



# ST. MARGARET'S PARISH

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Newsletter for 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

28<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, Lochgilphead

### SUNDAY HYMNS

Entrance 630. Spirit of the Living God.  
Offertory. 362. In Bread we Bring You Lord.  
Communion 165 Be Still for the Presence ....  
Recessional 169. Bind Us Together Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

*You open wide your hand,  
O Lord, and grant our desires.*

**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 fund:** Thank you so much for your continued support for the annual Second Collection for the Bishop's fund. We raised the total amount of **£304.55**

### 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.

### 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 Brian, 31st August followed by refreshment with our visitors from Taynuilt and Dunoon etc.

### 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.

### MOMA

There are 3000 children living in poverty in Argyll & Bute. Some are here in Mid Argyll, even though at least one parent may be working. The school holidays are difficult. Could we make a special effort over the next few weeks to donate basics to Moving On Mid Argyll & help struggling families? Thank you as always for your continued support.

### Collections for last Sunday

St. Margaret and All Saints Inveraray:  
Cash **£84.71**, Gift Aid **£145.60** Total: **£229.71**  
Bishop's fund **£304.55**

## 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

## God blesses those who share their talents, with loving commitment.

This is illustrated in the life of Mother Teresa who went to serve the slum dwellers of Calcutta with just twenty cents in her pocket. When she died forty-nine years later, God had turned those original twenty cents into eighty schools, three hundred mobile dispensaries, seventy leprosy clinics, thirty homes for the dying, thirty homes for abandoned children, and forty thousand volunteers from all over the world to help her. We can begin our own humble efforts at “sharing” right in our parish by participating in the works of charity done by organizations like the St. Vincent DePaul Society, the Knights of Columbus and many other volunteer groups. We may say, “I do not have enough money or talent to make any difference.” But we need to remember that the small boy in the story had only five barley loaves and two dried fish. The Bible guarantees that every believer has at least one gift from the Holy Spirit. This is our one “tiny fish.” Perhaps our “fish” is not money, but a talent or an ability that God has given us. We all have something. If you have never trusted God with your time, or your talent, or your treasure...all your resources...this is the time to start. Let us offer ourselves and whatever we have to God saying, “Here is what I am and what I have Lord; use me; use it.” And He will bless us and bless our offering, amplifying it beyond our expectations. When we give what we have to God, and we ask Him to bless it — that is when the miracle happens. We, too, can perform wonders in our own time and place, by practicing the four “Eucharistic verbs” of Jesus: Take humbly and generously what God gives us, bless it by offering it to others in God's love, break it off from our own needs and interests for the sake of others, give it away with joy-filled gratitude to God who has blessed us with so much. We are called by Christ to become the Eucharist we receive at this altar, giving thanks for what we have received by sharing those gifts — our talents, our riches, ourselves – so that He can use them and us to work miracles in creating communities of joyful Faith (*Fr. Tony*).

**“What’s the expiration date on it?”** It’s like the story of a little girl in Milwaukee who had had tonsil infection and was staying with her grandmother while her parents were at work. One day she complained of a sore throat.

“I have some holy water from Lourdes that I got from my mother,” the grandmother said. “Should I put some on your neck?” The girl thought for a moment and then asked, “What’s the expiration date on it?”