



## ST. MARGARET'S PARISH

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### Newsletter for the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6<sup>th</sup> July 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.

**Peters Pence:** Thank you so much for Peter's Pence collection, the yearly collection that help support the Holy See and its charitable initiatives, enabling the faithful to show their solidarity with the Pope and contribute to the needs of the Universal Church. We raised **£166.55**

**Young Adults Group:** The St. Margaret's Young Adults Group invites all young adults for a youth meeting. The theme for this coming meeting is *Faith and Food*. This gathering will take place at St. Margaret's Mini Hall on Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM. We hope to see you there!

**Papal Nuncio:** The Papal Nuncio Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, is making a pastoral visit to every diocese in Scotland, England and Wales. He will be visiting Argyll and the Isles from Tuesday 22nd to Friday 25th July 2025. The Nuncio will visit our deanery on the 22nd July, Mass will be in the Cathedral, Oban at 5pm. All are invited.

**Stella Maris:** Next Sunday is Sea Sunday, Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) 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.

**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.

**Daavar Island half day trip:** Everyone is welcome to join Kinga, Moira and Henry for a gentle walk to Daavar Island Crucifixion Cave on 19th July. We will meet at 11am on Daavar Island car park and head to the cave. We plan stone painting as well if weather permitting. Waterproof footing recommended. Please contact Kinga for further information on [kingunia2002@yahoo.com](mailto:kingunia2002@yahoo.com) or 07778627634.

### Collections for last Sunday

**St. Margaret and All Saints Inveraray:**

Cash **£146.40** Gift Aid **105.00** Total: **£231.40** , Peters Pence: **£166.55**

### June 2025 Account:

Offertory collections: **£502.25**, Monthly Donations : **£1431.00**, Expenditures: **£4352.86**. Bank Balance: **£17,185.03** ,

### Grants:

Basil Death Trust : **£2000**, Benefact Trust **£1,750** We anticipate receiving these funds in our bank account shortly, which will enable us to continue our church roof repair project.

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles. Charity registration number - SC002876

## **Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist**

If any member of the parish is interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Eucharist, please reach out to Fr. Philip for training and commissioning. Thank you!

## **2025 Centenary Pilgrimage to Pray for the Beatification of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair**

The 2025 Centenary Pilgrimage to pray for the Beatification of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair will take place on Sunday 21 September from 12.30-6pm at St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh, EH1 1NA. 12.30-1.30: Refreshments & sale of candles/goods; 1.30-2.30: Holy Hour; 3.00-4.00: Reflection; 4.30: Holy Mass concelebrated with Archbishop Cushley. Confessions available all day.

# REFLECTIONS

## **One-man army for Christ**

The story of St. Philip Neri, who earned the title “Apostle of Rome” in the 16th century, is an example of the missionary zeal demanded by today’s Gospel. Philip came down to Rome in the early 1500s as an immigrant from Florence and a layman. When he arrived, he was horrified by the physical and moral devastation of the city.

Rome had been sacked in 1527 by the Germans who had left much of the city in ruins. The Gospel wasn’t being preached, and many priests and cardinals were living in open defiance of Christ’s moral teachings. Philip prayed to God to learn what he might do. He read the letters that St. Francis Xavier had sent back to Europe from India, where he had been converting tens of thousands. Philip thought that God was calling him to follow the great Basque missionary to India, to give his life in proclaiming the Gospel.

When he went to his spiritual director and told him what he thought God was asking of him, the wise old priest affirmed his desire to serve and bear witness to Christ. However, he told Philip to focus his attention on re-evangelizing those around him, declaring, “Rome is to be your India!” This was quite a task for one man. But Philip, relying on God’s help, started — first as a layman, then as a priest — to convert Rome, one person at a time. He would cheerfully go to street corners and say, “Friends, when are we going to start to do good?” He developed various entertaining social and religious activities to give the people, especially the young people, better alternatives for their hearts and time than those offered by the debauched culture around them. His impact was enormous, and when he died in 1595, much of Rome had been reconverted.

The same God who spoke to Philip almost five hundred years ago challenges each one of us this morning through the Scriptures, “Your home and your family, your workplace and your parish are your mission field!”

( *Fr. Anthony Kadavil* )