



ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER FOR 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

24th September 2023

SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

SUNDAY MASS:

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

WEEKDAYS MASS

St Margaret's Church:

Tuesday 10:30 am

Wednesday 5 pm

Adoration of the Holy
Eucharist and Praises,

Thursday 11:30 am

Funeral Mass of Brian
Robins

Friday 10:30 am

Exposition of the Holy
Eucharist at 10 am before
Mass.

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.



We need to think hard and gratefully about the landowner's words: 'Why be envious because I am good?'..... As Christians we are called to imitate the foundational goodness and love shown to us by God in Christ when we did not deserve it.

Brian Robins: Thank you all for your prayers for Brian last Sunday, He died peacefully just after Mass. Please, let us keep the family in our prayers especially during this difficult time. The requiem Mass will be on the 28th September, at 11:30 am. Come along to bid farewell to Brian!

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 £146,
Gift Aid Envelopes £72.50
Total £218.50

7th October Parish's Recollection, (mini retreat)

Our Lady of the Rosary-Memorial
(11 am to 3pm)

The programme is as follows:

11:00 am – Welcome address/ Prayer
11:30 am – Spiritual Reading / Talk/ Confession

Tea/Coffee Break

12: Noon - Angelus, Holy Mass (for the intentions in the box before the altar)

Lunch Time

1:45 pm - Second Talk (Examination of Conscience)
2:00 pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament / Meditation
3:00pm - Concluding with Divine Mercy prayer/ Benediction

Please, register by writing down your name on the sheet in the porch or send email: lochgilphead@rcdai.org.uk if you are going to be there! NB. This will help us to prepare materials and food.

Gratitude: Thank you all for your contributions towards the progress of St. Margaret, those who comes to clean the church, those who takes care of flowers, those who takes care of the vestments, those in hospitality, Music, readers, council, finance, in fact all of us who are contributing physically, spiritually and financially big or small in our own way to this church, it means a lot and makes a difference, may God bless you abundantly.

THE LETTER: Join the discussion about The Letter on **October 4** in the Dochas Centre. Please, watch again THE LETTER by clicking the link below

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rps9bs85BII> ahead of the discussion about the film. And you might find this interesting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=keal1eQF1Hc>

MASS INTENTIONS

Let us continue to pray for our parishioners who are sick, we pray for **Brian Robins** who died last Sunday. We pray also for our loved ones whose anniversary occurs around this time, **Peter Send to Fr. Philip, any prayer intentions or anniversaries you wish to have added to the Parish Prayer intentions list. Please, remember donation is optional, your intention means more than the donation! Just email or handover the name of the person. (lochgilphead@rcdai.org.uk)**

REFLECTIONS

It Just Isn't Fair

The teaching of Jesus is clear in today's parable: God is generous with his mercy, to lengths and depths beyond our imagination or comprehension.

Jesus teaches that God chooses to love everyone with the same love, the same mercy, the same generosity – in spite of when we show up for work, in spite of how we receive or reject his love.

It's never a question of our "deserving" God's love: none of us, not one of us deserves the mercy of God, – much less is there anything you and I could do to earn or merit God's love.

God's mercy and love are pure gift. And every one of us here this morning is, without exception, a beneficiary of God's extravagant mercy. (Fr. Austin Fleming)

Today 24th September, training of extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers at 3.pm. This will take place in the church. This is a process of resuming the reception of Holy Communion under both species.

Gift Shop: Our church gift shop now has more quality new cards and candles for sale at the entrance. Support the shop, the income from the shop goes to the church fund.



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."

Envious Comparisons

It continues to amaze me that some people think God is a projection of humanity's wish. That may be true of idols or false gods, but it just doesn't work with the God of Moses and the prophets, the God made flesh in Jesus. This God doesn't act or behave as we would.

It is not just that God is more merciful than we might be, or more forgiving; God seems not even to think the way we do. As Isaiah reminds us, "As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts." (Fr. John Kavanaugh, S.J.)

SUNDAY HYMNS

Entrance 582 Praise to the Holiest.
Offertory 560 Our God Loves us
Communion 165 Be Still for the Presence of the Lord.
Recessional 178 Blest be the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 144: *The Lord is close to all who call him.*