



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH

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Newsletter for 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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:

Mass Tuesday
10:30 am

Wednesday 5-6 pm
Adoration of the Holy Eucharist
(Taynuilt Parish Mass: 10:30am)

Mass 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.



Bank Details

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles
Lochgilphead Mission.
Sort Code: 83-91-25
Account Number: 65627606.

A warm welcome to all visitors to St. Margaret's church and All Saints' church; Inveraray Mass Station. We are glad you worshipped with us today. Please join us after Mass for Tea / coffee in the mini hall. Our gratitude goes to the Hospitality group who made this possible, God bless you.

Fr Douglas

Welcome Fr Douglas, a priest from Glasgow is staying with us for a few days. Anyone wishing to take this opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation is most welcome.

Pat

Thank you for your prayers and support to Pat and his family. She will join us this week. God bless you all.

Led by the Spirit Collated Report and Bishop's Response

Sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed to Led by the Spirit (LBS). The individual parish reports from LBS Phase 3 have now been collated and published on

www.ledbythespirit.rcdai.org.uk

Bishop Brian has published his response and a draft Action Plan for implementing LBS's fruits. This can also be seen on www.ledbythespirit.rcdai.org.uk If you wish to be consulted on the Action Plan please join the online meeting for parishioners on Wednesday 19th February at 6.30 pm. To register please click on

[https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/dECaux-3TfqkzMKefnyYxw](https://us06web.zoom.us/join/https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/dECaux-3TfqkzMKefnyYxw)

Collections for last Sunday

St. Margaret and All Saints Inveraray:

Cash **£98.39**, Gift Aid **£174.60**

Total: **£272.99**

Tea/Coffee **£103.70**

Anniversaries this week

We remember our loved ones who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: *Roma Curtis, Rodina, Duncan, Donald, Chrissie and Joan*

Grief to Grace

A Healing Retreat for Victims of Abuse – 29th April to 4th May 2025 – Perth Grief to Grace is a specialised 5-day programme of spiritual and psychological healing for anyone who has suffered from sexual, physical, or emotional abuse or neglect in childhood, adolescence or adulthood, including those abused by a religious / member of the clergy. If you are interested in this confidential healing retreat, please contact: Grief to Grace (Scotland) at margaret.clarke@griefftoGraceuk.org

Unity in the Community

Donations to Unity in the Community are most welcome. Refugees need warm jackets (male/female and children), shoes in good condition, and household items such as pans, cutlery, mugs, toys etc. Please mark bags/boxes 'Unity in the Community and drop on the porch. Thanks.

MOMA

Moving on Mid Argyll is most grateful for the support. If you are able to donate toiletries (toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc., and basic tins of meat/fish/vegetables, this would help those in crisis.

Newsletter

The weekly parish newsletter can now be downloaded from the parish website. A copy will be uploaded every Saturday:

<https://stmargaretslochgilphead.org/>

Pilgrimage to Poland

St Andrew's Parish, Rothesay is organising a pilgrimage to Poland. Please have a look at the itinerary and booking info below.

If you have decided to join us, please phone the parish (1700 502047) or the parish priest, Fr Jarek Kwiecien (07300 489060) by Tuesday, 28th January.

Schedule: Departure by coach from Wemyss Bay to Glasgow Airport on Monday, 21st July (flight at 8.10 pm). Arrival in Krakow at 11.55 pm. We are based in Hotel Wyspianski for 7 nights (3 days half board & 4 days bed and breakfast). The hotel is situated in the Old Town, a walking distance from the Market Square, St Mary's Church, the Cathedral & the Castle, the Jewish Quarter, restaurants and shops). There are three full day trips to the Salt Mines, Wadowice (St John Paul II's birthplace), Kalwaria Zebrzydowska (Marian shrine), Auschwitz, Czestochowa (Black Madonna shrine), Lagiewniki (Divine Mercy shrine). Return on Monday, 28th July.

Overall cost should be within £1,000 with a deposit of £500 paid by Tuesday this week.

REFLECTIONS

Your Servant is Listening

Imagine going to a park to sit on the grass during a lovely summer afternoon, and scattered around you are various small groups of people chatting. You hear the conversation of some people sitting behind you. Well, do you in fact hear them? It would be more accurate to say you overhear them, because you can only hear a conversation when you are part of it. Otherwise, you overhear. But if someone in the group behind you recognises you and calls you over to join them, then you will hear the conversation because you will be part of it as you are part of the group. You will respond, contribute, share. You are now involved and committed.

Today's gospel is about talking and hearing. A group, including Jesus, is gathered in the Nazareth synagogue on the sabbath for worship, prayer and readings from the scriptures. Those present belong and are involved; all eyes are fixed on Jesus. They are hearers not overhearers. The gospel concludes with Jesus remarking on how the text he has just read from Isaiah was being fulfilled that day even as they listened. (*Dominican Blackfriars*)