RIP)
	11.30am	St Margaret's		The Holy Souls
	5.30pm	St Margaret's		People of the parish
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

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

‘You give repentance for sins.’

Neither is there any God besides you, whose care is for all,
to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly.
For your strength is the source of righteousness,
and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all.
For you show your strength
when men doubt the completeness of your power,
and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it.
You are sovereign in strength but you judge with mildness,
and with great forbearance you govern us;
for you have power to act whenever you choose.
Through such works you have taught your people
that the one who is righteous must be kind,
and you have filled your sons with good hope,
because you give repentance for sins

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 86(85):5-6. 9-10. 15-16a. ~~R~~5a

O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Second reading

Romans 8:26-27

‘The Spirit intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.’

Brothers and Sisters: The Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Gospel

Matthew 13:24-43

‘Let both grow together until the harvest.’

At that time: Jesus put another parable before the crowd, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, “Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?” He said to them, “An enemy has done this.” So the servants said to him, “Then do you want us to go and gather them?” But he said, “No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, ‘Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ” ’

He put another parable before them, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.’

He told them another parable. “The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened.’

All these things Jesus said to the crowds in parables; indeed, he said nothing to them without a parable. This was to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet: ‘I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world.’

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.’ He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.’

PARISH NOTICES

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



Of your charity, please pray for the souls of Anne Brady (RIP), Cora Pollock (RIP) and Euphemia (Patsy) McLean (RIP) who died recently.

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 12th July was £1200.50 The weekly donations via Standing Orders: £1400. 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. Last Sundays Special Collection for Stella Maris raised £840 Many thanks!



16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Darnel is a slightly poisonous plant that grows alongside the wheat. The problem with darnel is that you can't really tell it apart from wheat until it is fully mature. Jesus tells us that the darnel and the wheat will be separated at harvest time which He explains to the disciples means the Judgement at the end of time. He's saying that it's on that day that all of the bad things that are hidden in men's hearts, the darnel that is in the world, will finally be seen for what it is. The darnel can deceive the untrained eye but it can't deceive the reaper.

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.

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, 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