



ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

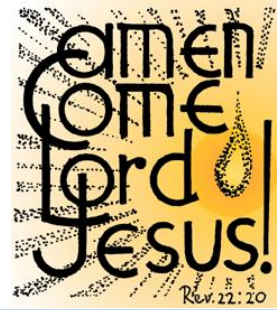
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Newsletter for 2nd Sunday of Advent, Year B

10th December 2023

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

Exposition of the Holy
Eucharist at 10 am before Mass

Saturday 10:30 am

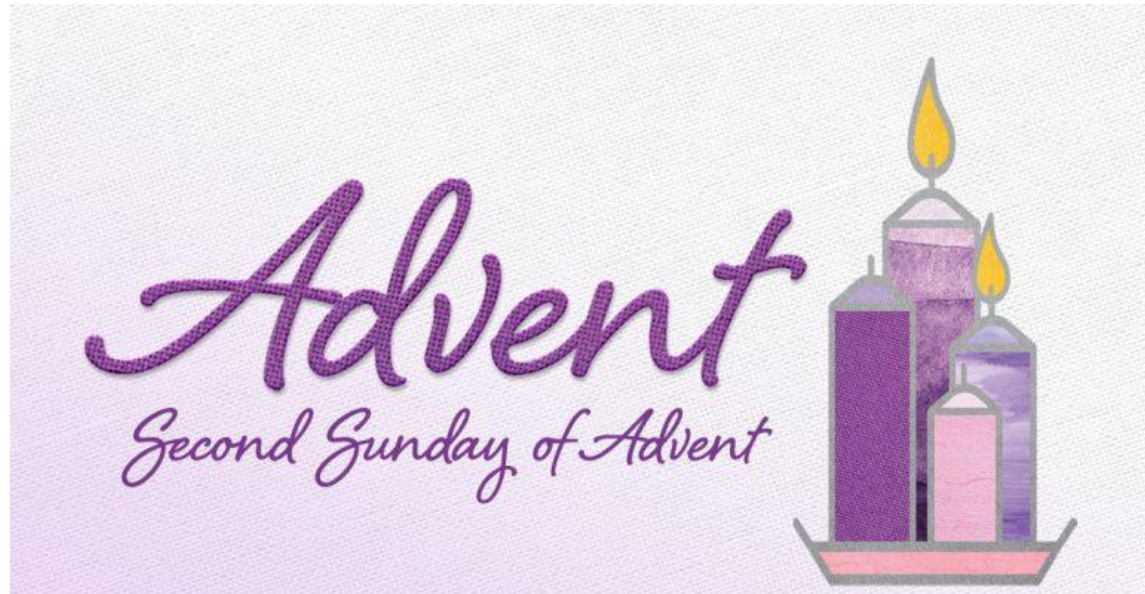
CONFESSION

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



*A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.*

SUNDAY HYMNS

Entrance 541 On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry.

Offertory 560 Our god Loves Us

Communion 538 One Bread One Body, One Lord of All.

Recessional 103 O Come O Come Emmanuel.

Psalm. Psl. 84 *Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.*

Pastoral Council Meeting: Our council meeting comes up on Wednesday the 13th of December at 6pm, dinner after the meeting. All members are encouraged to be present.

Advent Recollection: Thank you all for taking your time to be present at the Advent recollection. It was successful! It is a fact that, participating in the parish activities like recollection uplift our spiritual life and make us feel belonging!

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 Lochgilphead 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!

Justice & Peace: St Margaret's Justice & Peace/Laudato Si group will meet in The Tent at 7pm on Tuesday December 12. Everyone is welcome & we'll share a hot drink & actions for justice, peace & climate justice.

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.

Collections last Sunday

Offertory St. Margaret and All Saints Inveraray **£200.10**

REFLECTION

St. John the Baptist and True Worship

The real test of worship is how it transforms lives, how it opens us up in humble awareness to the presence of God in our lives.

John had this awareness even, it seems, from those first months in his mother's womb when he leapt for joy in the presence of the Messiah who, himself, was being carried in womb of the Virgin. John in the desert, clothed in camel's hair and a leather belt, witnessed true worship of God and this is what drew the people of Israel to him. They recognized his authenticity.

John the Baptist lived in the presence and awareness of God. He made straight the way of the Lord in his own life. He invites us to do the same. (Fr. Michael Cummins)

True vs False Comfort

Bottom line: God offers us true comfort. Not the false comfort of denying sin, but the acceptance of personal responsibility and divine forgiveness.

In our reading from the prophet Isaiah we hear, Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. For some this will invoke Handel's Messiah, Comfort ye, Comfort ye my people...Saith your God

We need a message of comfort after the devastation we have been through this year. On top of the worldwide pandemic other forms of devastation have come upon many people.

God offers us comfort, but it is not a false or easy comfort. C.S. Lewis said this, "If you look for truth, you may find comfort in the end; if you look for comfort you will not get either comfort or truth only soft soap and wishful thinking to begin, and in the end, despair."

(Fr. Phil Bloom)

Mission Appeal: Today the 10th of December, we thank Fr John, a Mill Hill Missionaries Priest who celebrate Mass and share with us about the their Mission around the world. It is a day for their Mission appeal. The second collection will be in support of their mission.

Justice & 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,

Lochgilphead 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.



Christmas Craft fair 25th November

10: 00 am to 12: 30 pm at Lochgilphead 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.