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Newsletter for the 5th 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 10:30 am

CONFESSION

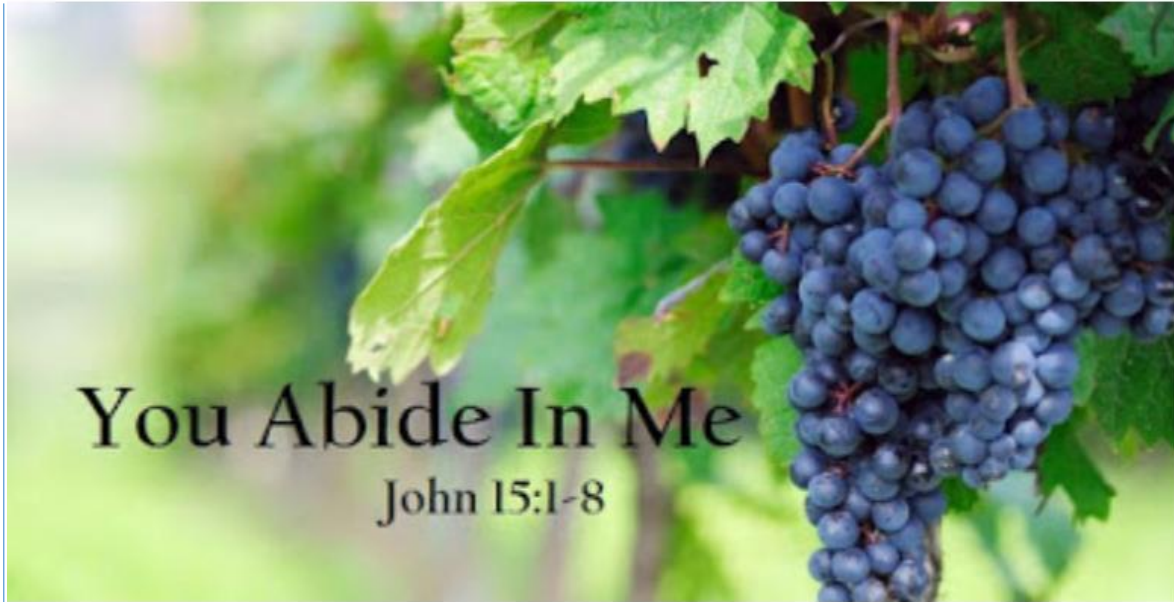
from Tuesday to Saturday 9:15 am - 9:40 am

before Mass and on request

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



St Margaret RC Church, Lochgi



SUNDAY HYMNS

Entrance 290. God is Love, His the Care.
Offertory 122. All That I Am.
Communion 681. This is My Body..
Recessional 133 A New Commandment.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 21

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly

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!

Scottish Bishops: A pastoral letter written by the Scottish Bishops on Assisted Suicide, "*Called to care, not to kill*". Copies are available on the porch. Please, pick up a copy

Collections for last Sunday

St. Margaret and All Saints Inveraray:
Cash £62.70, Gift Aid £115.00,
Total: £177.70
Holy Places £287.50

Parish Outing: Our parish outing to Inveraray was successful. Thank you all for coming out in your numbers to be in the company of each other. It means a lot to our parish and makes a big difference to our lives as parishioners.

Gilda Eva Gilfedder: Please, pray for Gilda who will be baptised on Saturday, 4th May at 2.00 pm. This is a blessing to the family and the parish.

SCIAF Wee Boxes last day: if you have not returned your wee boxes today is the last day. 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.

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 you are 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

Bear Fruit – Our Love is not to be just words or mere talk

Are we bearing fruit for the kingdom of God? Is our Christian love real and active, something that inspires others, or is it just words and mere talk? Last weekend (2003) I was speaking with someone who works in a Catholic high school in England. He was reared an Anglican but decided to become a Catholic after getting the job in the Catholic school. I asked him what made him decide to become a Catholic. He said it was the quality of life lived by the faculty and staff in the school. The way they live their lives impressed him so much that he decided to become Catholic also.

(Fr. Tommy Lane)

Radical Faith

The reception of Communion makes no sense if we do not intend it to affirm that Christ is our personal savior. What could be more personal, more intense, than to say, "You are my food and drink, you are my own very flesh and blood"?

In our approach to the altar, our coming forward to receive the body and blood of Christ, we sacramentally embody Billy Graham's procession of witnesses. When we acknowledge that Christ is our way, truth, and life, our savior and redeemer, our sustenance, we are united not only with our fellow believers who do not share our communion, but also with Paul, so wholly given to the mystery of his ransom by Christ, and with the school of John, sustained by the belief that God is in them and Christ's Spirit is with them.

(Fr. John Kavanaugh, S.J.)

Remaining in God's Love

Either God exists or does not exist. If God exists, we certainly have to abide by His commandments. If God does not exist, then everything is permissible. Some post-moderns prefer to set aside the reality of God so that they can make their own rules.

(Antonio P. Pueyo)

Let Us Show, Through Our Actions, That We Are True Christians

If we follow Christ faithfully, we will not only say so in words we will also show with our actions that we are His sisters and brothers, daughters and sons of God the Father. When we were baptized, we Christians acquired the right and the power to be part of the vine that is the Lord. Through faith, prayer in community, the liturgy, and the word, we encounter a new life that will help us to become more united to Christ and His Church.

(Frank Enderle)

The Vines and the Branches

The Gospel speaks about bearing fruit. If the branch is united to the vine, it bears much fruit. God calls us to make His message real in the world. He calls us to bring His Love to the world. He is not calling us just to be in His presence. He is calling us to use His Presence to transform the world. Husbands and wives, parents and children, neighbors and friends, priests and laity, are called to live the only Life that matters so completely that others are attracted to that Life, within the home, within the neighborhood and within the world. The Life of Christ is indeed a magnet. When people experience this Life in others they want it for themselves. These people, those who turn to God, are fruit. Our union with God draws them to God. They are the fruit we have been called to bear.

(Msgr. Joseph Pellegrino)