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Newsletter for the 5th Sunday of Lent

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

NO 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
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 offertory or
donate to the parish



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and the Isles
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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.

Chrism Mass 2026: This year's Chrism Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on *Wednesday, 25th March at 12.30 pm.* The Chrism Mass is a liturgical highlight in our diocesan calendar, and parishioners need to participate; this is once a year.

Stations of the Cross: During Lent, the Stations of the Cross will take place on Wednesdays at 6pm, after the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament..

Stations of the cross with Children: Children stations of the cross will be on Wednesday 25th march. at 5.30p.m.

There is no Exposition and Adoration of the Holy Eucharist.

Catechism: The catechism class for those preparing for Baptism and First Holy Communion will take place every Sunday after Mass. Children participating are asked to sit during Mass .

Liturgy Works: A weekend of liturgy-themed workshops, spiritual talks, liturgical singing, prayer and get-together with people from around the parishes of Argyll & the Isles. This will take place in Conforti Institute, Coatbridge from 1st to the 3rd of May. See the noticeboard for more information.

Easter Sunday Service: You are welcome to join Easter Sunday Service at the Lochgilphead front at 8am for a 30 minute.

HOLY WEEK AND THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

March 25, Chrism Mass at St Columba's Cathedral on Wednesday, at 12.30 pm. All parishioners are encouraged to attend this Mass.

March 29, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Mass 10 am

March 30, Monday, Mass at 12 noon
(Funeral Mass for James Curtis)

March 31, Tuesday, Mass at 10:30 am

April 1, Wednesday, 5-6 pm adoration, 6 pm Stations of the Cross.

April 2, Thursday of Holy Week, Mass of the Lord's Supper, Mass at 6 pm. (Adoration ends at 9 pm)

April 3, Good Friday, (*Good Friday is a universal day of fast and abstinence from meat.*) 3:00 pm, Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

April 4, Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil Mass at 8 pm

April 5, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord. Mass at 10 am. All Saints Inveraray at 12:30 pm

SCIAF Lenten "Wee Boxes" are available from the church porch. Please take one home with you. The Lenten appeal this year focuses on Ethiopia.

Collections for last Sunday

St. Margaret and All Saints Inveraray:

Cash £207.20 Card Reader:£0.00 Total: £207.20

SCIAF second collection we raised £355.20

Thank you so much for your generous support.

REFLECTIONS

Statement from the Bishops of Scotland

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Following a request from the Holy See, the Bishops of Scotland have been invited to reflect on how the structures of the Church in our country can best serve her mission in the years ahead, specifically whether the present situation of eight dioceses is suitable.

We are all aware of the challenges before us — fewer clergy, changing patterns of practice, and increasing pressures on our diocesan resources, among other things. Yet our mission remains unchanged: to proclaim the Gospel and to lead our people to Christ.

Two possible pathways are being proposed for careful discernment: developing deeper cooperation and the sharing of resources across dioceses within our present structures, or the merging of some dioceses.

In order to best inform ourselves and the Holy See, each bishop will engage with his diocese over the coming months for the first part of this process. Everyone will be given the opportunity to pray, reflect, and contribute.

Following-on from the presentation of a discussion paper, responses from each diocese will contribute to the initial findings which will be given to the Holy See in the Autumn.

This is not simply an administrative exercise. It is a pastoral and missionary response to our changing landscape. This process will ensure our Church in Scotland will continue to grow ever more missionary, more Christ-centred, and more collaborative in the service of God's people.

Entrusting this work to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and to the intercession of Our Lady, we move forward together with confidence and renewed hope.

Scotland Rejects Assisted Dying and Affirms Human Dignity

MSPs can be confident that they have taken the correct and responsible course of action. Their vote serves to protect some of Scotland's most vulnerable individuals from the risk of being pressured into a premature death.

Every human life possesses inherent value. Genuine compassion is not expressed through ending a life, but through accompanying those who suffer and ensuring they receive the medical, emotional, and spiritual support that recognises their dignity. No life is without worth.

As a society, our responsibility is not to address suffering by eliminating the sufferer, but to surround each person with care, respect, and dignity until their natural end. Today's decision moves Scotland further in that direction, and MSPs should be commended for this.

However, we must continue to make progress. Our next priority must be to strengthen palliative care by ensuring that it is properly funded and accessible to all who require it.

I would like to express my gratitude to all MSPs for their serious engagement with this issue and for the thoughtful and considered attention they have given to the bill. I am especially grateful to those who upheld the principle of human dignity and advocated on behalf of the vulnerable. Your principled commitment has not gone unnoticed.

Bishop John Keenan

President of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland