

*The Parish Communities of:*

**ST MARGARET'S CATHEDRAL**

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**ST PAUL'S CHURCH**

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## Parish Bulletin

### 1st & 2nd June 2019

#### Readings

Acts 7: 55-60

Apocalypse 22: 12-14.16-17.20

John 17: 20-26

#### Response

The Lord is King, most high above all the earth.

### The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord,  
(*all bow*)  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate;  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day  
he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand  
of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.

### Times of Mass and Services 3rd June - 9th June

#### Monday

Mass in St Paul's at 10am

#### Tuesday

Mass in St Margaret's at 10am (Funeral)

#### Wednesday

Mass in St. Paul's at 10am

#### Thursday

Mass in St. Margaret's at 10am

#### Friday

Mass in St. Paul's at 10am

#### Saturday

Mass in St. Margaret's at 12 noon

### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass in St. Francis Xavier's at 4pm and  
St. Margaret's Cathedral at 6.00pm  
Mass in St. Margaret's Cathedral at 9.30am  
Mass in St. Paul's at 11.30 am

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be said before Mass on  
Monday and Friday at 9.40am and the Rosary will be  
recited on Wednesdays at 9.40am in St. Paul's.

The Rosary will be recited on Tuesday after Mass and  
Thursday and Saturday before Mass at 9.30am  
in St. Margaret's and on Friday at 10am in  
St. Francis Xavier's

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

This beautiful Sacrament is available from after Mass  
until 10.50 a.m. during Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament on Thursdays at St. Margaret's and Fridays at  
St. Paul's and at any other convenient time.

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on  
Thursdays in St. Margaret's and Fridays in St. Paul's  
after Mass until 11am

**Saturday Exposition and Benediction:** Sadly, for the third month in a row, there were empty spaces on the list of people volunteering to be present in the Cathedral during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. As a result this Devotion will now be suspended over the summer months of June and July.

**First Communion Celebration Mass:** All of the children who have made their First Holy Communion during the month of May (in any of our three Churches) are invited to come along to a celebration Mass on Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon in St. Margaret's Cathedral. During this Mass they will be presented with their Certificates and a little gift, and there will be a party in the Hall (with cake!) afterwards. The children are free to wear their First Communion outfits again if they would like to do so.

**Email address:** Please send emails to the address printed on this Newsletter. The old address is no longer monitored and emails will not be received.

**World Day of Prayer for Communications:** This weekend, June 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>, is the World Day of Prayer for Communications, a day in which we pray in a special way for all who work in the media trying to ensure that the truth of the Gospel and the teaching of the Church are communicated honestly. We are asked to have a special collection at all Masses for this apostolate, performed for us by the Scottish Catholic Media Office and other agencies of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland.

**The Solemnity of the Birth of St. John The Baptist:** To mark this Solemnity Bishop Nolan will celebrate Mass in the grounds of the 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> century St. John's Tower, all that remains of Ayr's original 12<sup>th</sup> century parish Church, on Monday June 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. All are welcome, but please note that Mass will be celebrated outdoors and we shall be standing.

**Weekly Collections:** Thank you for your continuing generosity towards your parish community through the weekly collection. The offerings last weekend were: St. Margaret's - £852.17; St. Paul's - £640.49; St. Francis Xavier's - £113.00.

### **SSVP**

Please place your requests for visits to the home/hospital in the box at the back of the Church, please also include the name and contact details of a relative/friend. **If you require the assistance of the SSVP please contact 07413 397630. or email [ssvpayr@outlook.com](mailto:ssvpayr@outlook.com)**

**Foodbank:** The Food Bank collections are taken on the 1st Weekend each month.

**World Youth Day – Lisbon 2022:** The 'sign-up' cards to enable you to take part in the fundraising effort to send three of our young people to World Youth Day in Lisbon in 2022 are now available at the back of each Church. If you would like to take part then please take a card, complete it, and return it to the Church and a set of envelopes will be issued for you to use. Now 29 people have signed up to take part in this fundraising effort and this should allow us to sponsor two young people to attend WYD!

