



# ST. MARGARET'S PARISH

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Newsletter for 2<sup>nd</sup> of Sunday Easter, Year B

7<sup>th</sup> April 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  
(Taynuilt Parish Mass: 10:30am)

Thursday 10:30 am

Requiem Mass of Billy at 10:30am

Friday 10:30 am

Exposition of the Holy Eucharist at 10 am before Mass

Saturday 10:30 am

Confession after Mass

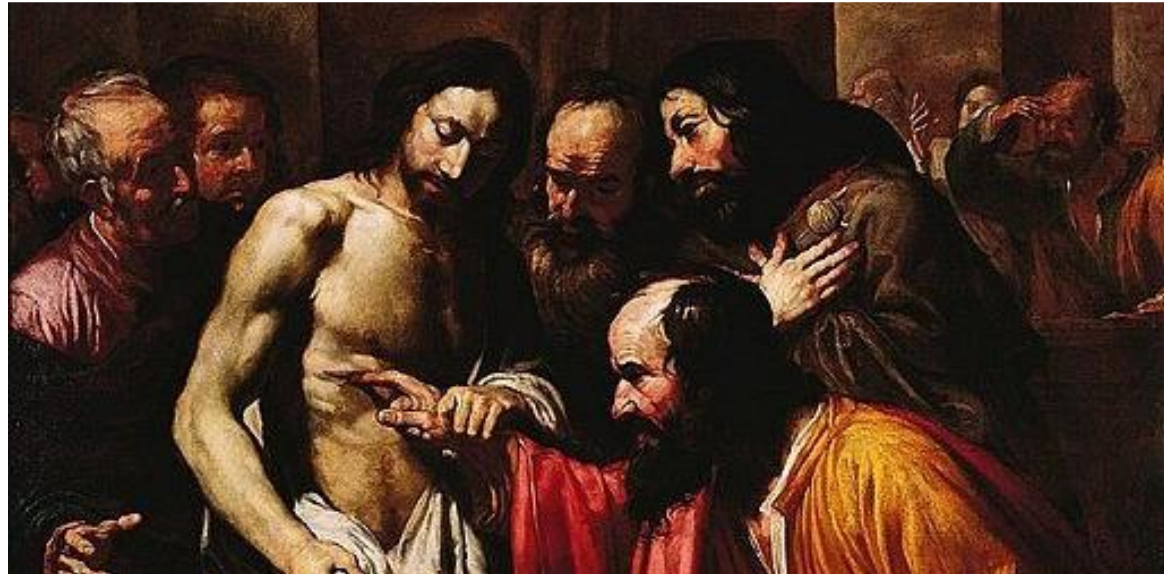
### CONFESSION

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



### SUNDAY HYMNS

Entrance 293 God of Mercy and Compassion.  
Offertory 122 All that I Am  
Communion 182 Breathe on Me Breath of GOD  
Recessional 169 Bind us Together Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Give thanks to the Lord for his good, for his love has no end.**

**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!

**William Mundie:** William (Billy) died on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April in Oban Hospital and his requiem Mass will be on Thursday 11th April at 10.30 am. His body will be received in the church on Wednesday evening at 6 pm.

**The Annunciation of the Lord:** Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> of April is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. This is transferred from 25<sup>th</sup> March this year.

**At St. Margaret Mass will be at 6 pm.**

**Justice and Peace:** St Margaret's Justice and Peace Group will welcome a special guest on Tuesday, April 9 at 7 pm in the Tent. Anne-Marie Clements, Catholic Social Teaching Engagement Officer from Justice and Peace Scotland will join us to discuss our work here at St Margaret's and bring us up to date of the work done by Justice and Peace Scotland, which of course is a Commission of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland. Everyone is welcome - please join us.

**SCIAF Wee Boxes:** if you have not returned your wee boxes by now there is still time. The period to return them has now been extended to 27 April. Thank you for your generosity.

