



# ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

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## NEWSLETTER FOR 32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

#### SUNDAY MASS:

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



“So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.”

#### SUNDAY HYMNS

Entrance 583 Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Offertory 256 Fill My House unto the Fullest.

Communion 194 Christ Be Beside Me.

Recessional 97 Abide With Me.

Psalm. Psl.62 *For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God*

**Feast Day of St. Margaret 16th November**, it is a big day for our parish. St. Margaret was born in 1045, died November 16, 1093 and was canonized the year 1250 in Edinburgh. We are going to have the following programme to mark the feast of our parish's patron saint, not only our parish's patron but the whole of Scotland.

**Novena to St. Margaret from 7<sup>th</sup> Nov. to 15<sup>th</sup> Nov.** You can follow this on our Facebook page. We shall have Mass on the 16<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10: 30 am followed by group photo and Tea/Coffee, cakes etc.

**Parish Christmas Fare:** At the Parish Craft Fair on Saturday 25th November we will be having a BOTTLE STALL and we would appreciate if parishioners could start collecting bottles (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) and leave them at the church porch before the 25th November

**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!

**Collections last Sunday**  
Offertory St. Margaret  
and All Saints Inveraray  
**Total £249.25**



St Margaret RC Church, Lochgi

## MASS INTENTIONS

We pray for our parishioners who are sick. Also, let us continue to prayer for our loved ones whose names are in our November Book of remembrance, may their souls rest in peace.

## LED BY THE SPIRIT PHASE 2

The Led by the Spirit phase 2 consultation will take place Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November, after Mass

Phase 2 focuses on Diocesan Resources.

Bishop Brian introduces it in the following video (link below).

<https://youtu.be/MzU6trnqSwI>

It will be useful to have a look through it on line, even if only a superficial glance to see the main pointers.

<https://www.ledbythespirit.rcdai.org.uk/phase-2/>

## 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 Ready for Jesus' Return

Jesus' point is that unlike these five foolish girls, we should think ahead and always be ready for his return because we don't know when it will be.

By the 80s A.D. when Matthew wrote his Gospel — 50 years after Jesus' death — it was already clear that the second coming would not be as soon as they had thought, and with this delay came the danger that people would start to let things slide and so not be ready when at last he came.

Well, here we are now 20 centuries after Jesus' death and we're still waiting for the second coming. By Matthew's time believers knew that Jesus' return was being delayed, but no one dreamed it would have taken this long. On the other hand, look again.

Jesus comes to us all the time. The final, ultimate, end-of-the-world coming in glory for judgment is yet to occur — Thank God!

*(Bishop Anthony B. Taylor)*

### Keeping Our Lamps Lit

As the days get shorter and shorter and night-time gets longer and longer, and the rain gets colder and colder, the Church readings also become darker and more serious.

As the Church year comes to a close, the scriptures will challenge us to focus on "the end of the world" and the "final judgment". And, with everything that we have had to deal with the year, from contested elections to murder hornets, perhaps this focus on the apocalypse isn't altogether wrong.

In the next few weeks however, we will hear about disciples who are vigilant and prepared for the end times when we must stand before the throne of God and we will hear about disciples who are not. The invitation to all of us is to keep watch for we will not know the day or the hour when our Lord is going to call us.

*(Bishop Frank Schuster)*

### Disagreeing with Respect

It is important to realize that today's gospel parable is given to us from God's perspective, and God knows everything. Therefore, we actually know more about the characters in the parable than they know about themselves. From God's perspective, there were five virgins who were wise and five foolish. But we should not presume that the virgins in the parable knew that they were so designated.

The wise did not walk around saying "We are smarter than anyone else. We always make the right decisions." The foolish did not consider themselves dense and compromised or think that no one should trust whatever they say. All ten virgins probably thought that they were making the best decisions they could in their particular circumstances.



### Garden Project

Please, join our easyfundraising page, when you are buying online, and we will get a donation from the shop each time you buy through the link.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-margaret-garden>