



# ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

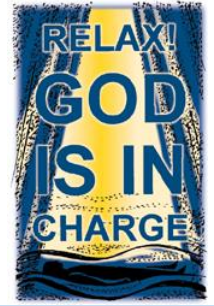
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Newsletter for the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

11<sup>th</sup> February 2024

## SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY MASS:

St Margaret's: 10 am  
All Saints, Inveraray, 12: 30  
(Taynuilt Parish Mass: 4 pm)

### WEEKDAYS MASS

St Margaret's Church:

Tuesday 10:30 am

Wednesday 5-6 pm

Adoration of the Holy  
Eucharist and Praises,  
Station of the Cross 6:15 pm  
(Taynuilt Parish Mass: 10:30am)

Thursday 10:30 am

Friday 10:30 am

Exposition of the Holy Eucharist  
at 10 am before Mass

Saturday 10:30 am

Confession after Mass

### CONFESSION

from Tuesday to Saturday  
9:15 am - 9:40 am  
before Mass and on request

Please use the QR code  
below to make donations  
to the parish.



St Margaret RC Church, Lochgil



*A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said,  
"If you wish, you can make me clean."*

### SUNDAY HYMNS

Entrance 757 You shall cross the barren desert  
Offertory 443 Lord accept the gifts we offer  
Communion 447 Lord Jesus Christ  
Recessional 360 Immaculate Marv

### Responsorial Psalm.

*You are my refuge, o  
Lord; you fill me with  
the joy of salvation.*

**Visitors:** A warm welcome to all our visitors to St. Margaret/ Inveraray Mass station. We are glad you worship with us today, may almighty God bless you all. Please, join us after Mass for Tea/Coffee.

**St. Margaret church,** Tea/Coffee at the parish's Tent outside the church. **All Saints Inveraray** Tea/Coffee at the back of the church after Mass. Our gratitude goes to the Hospitality group who made this possible, God bless you!

**Parish Council Meeting:** Parish Council members met on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February 2024 at 6.00 pm. A lot of things were discussed for the progress of our parish the minute of the meeting will be made available on the parish's noticeboard and also send to your emails. Please email to [lochgilphead@rcdai.org.uk](mailto:lochgilphead@rcdai.org.uk) or contact any member of the council if you have any suggestion.



**As Wednesday:** There will be Mass with the distribution of ashes at 6.15pm.

**Station of the Cross:** Station of the Cross during lent time is on Wednesday at 6:15pm after Holy Hour.

**Holy Hour:** You are all welcome to join us for an hour of silence, stillness before the Lord. It is an opportunity for us to listen to God speak to us in the silence of our hearts. This is for all parishioners of St. Margaret and visitors.

## Collections last Sunday

Cash offertory for 5th Sunday St. Margaret and All Saints Inveraray **£126, 26**

### Pants to Period Poverty

ZamScotEd is most grateful for the generous response to Marian's 'Pants to Period Poverty' campaign. The target of £1000 was reached & surpassed, which will provide period protection for the girls we support at St Columba's Secondary School in Zambia - a life changer as the girls will no longer miss vital classes. Thank you for your support as always.

**St Margaret's Justice & Peace/Laudato Si Group** will meet in The Tent at 7pm on Tuesday, February 13. Everyone is welcome.

**MOMA:** Sadly, the need for emergency packs for people in crisis continues to rise. MOMA needs rice, pasta, pasta sauces, coffee, tea, sugar, canned meat/fish/veg, cereal and snack biscuits as well as toiletries. Thank you for all your support - if you can help with these, you will make a huge difference to individuals & families in need.

### Diocesan Pastoral Fund

The annual Second Collection for the Diocesan Pastoral Collection will take place over the weekend of 17th/18th February. This Fund supports various pastoral initiatives throughout the diocese including safeguarding and developing youth ministry. We are grateful for your financial support towards these and other initiatives. Last year the Second Collection raised £4,723 which was an increase of 162% over the previous year collection of £1,801. Thank you.  
+ Bishop Brian.

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Pastoral Formation

## Gift Aid Scheme

The government's Gift Aid Scheme is a very needy source of income for St Margaret's Parish.

Please ensure that if you are a UK taxpayer every donation you make to the parish, including your offertory collection, is Gift Aided. Envelopes are available at the rear of the Church for this purpose.

**Thank you for supporting our church.**

The Bishops' Committee for Interreligious Dialogue  
Annual Colloquium

on  
The role of religious experience in interreligious dialogue

with  
Professor Will Storrar

Conforti Centre Coatbridge,

starting at 5.30 on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

till 3.30 on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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<https://www.interreligiousdialogue.org.uk/colloquium/>



## REFLECTIONS

### Touching the Leper

There are no zombies in the bible. But lepers would come rather close to creating the fear that we associate with the walking dead. Leprosy was a terrible disease that gradually ate away at the body. The people of Jesus' time did not understand the disease, but they knew it could spread. So they quarantined lepers...

So, if somebody with a dreaded and contagious skin disease would come up to you and want to shake your hand, what would you do? All of us would pull back and say, "No, stay away. There's no sense that both of us become infected." We would keep the leper away. Jesus does not. In today's gospel when he sees the leper he is moved to compassion. He stretches out his hand and touches him. Why would Jesus do this? He is not inviting us to set aside medical hygiene and go around touching infected people. Jesus touches the leper to show us what God does. Jesus reveals in this action that our God is willing to push past any barrier to touch and to save the infected, the ostracized, and the doomed.

*(Fr. George Smiga)*