**Priests for Scotland – Enquirers Day:** Discerning a vocation to the Diocesan Priesthood? Wanting to know more about how to apply for the Priesthood in Scotland? Priests for Scotland are holding an information day on Saturday 15th June from 10am to 3pm. To book a place please contact your Vocations Director, Fr. Martin Chambers [martin.chambers@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:martin.chambers@gallowaydiocese.org.uk) or e-mail the National Vocations Office [office@pfs.org.uk](mailto:office@pfs.org.uk)

**Day for Life:** The Bishops' of Scotland designate May 31<sup>st</sup>, the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as our Day For Life, a day in which we pray for all life issues – from the moment of conception to natural death. Each year on the weekend nearest to this date we are asked to have a special collection to help fund the apostolate for life. Unfortunately this year there is a clash of dates with the World Day of Prayer for Communication so the special Day for Life collection will be taken up next weekend – June 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>. There are information cards at the back of each Church relating to this year's theme – Domestic Violence.

**Free Support Sessions for Bereaved Families:** ML Williams Funeral Directors, in partnership with Cruse Bereavement Care Scotland, are providing drop-in sessions offering information and a sympathetic ear to any member of our local community who has been affected by the loss of a loved one. These sessions start on Wednesday May 29<sup>th</sup> and take place on the last Wednesday of each month until October between 1pm and 3pm in the Parlour at Falkland Park Road, Ayr.

### **Fr. David's Mass intentions for this week:**

*Monday* – Special intention;  
*Tuesday* – Nancy Maguire;  
*Wednesday* – Michael Lumsden;  
*Thursday* – John McCreadie;  
*Friday* – Alba Iannarelli;  
*Saturday* – Mary McFarlane;  
*Sunday* – for the parishes.

### **Fr Stan's Mass intentions for this week:**

*Monday* – Special intention;  
*Tuesday* – Rena Fitzpatrick;  
*Wednesday* – Joe Murphy;  
*Thursday* – Special intention;  
*Friday* – Special intention;  
*Saturday* – Stevie Chalmers;  
*Sunday* – Janet McCluskey.

## Saint Margaret's

**Nancy Maguire R.I.P.:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Nancy Maguire who died last weekend. Nancy's funeral Mass will be on Tuesday at 10 a.m. and thereafter to Dalmellington Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

**Saturday morning Mass:** PLEASE NOTE that there will be NO MASS next Saturday morning at 10 a.m. (June 8<sup>th</sup>), Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon and all are welcome.

**Parking:** Many of you still park on the double yellow lines around the Cathedral. Please remember that parking restrictions apply at all times and that every so often there is a clampdown and fines are issued – even on a Sunday.

**St. Margaret's Hall:** Our Hall is available for use by parishioners as a venue for functions and parties. Please contact Tony Mulholland (07780 760338) for anything related to the Hall.

**Tea/Coffee:** In the hall after Sunday morning Mass.

**SSVP:** Meeting in the hall on Monday at 6 p.m.

## Saint Paul's

**Tea/Coffee:** In the hall after Sunday morning Mass.

**Art Club:** The Art Club meet in the hall on Monday afternoons at 1.30pm.

**Tuesday Club:** The Tuesday Club meet in the hall on Tuesday afternoons at 2.00 p.m. New members very welcome.

**Mother & Toddler Group:** The Mother & Toddler Group meet in the hall on Tuesday mornings at 10.30am.

## Saint Francis Xavier's

**Wednesday:** There will be no Service of the Word and Holy Communion on Wednesday morning at 10 a.m.

**Friday:** The Holy Rosary is recited at 10 a.m. on Friday morning.

### Joint Parish Pastoral Council

Just before he went off sick Fr. David was in the process of reconstituting the Parish Pastoral Council – he swears that had nothing to do with his illness!!! However, the time is right to get that process back on track. The following people expressed their willingness to serve our parish families on the PPC and the idea was to choose a group of about 8 from this selection of names. Fr David would be grateful if these people could let him know if they are still willing to serve.

