



# ST. MARGARET'S PARISH

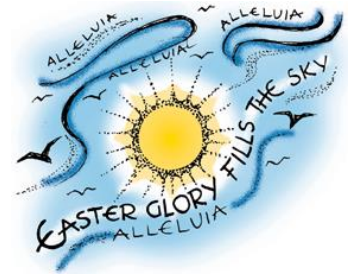
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Newsletter for the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year B

12<sup>th</sup> May 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

### CONFESSIO

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 290 God is love, His the care.  
Offertory 681 This is My Body.  
Communion 662 The Love I Have for You My Lord.  
Recessional 343 Holy Virgin by God's Decree.

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 102

*The Lord has set his sway in heaven*

**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!

**PC Meeting:** The Parish Pastoral Council held their meeting on the 8th of May. The minutes of the meeting will be made available to all parishioners as soon as they are ready.

### Communication Sunday:

To day is Communication Sunday and the second collection is going to be taken for the apostolate of communications in the church. Thank you so much for your generosity.

### Collections for last Sunday

St. Margaret and All Saints Inveraray:  
Cash **£158.00**,  
Gift Aid **£110.00**,  
Total: **£268.00**

### Up Coming Events:

- Parish's Gardening Day
- Parish's BBQ

### 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.

## Shaping our country: Holding political candidates to account:

### An Argyll & the Isles Diocese Pre- Election Special.

Please join us for an online event designed to help us seek a just and nonviolent world by reflecting on the questions we should put to the candidates standing in the forthcoming general election.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZltd-2srj4qGtO9tQEgc3jCza0aRVUcTr-5>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

# REFLECTIONS

*Part of the message for the 58th World Day of Social Communications, of Pope Francis*

***“What is man, what is his specificity and what will be the future of this species of ours called homo sapiens in the age of artificial intelligence? How can we remain fully human and direct the ongoing cultural change towards the good?”.***

### Starting with the heart

Quoting the Italian theologian and writer Romano Guardini, who in the “Letters from Lake Como” states, “*It is true that these are problems of a technical, scientific, and political nature; but they can only be solved by man,*” the Pope indicates the perspective of approach to reflection, which “*cannot but start from the human heart,*” as “*Only by endowing ourselves with a spiritual gaze, only by recovering a wisdom of the heart, can we read and interpret the novelty of our time and rediscover the way to a fully human communication.*”

In continuity with the themes of the previous Days, “listening with the ear of the heart” and “speaking with the heart,” he then reaffirms the biblical meaning of the heart as a “*place of freedom and the most important decisions of life*”, “*symbol of integrity, unity,*” and “*above all interior place of the encounter with God*” and therefore of the **wisdom of the heart.** “***Wisdom of the heart, then, is the virtue that enables us to integrate the whole and its parts, our decisions and their consequences, our nobility and our vulnerability, our past and our future, our individuality and our membership within a larger community***”.

### Opportunity and danger

In bringing the concept of wisdom back to the technological world, he clearly affirms: “**We cannot demand this wisdom from machines**” and, while acknowledging that “*No doubt, machines possess a limitlessly greater capacity than human beings for storing and*

*correlating data, but human beings alone are capable of making sense of that data,*” he observes that the word “intelligence” is misleading and that, rather than requiring machines that look human, it is necessary to “*awaken humanity from the slumber induced by the illusion of omnipotence, based on the belief that we are completely autonomous and self-referential subjects, detached from all social bonds and forgetful of our status as creatures*”.

**It is the heart**, therefore, to make a difference in technology and systems: “*Depending on the inclination of the heart, everything within our reach becomes either an opportunity or a threat. Our very bodies, created for communication and communion, can become a means of aggression. So too, every technical extension of our humanity can be a means of loving service or of hostile domination*”.

He also recalls the problems related to misinformation – from fake news, to deep-fake, to the creation and dissemination of false images that seem perfectly plausible, of which he happened to be the object, to other alterations and simulations of reality. While acknowledging the progress of the new frontier of generative intelligence, he warns about the possible risks and pathologies and that “*It is important therefore to understand, appreciate, and regulate instruments that, in the wrong hands, could lead to disturbing scenarios,*” since, “***Like every other product of human intelligence and skill, algorithms are not neutral***”.

He therefore reiterates the need to **take preventive action** and to implement **ethical regulation** for which he renews his appeal to the international Community “*to forestall harmful, discriminatory, and socially unjust effects of the use of systems of artificial intelligence and to combat their misuse for the purpose of reducing pluralism, polarizing public opinion or creating forms of groupthink*”.