



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH

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Newsletter for the 7th Sunday of Easter

1st June 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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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.

Sacrament of Confirmation

We extend our congratulations to Natan Vernis and Lilly Cameron, who will be confirmed by Bishop Brian today. We also want to express our gratitude to the Bishop for visiting our parish and administering the Sacrament of Confirmation to our children. Please, keep them in your prayers.

Communications Sunday

Today, on Communications Sunday (June 1st), we will take a special collection to support the work of Communications in Church and Diocese.

Stella Maris

Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) is seeking one volunteer from this parish please to help with Sea Sunday (which falls on 12/13 July this year) in this parish. This is the day when the Church comes together to pray for seafarers, fishers and their families, and takes a second collection to support the work of Stella Maris. The volunteer will read out the appeal (which Stella Maris will provide) at the end of Masses that weekend. If you can kindly do this, please contact roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org or call 07887 893 763.

Dignity Not Detention – Dungavel – Sun 15th June, 1pm

Join Justice & Peace Scotland to call for "Dignity Not Detention" and advocate for an end to the inhumane practice of unlimited immigration detention. The UK is the only country in Europe that does not have a statutory time limit on detention, meaning people can be held in prison-like conditions indefinitely with no idea when they will be released. Guest speaker: Archbishop William Nolan. Dungavel House, Strathaven, ML10 6RF. Contact office@justice@peacescotland.org.uk for more info.

Collections for last Sunday

St. Margaret and All Saints Inveraray:
Cash £130.50 Gift Aid 167.50 Total: £298.00

SCIAF Wee Boxes £469.60 Thank you so much for your donation to SCIAF

Laudato Si' Week 24th - 31st May 2025

This month marks the tenth anniversary of the publication of Pope Francis's encyclical, *Laudato si'*, which continued and developed the Church's social teaching on ecological issues. *Laudato si'*, was addressed to "all people of goodwill", amongst other Christians and people of other faiths and none.

There are several study guide resources available online about *Laudato Si'* which include

• reflections • discussion questions • ideas for action • prayers

To mark *Laudato Si'* Week 2025 in St Margarets parish it is proposed to have a book club once a week during the Season of Creation 2025 (September 1st-October 4th) the theme of which is "Peace with Creation".

Please sign the notice in the church porch if you would be interested in taking part.

Together For Sanctuary – Immaculate Conception, Maryhill – Thurs 19th June, 7pm

Justice & Peace Scotland invite you to Together for Sanctuary, a special ecumenical Christian worship service held as part of Refugee Festival Scotland. Organised in partnership with SFAR (Scottish Faiths Action for Refugees), this gathering will bring together people of all backgrounds to stand in solidarity with those who seek sanctuary for a time of prayer, worship, music and reflection and will include speakers with lived experience of seeking safety and welcome. Join us on Thurs 19th June, Immaculate Conception Church, 2049 Maryhill Road, Glasgow G20 0AA, at 7pm.

REFLECTIONS

Fingerprints and DNA scanners:

Fingerprints have long been recognized as a form of personal identification. As far back as the reign of the Babylonian King Hammurabi (1792-1750 BC), convicts were fingerprinted. In China as early as 246 BC, fingerprints were used to "sign" legal contracts. In 1788 a German anatomist, Johann Christoph Andreas Mayer, published findings which proved that fingerprints are unique to each individual. The idea caught on so fast that by the mid-nineteenth century, data banks of fingerprints were being collected all over the world for identification purposes. Now, as we know, micro-processors race and run at breakneck speed through millions of fingerprints in order to catch the bad guys or exonerate the good guys. Science has revealed other ways we are unique and singular. Our DNA is our own. Each cell of our body is genetically coded just for us. God made us in many ways wholly and totally different from one another. Yet, as Jesus offers up to the Father his own personal "Lord's Prayer," as given in today's Gospel, he closes by praying for "oneness" among all those who follow him as disciples. Does this mean that Jesus prays for us all to be the same? Is this a call for "cloned Christians"? A franchise faith? A lemming life? A monotone mission? Is every follower of Jesus expected to keep the same pace, have the same stride, move to the same rhythm? Jesus was praying for generations of believers. The "oneness" that Jesus prayed for is a oneness of heart and a oneness of love. Oneness for Jesus is a love mark of hearts that have experienced the unity of Divine love – the unity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as they are poured out into the hearts of every disciple. As Christians, our DNA reads the same: we are all part of the Body of Christ. (*Fr. Anthony Kadavil*)