



# ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

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## NEWSLETTER FOR 23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

#### SUNDAY MASS:

St Margaret's: 10 am  
All Saints, Inveraray,  
12: 30 pm

#### WEEKDAYS MASS

St Margaret's Church:

No Mass on Tuesday

Wednesday 5 pm

Adoration of the Holy  
Eucharist and Praises,

No Mass on

Thursday

Friday 10:30 am

Exposition of the Holy  
Eucharist at 10 am before  
Mass.

The Season of Creation  
runs from September  
1-4 October, the World  
Day of Prayer

#### CONFESSION

9:15 am – 9:40 am

before Mass and on request

### Gift Aid

The government's Gift Aid Scheme is a very needy source of income for St Margaret's Parish. Please ensure that if you are a UK taxpayer every donation you make to the parish, including your offertory collection, is Gift Aided. Envelopes are available at the rear of the Church for this purpose. Thank you for supporting our church.



*"For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them."*

**Mass this week:** Fr. Philip is away for Clergy Assembly in Oban. There is no Mass on Tuesday and Thursday, Wednesday only prayer Meeting without Eucharistic Adoration at 5pm.

**PC Minutes:** The minutes of the Parish Pastoral Council Meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September, the printed copy is on the noticeboard. Please, find time to read, to be up to date with what is happening in our parish. A copy of the financial report is at the noticeboard. Please, take your time to read and if there is any comments, or suggestions, contact Fr Philip.

**Visitors:** A warm welcome to all our visitors to St. Margaret/ Inveraray Mass station. We are glad you worship with us today, God bless you all. Please, join us after Mass for Tea/Coffee. St. Margaret Church Tea/Coffee in the church porch after Mass. All Saints Inveraray at the back of the church after Mass. Our gratitude goes to the Hospitality group who made this possible, God bless you!

#### Collections last Sunday

Offertory Cash both St Margaret and Inveraray £126.47, Gift Aid Envelopes £61.60 **Total** £188.07

#### Ecclesiastical Students Fund Collection Today

our annual Collection for Ecclesiastical Students, who are seminarians. Unfortunately, our Diocese presently has no one studying for the priesthood. However, the diocese has recently ordained or brought on loan several priests. Over twelve months the Diocese will spend about £20,000 settling these new priests, but this has been well worth it, as their presence has been supportive to both our clergy and the eight parishes that will be served. Therefore, since we have no students, this year's Second Collection will help with the costs incurred in ensuring every parish in the diocese is served by a priest.

**Vocations Awareness Week:** A letter from Bishop John Keenan: Our Vocations Awareness Week is a precious opportunity for recalling the wonder of GOD's call to serve His People, and of gratitude for all of those who said Yes down the years. This week I hope you and your parish communities will pray for vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious life, and encourage all those engaged in ministry in your community, and finally that our young people may be given time and space to discern if they are called to these special vocations in the life of the Church. *Pick a copy at this letter at back of the church (porch)*

**Diocesan Safeguarding Day** will be held on Saturday 16th September. In order to join you will need to register click the link below. Once you do so you will receive a confirmation email and your link to join, please keep this safe as you will need it on the day to get in.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMscuGhrTvwGNTtX4F0UjIrdIhzZrlg5RfD>

**The 2023 National Pilgrimage for the Beatification of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair** will take place on Sunday, 17th September from 12.30pm – 6.00pm at St. Patrick’s Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh. More details are on the church notice board.

**Help is required with the elderly and sick person** for few hours a day. You would be paid if you wish to! Please, if anyone is interested contact Fr Philip for details.

### MASS INTENTIONS

We pray for our loved ones whose anniversary occurs around this time.

Please, send to Fr. Philip, any prayer intentions or anniversaries you wish to have added to the Parish Prayer intentions list, email or handover the name of the person, thank you. (lochgilphead@rcdai.org.uk)



**The Season of Creation runs from September 1**, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, to October 4th, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Pope Francis chose as the theme this year “Let Justice and Peace Flow”, inspired by Amos 5:24. He says, "Let us heed our call to stand with the victims of environmental and climate injustice, and to put an end to the senseless war against creation."

The Scottish Bishops’ Conference has shared prayers and resources for the season. We had the opportunity to watch **The Letter**. Parishioners asked for a discussion on the film - please watch again on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rps9bs85BII>) then watch this space for a time and date to talk about how climate affects us all.!

## REFLECTIONS

### Are Humans Naturally Good and Loving?

*Message: Recognize you owe all to God – most important, the gift of love.*

St. Paul tells us, “Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.” If you are like me, when you hear that verse, you think: Heck, I’ve got it made: I’m a loving person; I don’t hate anyone; I wish well to everyone. Sure, I’ve got my faults, but I am basically a good person.

On one level, you probably are. You and I have the image of God imprinted us – and we each have a value greater than everything else on this planet combined. When this world turns to dust your existence and mine will have barely begun. We have an incalculable dignity – but it’s not unalloyed. We are like Mt. Rainier: Majestic, but a volcano inside that can erupt any moment. (Fr. Phil Bloom)

### The Need to Correct One Another

Today’s Gospel is about the need to correct one another. We find the same teaching in the First Reading from Ezekiel. The Second Reading from Paul alerts us to the truth that all we do, including correcting of others, is to be done in love. If we do not love another person, we certainly do not know them. They are aware of this and they cannot trust our judgment concerning their behaviour. Any correction we offer will not work. We had better leave it to someone who loves and so knows them. It obviously matters how we behave. If we hurt others we are certainly hurting ourselves. One would hope that there was someone in our lives who cared enough about us to point out the error of our ways. If we don’t care that someone is behaving badly, we must not love that person very much. Jesus is also telling us how we should go about this correction when it concerns people who are part of the Christian community with us. (Fr. Michael Fallon, MSC)

### SUNDAY HYMNS

**Entrance** 557 O The Love of y Lord is the Essence  
**Offertory** 560 Our God Loves Us  
**Communion** 233 A New Commandment  
**Recessional** 290 God is Love

### Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 94

*O that today you would listen to his voice! ‘Harden not your hearts’*