



# ST. MARGARET'S PARISH

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## Newsletter for 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

21<sup>th</sup> July 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

#### CONFESSIONS

from Tuesday to Saturday  
9:00 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 656 The King of Love my Shepherd is.  
Offertory 362 In Bread We Bring You, Lord.  
Communion 194. Christ be Beside Me.  
Recessional 274 Give Me Joy in MY Heart.

#### Responsorial Psalm

*The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.*

**Welcome our 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!

#### Bishop's Administration fund:

Today is the annual Second Collection for the Bishop's Administration fund. This Fund directly supports the pastoral activities and living costs of Bishop Brian in his role as our Bishop. This includes travel expenses when visiting parishes, running his house and his salary, which is the same amount as the rest of the priests. Since he is not in a parish these costs are covered by the diocese. Any financial support offered towards this fund is gratefully received and in turn helps to reduce the levy borne by parishes.

#### Up Coming Events:

- Parish Council Meeting is on 7<sup>th</sup> August.
- Blessing of the Garden: Grotto and Station of the Cross by Bishop, 31st August followed by reformation

#### Baptism:

Thank you all for your prayer for Zuriel Maria Fernandes who was baptised during the 12:30 pm Mass in Inveraray. The parents are grateful and they extended their heartfelt appreciation to all parishioners. Let us continue to pray for the family.

#### World Day for Grandparents & The Elderly

The National Commission for Marriage, Family and Life will mark this day on Sunday 28th July 2024 at Carfin Grotto with Mass at 3pm, celebrated by the commission's president Bishop John Keenan. The café will be open for refreshments. Please come along and enjoy this inter-generational day together.

#### Collections for last Sunday

St. Margaret and All Saints Inveraray:  
Cash £128.30,  
Gift Aid £72.50  
Total: £200.80

## Led By the Spirit

Phase 3 Resources and other materials to help us prepare for our parish meetings are available on the website, [www.ledbythespirit.rcdai.org.uk/phase-3/](http://www.ledbythespirit.rcdai.org.uk/phase-3/) visit it, take time to read and digest all the material to be found there, and most importantly pray for the grace to recognise you are called to holiness, asking to be open to whatever is required to answer this call.

### Season of Creation Conference 2024

The Care of Creation Office of the Bishops' Conference has organised a National Conference for this year's Season of Creation which runs from 1st September – 4th October 2024. The Conference will take place on Saturday 7th September 2024, from 10am – 3pm in St. Margaret's Parish Hall, Raploch, Stirling. The guest speaker is Ben Wilson, Director of Public Engagement for SCIAF. If interested in attending, please complete a booking form here [www.tinyurl.com/46wmt9ah](http://www.tinyurl.com/46wmt9ah) and more details about this free day will follow.

## REFLECTIONS

**“Altar of the Chair:”** Today's Gospel presents Jesus as the Good Shepherd for people who were like sheep without shepherd. At St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, the role of Pope as a teaching shepherd is depicted very powerfully in art. At the very back of the basilica, there is one of the most famous pieces in art history, done by the great sculptor Bernini. It's called the “Altar of the Chair,” and it was so beautiful and influential that art historians say it was the start of the baroque era. It was Pope Alexander VII who commissioned Bernini to build a sumptuous monument which would give prominence to the ancient wooden chair believed to have been used by St. Peter. Bernini built a throne in gilded bronze richly ornamented with bas-reliefs, in which the chair was enclosed: two pieces of furniture, one within the other. At the top of the altar, there is the brilliant translucent image of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove surrounded by angels. The Holy Spirit is descending upon a huge bronze chair which houses what in the 16th century was believed to be the actual chair on which St. Peter sat to teach the people of Rome.

Peter's chair is a symbol of the teaching authority of the Church and particularly of the Popes, the successors of St. Peter, who are Christ's Vicars on earth. The most formal teachings of the Church are called “ex cathedra,” meaning literally “from the chair.” Underneath the chair there are four bishops who are all famous teaching saints in the early Church — Eastern: Athanasius, John Chrysostom, and Western: Augustine, Ambrose — who are depicted referring to and spiritually upholding the teaching authority of the Church and papacy. But the element that is most relevant to today's Scriptures is found sculpted into the backrest of the Chair. It's a depiction of Peter feeding Christ's sheep. It's a reference to the end of St. John's Gospel, when Jesus asked Peter three times, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter replied that he did. And Jesus responded, “Feed My lambs,” “Tend My sheep,” and “Feed My sheep.” — Peter's obedience in caring for Christ's sheep is seen above all, therefore, in his TEACHING of Christ's Truth. Every year on February 22, the Church celebrates the feast of the Chair of St. Peter, to commemorate St. Peter's Teaching Authority, and teaching in Rome. (*Fr. Tony*).