



# ST. MARGARET'S PARISH

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Newsletter for 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year B

14<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

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, Lochgilphead



### SUNDAY HYMNS

Entrance 199 Christ the Lord is risen today.  
Offertory 273 Gifts of Bread and Wine.  
Communion 681 This is My Body.  
Recessional 678 Thine Be the Glory,

### Responsorial Psalm

*Lift up the light of your face on us O Lord.*

**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!

**Appreciations:** Thank you all for coming up in your numbers to show Billy love and bid goodbye to him last Thursday. It was lovely and the family is grateful. Please, let us continue to pray for William (Billy) may he rest in peace.

**Holy Places Special Collection:** This was supposed to be done on Good Friday but postponed. It will be taken next Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> of April 2024.

**Parish Outing:** Our parish outing to Inveraray will take place on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> of April 2024. Activities will be **Holy Mass** in All Saint church at noon. After Mass a walk around Inveraray, possibly a visit to the castle and jail. At 1:30 pm **a big parish's lunch** at the restaurant at the caravan park. Please. Register your name at the back of the porch if you are going to come along. The contribution for the lunch is £15 per person.

**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.

## Collections for last Sunday

St. Margaret and All Saints Inveraray:

Cash **£73.27**, Gift Aid **£165.00**,

Total: **£238.27**

## 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.

# REFLECTIONS

## Witnesses of the Resurrection

There are people in the world who have heard about Christ, about religion, about forgiveness, but have not been led to an experience of the Lord's forgiveness. These may be the people of the deep, dark night suffering in the world of prostitution, the sex industry or the drug culture. They are exploited so others can become rich. They see their only option in life being to make the best of a terrible situation or end their lives. These people have not witnessed a transformation of life. No one has brought them the witness of the Resurrection.

Perhaps the people in darkness are the people of the lonely home and lonely life. They have worked long and hard to get the most out of the world. Their lives and their houses are full of beautiful things. Now that their dreams have been fulfilled, they realize that they are not happy. They need more to life, but there is nothing left for them to buy. No one has brought them the witness of the Resurrection.

*(Msgr. Joseph Pellegrino)*

## Recognizing Our Sinfulness

It was Monday morning, August 19, 2013, when Fr. Antonio Spadaro, editor of an international Jesuit magazine, approached the Santa Maria guesthouse where Pope Francis lives. He was there for an interview with the recently elected Pope, and found him standing there, with a broad, welcoming smile. He had his first question ready but decided not to use it. Instead, he found himself boldly asking the Holy Father: "Who is Jorge Bergoglio?" For a moment, the Pope stared in silence, though he assured the priest that he was not annoyed with the question. But, he explained, "I do not know what the most fitting description might be ...". Then he went on: "I am a sinner. This is the most accurate definition. It is not a figure of speech.... I am a sinner." After a few further comments, he reaffirmed that the best summary he could give of himself, the one that felt nearest to the truth, was this: "I am a sinner whom the Lord has looked upon." In the sermon recorded in today's first reading, St. Peter, the preacher, reminds his hearers that they are all sinners