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Newsletter for the 4th Sunday of Easter, Year B

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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 12:00 noon

Parish Outing. Mass in all Saints Inveraray at noon

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

I am the Good Shepherd



SUNDAY HYMNS

Entrance 656 The King of Love my Shepherd is.
Offertory 560 My God Love Me.
Communion 349 I Am The Bread of Life.
Recessional 199 Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 661

The Lord's My Shepherd
Sung by Congregation.

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!

Holy Places Special Collection: Today is the special collection. This was supposed to be done on Good Friday but was postponed to 21st of April. Thank you for your generosity.

Collections for last Sunday

St. Margaret and All Saints Inveraray:
Cash £77.4, Gift Aid £95.00,
Total: £172.4

Parish Outing: Our parish outing to Inveraray will take place this coming Saturday the 27th of April 2024. Activities will be **Holy Mass** in All Saint church at noon. At 1:30 pm a **big parish's lunch**. 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.

Donation Envelopes: Lenten Donation Envelopes are still available on the porch for anyone who wishes and is yet to make his donation. All the contributor's names will appear on the plaque of church restoration. Please, get one and return it as soon as you can, the total raised will announced next month, thank you so much for everything.

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

Summary of Pope Francis' Message for World Day of Prayer for Vocations by National Catholic Register

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Pope Francis addresses the faithful at his Wednesday general audience on Feb. 28, 2024. (photo: Vatican Media)

Matthew Santucci/CNAVaticanMarch 19, 2024

Pope Francis on Tuesday released his message for the 61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations, reflecting on the Christian pilgrimage as a synodal journey that is rooted in hope and aimed toward discovering God's love.

The theme for the this year's World Day of Prayer for Vocations, "Called to Sow Seeds of Hope and to Build Peace," reflects the universal Christian call to "base our lives on the rock of Christ's resurrection, knowing that every effort made in the vocation that we have embraced and seek to live out will never be in vain," the Pope said.

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"This ultimate calling is one that we must anticipate daily," the Pope observed. "Even now our loving relationship with God and our brothers and sisters is beginning to bring about God's dream of unity, peace, and fraternity."

The Pope noted that this process of discernment assumes a "synodal character," as the Church has a "polyphony of diverse charisms and vocations."

"Amid the variety of our charisms, we are called to listen to one another and to journey together in order to acknowledge them and to discern where the Spirit is leading us for the benefit of all," the Pope observed.

Francis reinforced this observation by pointing to the theme of the 2025 Jubilee Year, "Pilgrims of Hope."

"We can become for our world messengers and witnesses of Jesus' dream of a single human family, united in God's love and in the bond of charity, cooperation, and fraternity," the Holy Father said.

For the Pope, the pilgrimage is a journey that has a regenerative effect as man carries "only the essentials" while "striving daily to set aside all weariness, fear, uncertainty, and hesitation" in order to "discover the love of God."

"Being a pilgrim," Francis continued, "means setting out each day, beginning ever anew, rediscovering the enthusiasm and strength needed to pursue the various stages of a journey that, however tiring and difficult, always opens before our eyes new horizons and previously unknown vistas."

But the Pope also noted that this journey is a process of self-discovery, which is "nourished by our relationships with others."

"We are pilgrims because we have been called, called to love God and to love one another," he said.

The Holy Father emphasized that this pilgrimage, or process, is "far from a pointless journey or aimless wandering" but is instead a process by which humans can work "toward a new world where people can live in peace, justice, and love."

Francis also directed this call to today's youth — especially those who feel estranged or suspicious of the Church — with the Pope encouraging them to bring Christ the "important questions."

"Let him challenge you by his presence, which always provokes in us a healthy crisis. More than anyone else, Jesus respects our freedom. He does not impose but proposes. Make room for him and you will find the way to happiness by following him. And, should he ask it of you, by giving yourself completely to him."