



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH

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Newsletter

for the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY MASS:

St Margaret's: 10 am
All Saints, Inveraray, 12: 30
(Taynuilt Parish Mass: 4 pm)

WEEKDAYS MASS

St Margaret's Church:
Tuesday 10:30 am

Wednesday 5-6 pm

Adoration of the Holy Eucharist
(Taynuilt Parish Mass: 10:30am)

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

ANNIVERSARIES

Mass intentions for this week

- Members of the parish and friends who are sick
- All the intentions in our intention prayer Book
- Gerard Dearie RIP

Please use the QR code below to make offertory or donate to the parish



Bank Details

Account Name:
RC Diocese of Argyll & the Isles
Lochgilhead Mission.
Sort Code: 83-91-25
Ac. Number: 65627606

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.

Peaceful Retreat: I had a peaceful, silent retreat at Pluscarden Abbey, a Benedictine monastery. I concelebrated Mass at the Abbey, founded in 1230 by Alexander II. I prayed and lit a candle for your intentions. I also walked 23.89 km from the Abbey to Elgin. As I walked, I prayed for your intentions, especially those in our prayer book. Today marks my 4th anniversary of ordination, and I want to thank you all for your support and prayers. God bless you.

Day for Life: Sunday, 21 June, is Day for Life in the Church in Scotland. This year's theme is *'The Wonder of the Child in the Womb'* and reflects on the humanity of the unborn child and acknowledges, with compassion, the deep grief experienced by parents who lose a child before or shortly after birth. There will be a second collection towards the Bishops' Conference Day for Life Fund <https://www.bcos.org.uk/Day-for-Life-Fund> which offers grants for pro-life initiatives and other initiatives that allow people to live life to the full.

Standing order: If you wish to set up a standing order please pick the form at the back of the church or download the standing order and gift aid forms from the parish website, or ask Fr. Philip for more information. Thank you for always supporting our church.

Vacancy in the Diocesan Office: An exciting new part time job opportunity as the Diocesan Office Administrator is available. To find out more click on <https://www.rcdai.org.uk/vacancies/>

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 25th May - 1st June 2027. Bishop Brian will be leading our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes next year. The itinerary is still being finalised, but price per pilgrim is likely to be approximately £1200 - £1300. To register your interest please email Fr. Ronald Campbell: Portree@rcdai.org.uk by Friday, 19th June.

Contactless Machine: We have an Air Card Reader, enabling visitors and parishioners without cash to make offertory donations or contribute to the parish. This device is located in the porch. Or you can use the QR code by the side this newsletter. Thank you very much.

The Food Hub (MOMA) is reaching many who need a helping hand. Donations of food and toiletries in the box in the porch are always very welcome. Thank you.

Notices for the Bulletin:

Please send your notices to lochgilhead@rcdai.org.uk by noon on Friday.

Collections for last Sunday

St. Margaret and All Saints Inveraray:

Cash £220.20 Card Reader: £0.00 Total: £220.20

Special Collection today for Apostolate of Life (Day for Life)

REFLECTIONS

Day for Life 2026 Bishops' Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Day for Life presents an opportunity to celebrate the dignity of all human life from conception to natural end. The theme for 2026 is 'The Wonder of the Child in the Womb'.

Every year Day for Life falls on Father's Day and we wish fathers a blessed day. Today we remember with gratitude the loving care and direction our parents gave to us, whether they are still with us or have gone to the Lord.

Parenthood is a vocation of joys and hopes, of griefs and anxieties. On this year's Day for Life, we acknowledge the particular grief of mothers and fathers who have lost a child before birth or in infancy. Mother's Day and Father's Day can be especially difficult for parents who experience the loss of an infant. Such loss often takes its bodily toll upon the mother, and it can leave fathers feeling helpless and unsure of how to support their family, or of how to express their own grief.

The Church wants to be especially close to parents who have suffered the loss of an infant. We try to offer spiritual support through the pastoral care and blessing of our priests, and through the comfort of our liturgy. You only have to reach out to your priest or deacon if you would like to know more about this.

Just as importantly, many parents find consolation in their faith and its assurance that every child, including those who lose their life before they are born or soon after, is created, willed and deeply loved by God from all eternity. We have the Lord's promise from the Scriptures that: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you" (Jer 1:5).

The Word of God reveals the sacred humanity of the unborn child and perhaps helps us understand why we feel such profound grief at the loss of a baby. Parents instinctively grasp how precious and unique the child is whom they have lost and whom they may already have called by name. They know how no other child can ever replace them.

Science is clear that life begins at fertilisation when a new and unique living human being comes into existence. Every technological development in recent decades has given us insight into how life in the womb unfolds for each of us. At conception, our gender, genetic makeup and eye and hair colour are already determined. As early as five weeks, our heart begins to beat. By ten weeks, we can move and respond to touch and, beginning two weeks later, we have the capacity to feel pain. By eighteen weeks, our mother can sense our movement in the womb. By twenty-seven weeks, we can recognise the voices of our parents. For some decades, parents have been able to observe some of these stages through ultrasound scans during pregnancy. The more we learn about the science, the more we understand the teaching of the Church on the unique value of the unborn baby. This understanding, however, is not complete without the recognition that, from the beginning, every human being is not just a body but also an immortal soul, with a unique and eternal connection with God, our Creator.

It is because of what both science and faith reveal to us that the Church and many people of good will have always held that the unborn child merits the full protection of the law, and why we have always rejected elective abortion.

This Day for Life 2026, we reflect on the wonder of human life from the moment of fertilisation. We remember how the Lord Jesus Christ Himself sanctified and experienced the beginning of life in the world as an unborn child, hidden in the womb of Mary. Mary knew that she was carrying the Son of God – God and man – as soon as He was conceived. John the Baptist leapt in his mother Elizabeth's womb when Mary greeted her. Our Lady treasured Our Lord in her heart and womb until His birth.

We, in our turn, commit ourselves to work and pray for our society to cherish the value of every little one, especially those at the earliest stage of human life, and to help our parish communities support all those in our midst who have suffered the loss of a child.

Most Reverend John Sherrington,

Archbishop of Liverpool, England and Wales

Most Reverend Kevin Doran

Bishop of Elphin and of Achonry, Ireland

Right Reverend John Keenan

Bishop of Paisley, Scotland

You will find the Bishops' Letter along with other materials here: www.bcos.org.uk/dayforlife.