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NEWSLETTER FOR 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B

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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:

Tuesday 10:30 am

Wednesday 5 pm

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

Thursday 10:30 am

Friday 10:30 am

Solemnity of Immaculate
Conception. Exposition of the
Holy Eucharist at 11 am before
Mass 12 noon

Saturday 10:30 am

CONFESSION

from Tuesday to Saturday
9:15 am - 9:40 am
before Mass and on request

Please use the QR code
below to make donations to
the parish.



St Margaret RC Church, Lochgi



If he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep

SUNDAY HYMNS

Entrance 216 Come O Divine Messiah.
Offertory 362 In Bread We Offer You.
Communion 470 Make me a Channel of Your Peace
Recessional 123 Peace Perfect Peace.
Psalm. Psl.79 *God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us
and we shall be saved*

Frist Sunday of Advent, we are now in a New Year of our liturgical calendar 2024. Today we resume to our previous practice of receiving Holy Communion under both species. We have Ministers of Holy Communion ready; after reflecting about this ministry they have accepted the responsibility of serving the Church and we are grateful. It is an opportunity for us as a parish to do more in the area of our care for the sick and housebound.

Also, it is important that we all feel confident as we come forward to receive Christ bearing in mind that Christ is fully present under both species! "No one is obliged to receive communion under both kinds apart from a celebrating priest. The Church's theology on this is clear - that the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of the Lord is contained in either or both species," therefore, you are free to receive the body of Christ only. Please, don't feel obliged to take from the chalice if you don't want to!

Advent Recollection is on the Solemnity of Immaculate Conception the 8th of December from 10 am to 12 noon end with Mass. Confession will be within the hour of the adoration 10:15am to 11:30 am.

Raffle: Phil Connor offered us 2 Turkeys and we are going to have a raffle after Mass on **Sunday the 3rd** and **Sunday the 10th December** both in St. Margaret's Lochgilthead and All Saints, Inveraray for 2 turkeys.

Our Visitors: A warm welcome to all our visitors to St. Margaret/ Inveraray Mass station. We are glad you worship with us today, may almighty God bless you all. Please, join us after Mass for Tea/Coffee.

St. Margaret church, Tea/Coffee at the parish's Tent outside the church. **All Saints Inveraray** Tea/Coffee at the back of the church after Mass. Our gratitude goes to the Hospitality group who made this possible, God bless you!

Mission Appeal: on the 10th of December a Mill Hill Missionaries Priest will be celebrating Mass and sharing with us about the their Mission around the world. It is also for Mission appeal the details is on the poster on the noticeboard. The second collection will be in support of their mission. Let us support them. Thanks

Justice and Peace Group: With levels of poverty rising and the refugee in need of help increasing, St Margaret's Justice and Peace Group is able to facilitate delivery of warm jackets and waterproof boots to both the Simon Community in Glasgow and the contact for Care4Calais.

If you are able to donate, please label your donation bags 'Glasgow Homeless' or 'Care4Calais'.

Thank you for your generosity.

MOMA: Can you meet the MOMA 12 Days of Christmas challenge? Pick up a bag from the Community Shop, fill it with an item every day from December 1st-12th (eg: toiletries, food, fancy biscuits, a small toy, a box of chocolates) and hand the filled bag back to the Community Shop by December 16. The bags will be added to the special Christmas packs which are given to individuals and families experiencing difficulties. Thank you very much.

Carol services

15th Ecumenical service All Saints, Inveraray at 7.00pm.

17th Carol service, Lochgilhead at 5pm

20th Midweek prayer service, West loch fyne side Church, Inveraray at 6.30

22nd Fyne Carols in Furnace village hall at 6.30

24th All age Christmas Eve Service, Cumlodden at 4 pm.

Collections last Sunday

Offertory St. Margaret and All Saints

Inveraray **£200.10**

Church Fund, Tea & Coffee for the months of October & November **£115**

Christmas Craft fair final **£442.10**

Catholic Education Service **£125.00**

Thank you so much for supporting the Catholic Education Service

Gift Aid Scheme

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.

REFLECTIONS

Be watchful! Be alert!

Bottom line: *Focus on Jesus, find time for silence. "Be watchful! Be alert!"*

Jesus tells us "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." We are like watchmen. It's a serious duty. In the Roman army if the night watchman fell asleep, the other soldiers would place him in the middle of a circle and club him to death. He had exposed them to mortal danger. The night watch was broken into shifts like Jesus describes: "evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning." The point here is that you and I have to establish a certain discipline of prayer. Maybe set your alarm a bit earlier so you can give twenty minutes or even an hour to pray. Best way to begin a day! Some people use part of their lunch break or before they turn in at night. Find the time – or times – that work for you. Then stick with them. (*Fr. Phil Bloom*)



Christmas Craft fair 25th November

10: 00 am to 12: 30 pm at Lochgilhead Church of Scotland Hall

Advent Recollection 8th Dec.

10: 30 am Opening prayer from Divine Office and presentation.

11: 00 am exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

12 noon Mass followed by launch.

Christmas Carol/Eve 24th Dec.

8: 30 pm Christmas Carol and presentations.

9: 00 pm Christmas Mass during the Night.

Christmas Day 25th Dec.

10: am Mass in St. Margaret's Church

12: 30 pm Mass in All Saints Inveraray.