



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH

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Newsletter for the 4th Sunday of Easter

11th May 2025

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
Exposition at 10 am

Friday 10:30 am
Exposition of the Holy Eucharist
at 10 am before Mass

Saturday 10:30 am
Exposition at 10 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.



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and the Isles
Lochgilphead Mission.
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Welcome to all visitors at St. Margaret's Church and All Saints Church, Inveraray Mass Station. We are happy that you joined us for worship today. Please join us for tea or coffee in the mini hall after Mass. A big thank you to the Hospitality group for organizing this. God bless you.

Pope Leo XIV

We appreciate your prayers for the Pope election. It has been a significant week as we have seen the selection of Pope Leo XIV. We are grateful to God for choosing him. Let us, as believers, keep praying for him and for God to guide him in his role.

Retreat in Lochgilphead

Come join us for a day of retreat in Lochgilphead on 24th May. It will be a day filled with relaxing activities for your mind and body. We will have lectio divina, teach you relaxation techniques, hold creative art sessions, and more. The event is free to attend. Please bring food to share for breakfast, and lunch will be provided.

For more information and to book, please contact Kinga at 07778627634 or email kingunia2002@yahoo.com

Bishop Brian Pastoral Visit

Bishop Brian is scheduled to have pastoral visit to our parish on June 1st also to perform the Sacrament of Confirmation. We are excited about his visit and should welcome him with love and prayers as always.

Fertility Care Scotland

This free webinar introduces the Billings Method, trusted by couples and health professionals worldwide, and reveals how understanding fertility can deepen connection and transform family life. It takes place at 7:45pm this Monday (12 May) and is organised by Fertility Care Scotland, supported by the Marriage, Family & Life Office of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland. Register at bit.ly/naturesbestsecret.

Collections for last Sunday

St. Margaret and All Saints Inveraray:
Cash **£140.80** Gift Aid **£146.50** Total: **£287.30**

Church Building Fund Donations:
Karan Walsh **£200** Jacinta Malcolm **£1500**

Justice and Peace Group

The next meeting hosted by St Margaret's Justice and Peace Group will be on Tuesday May 13th in the MS Centre at 7pm, with speaker Anne-Marie Clements of the Justice and Peace Commission, who visited the Holy Land in January. Hear her witness of the experience.

In the meantime, if you have any redundant spectacles, could you give them to Marian, who will take to Specsavers which recycles them - one more thing to keep out of landfill and be given a useful after life. Clothes and household items for Unity in the Community are always welcome, as are donations of food and toiletries for Moving On Mid Argyll.

The Liturgy Works weekends

The Liturgy Works weekends will be held on September 19th to 21st at the Conforti Institute in Coatbridge. This weekend event will include workshops, spiritual talks, liturgical singing, prayer, and a chance to meet people from different parishes in Argyll and the Isles. The cost for the weekend is £180 for full board. I understand that this is more expensive than before, but it has been five years since we last met and prices have increased significantly. A deposit of £50 should be paid into the bank account of Mrs. D. Maclean, with sort code 874362 and account number 72783760.

REFLECTIONS

Washing Our Robes White in Blood!

We all have to wash out robes white in the blood of the Lamb. Sure, we would like a religion that was not demanding, one that would not effect our personal lives. But then we really would not be "tied to God," as the word religion is defined etymologically. Nor would we be allowing the Good Shepherd to protect us from the lure of evil. Folks, and I speak particularly to myself here, when are we going to realize that there is a cost to discipleship? When are we going to realize that if we are sincere in our desire to follow Christ, it is going to cost us? We will be bloodied. We will all have to wash our robes white in the blood of the Lamb.

Most likely we will not have our lives threatened if we refuse to renounce our Christianity. We will not be burned to death like Lawrence or Polycarp, we will not be thrown to the wild beasts like Ignatius of Antioch or Perpetua and Felicity. We will not have our heads severed like Thomas More or those sixteen Carmelite nuns killed during the reign of terror in France. But there is a high probability, 100% in fact, that every single one of us, every person here, has had to or will have to choose to live the Way of the Lord, the New Way, will have to choose to believe that there is more than the here and now, and will have to sacrifice present pleasure for eternal gain. Every single one of us will have to choose to be bloodied, to feel hurt of some sort, because we are committed to following Jesus Christ. (*Msgr. Joseph Pellegrino*).