Also **Lenten donation envelopes** are overdue, please return them as soon as you can, thank you so much.

## Gift Aid

Gift Aid. If you are a taxpayer, please ensure that you Gift Aid all donations you make to St Margaret's. This costs you nothing and we can recover an extra 25% from HMRC.

A return for 2023/24 will be made in the coming weeks and it is requested that if you have not signed a Gift Aid Declaration form in the last four years, you bring it up to date by completing one now. Gift Aid forms can be found in the church porch, and if your not sure when you last submitted a form, it does no harm to sign another anyway.

Similarly if you have made a previous Declaration and no longer pay tax, please return a form signed to indicate your present status.

## Collections for last Sunday

St. Margaret and All Saints Inveraray: Cash **£307.35**, Gift Aid **£354.60**, Total: **£661.96**

Standing Order for the month of March **£1443**

31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 total balance in account **£4153.34**

# REFLECTIONS

## Marks of Wounds and Glory

There is not a verse of the scriptures that is wasted. Christians have always followed the example of the Jewish rabbis in believing that there is no verse of the scripture that is accidental. Every verse, every word, has significance for our lives. This is certainly true of today's gospel. Jesus appears in his risen body to the disciples. Yet that body bears the marks of his passion, the nail prints in his hands, the gash in his side. Now the presence of those marks might at first seem to be simply the disciples describing what they saw. But the scriptures pay great attention to the marks. They even invite Thomas to touch them. From this we can be assured that their presence is much more than accurate description. They are meant to carry a message, a truth for our lives. The truth is this: there is power and life in woundedness.

## Wounds and Scars

A wound and a scar are not the same. A wound is an open gash bleeding and painful. A scar is a wound that has been healed. So, a scar is a sign that blood and pain are over. The scars in the risen body of Christ testify that his suffering is done, that his wounds have been healed by the power of God. The marks of Jesus' passion remain on his body because they are now part of who he is. Jesus shows those scars to the disciples because he wants them to understand that his suffering and resurrection are connected. Jesus is not simply one who has been raised from the dead. Jesus is one who has suffered and has been raised from the dead. The scars on his glorified body give witness to the truth that pain is not wasted, and wounds can be overcome.

*(Fr. George Smiga)*

## St. Faustina Kowalska and the Image of Divine Mercy

St. Faustina of Poland is the well-known apostle of Divine Mercy. On the 30th of April, 2000, at 10:00 AM on the Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday, the Feast requested by Jesus of St. Faustina), His Holiness Pope St. John Paul II celebrated the Eucharist in Saint Peter's Square and proceeded to the canonization of Blessed Sister Faustina Kowalska. [John Paul himself would be canonized on this same Feast Day – April 27 in 2014 – by Pope Francis.] Saint Faustina invites us by the witness of her life to keep our Faith and Hope fixed on God the Father, rich in mercy, Who saved us by the precious Blood of His Son. During her short life, the Lord Jesus assigned to St. Faustina three basic tasks:

1. To pray for souls, entrusting them to God's incomprehensible Mercy;
2. To tell the world about God's generous Mercy;
3. To start a new movement in the Church focusing on God's Mercy.

At the canonization of St. Faustina, Pope St. John Paul II said: "The cross, even after the Resurrection of the Son of God, speaks, and never ceases to speak, of God the Father, Who is absolutely faithful to His eternal love for man. ... Believing in this love means believing in mercy." The Lord of Divine Mercy, a painting of Jesus based on the vision given to St. Faustina Kowalska, shows Jesus raising his right hand in a gesture of blessing, with His left hand on his heart from which gush forth two rays, one red and one white. The picture contains the message, "Jesus, I trust in You!" (Jezu ufam Tobie). The rays streaming out have symbolic meaning: red for the Blood of Jesus, which is the life of souls and white for the water of Baptism which justifies souls. — The whole image is symbolic of the mercy, forgiveness, and love of God.