John Philips (St. Paul's)

Joan Hoek (St. Paul's)

Elaine McPike (St. Margaret's)

Angela Brown (All)

Deacon Bill (All)

Claire Lappin (St. Paul's)

Mary White (St. Paul's)

Mark Hagan (St. Margaret's)

Stephen McGhee (St. Margaret's)

Peter Gormley (St. Paul's)

Mike Ridley (St. Paul's)

Michael McFarlane (St. Margaret's)

Angela Marioni (St. Margaret's)

Tony Mulholland (St. Margaret's)

If anyone would like to add their name to this list, especially from St. Francis Xavier's community, then please let Fr. David know as soon as possible. Thank you.



QUEEN MARGARET ACADEMY  
CHINESE CULTURE

# Queen Margaret Academy

## Open Day

15 June 2019 10am-2pm

Join us in a Celebration of QMA Life

Mass 10am	Exhibition 11am
Tour 11am	Gift Shop
Tombola	Refreshments

Queen Margaret Academy

## Seventh Sunday of Easter – Year ‘C’

*Acts 7: 55-60*

*Apocalypse 22: 12-14,16-17,20*

*John 17: 20-26*

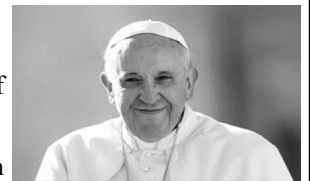
Christ was seen to die of the Cross one Friday afternoon. Early on the first day of the week – the day we now call Sunday – rumours started: ‘Jesus is not dead, he’s alive! We’ve seen him’. There followed forty days when the dead man was seen by individuals, by groups and once by more than five hundred. Just before he left them, Jesus told his Apostles, ‘not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised’. ‘It is’, he had said, ‘what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but, not many days from now, you are going to be baptised with the Holy Spirit’ (Acts 1:4-5). So they stayed in the Upper Room; ‘with one heart all these joined constantly in prayer, together with some women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers’ (Acts 1:14). When the Spirit had come Jesus said –

Go and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. And he also promised he would always be with them till the end of the world. Then he was ‘lifted up and hidden from their sight’.

In other words, he left them. So they went back and stayed in prayer. The plot thickens – now he’s dead – then he’s alive – then he’s gone again – now the Spirit is coming – then he will be with us always until the end of time! A mystery. Jesus is the key to that mystery. He has set in motion a process that will not be complete until he comes again at the end of time. With his life, death and resurrection and ascension Jesus has inaugurated the kingdom of God here on earth. That kingdom has not yet reached its full glory and that will not happen until the Lord comes again. In the meantime we must help to establish the kingdom here on earth.

## Words of Pope Francis

At the General Audience on Wednesday in St Peter’s Square Pope Francis began a new series of catechesis on the ‘Acts of the Apostles’. After the reading of Acts 1: 2-5 he said:



Dear Brothers and Sisters: Today we begin a new cycle of catechesis on the *Acts of the Apostles* which speaks about the spread of the Good News and shows us the wonderful bond between the proclamation of the Gospel and the Holy Spirit who gives power to this witness of faith. As such, when the Holy Spirit is present in human words, they in turn become dynamic, capable of inflaming hearts and overcoming walls of division. The gift of the Spirit, moreover, is freely given; it cannot be merited or earned. The Risen Jesus invites us to faithfully await the fulfilment of the Father’s promise: “You will be baptized with the Holy Spirit” (Acts 1:5). As they awaited this gift, the Apostles, together with Mary, did so *together* as members of the Lord’s family. Let us, then, also ask the Lord for the patience to await him attentively, praying to the Holy Spirit and fostering our shared communion within the Church.

## Daughters of Charity

It is with great sadness that we inform you that the Daughters of Charity have announced the closure of their Convent in Fotheringham Road, Ayr, and that Sr. Marie and Sr. Kathleen will be leaving us. The closure will take place by the end of July this year. Bishop Nolan will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving in the Cathedral on Monday June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. for the great work the Sisters have done over the years in our parishes and diocese. Please pray for Sr. Marie and Sr. Kathleen as they embark on new ministries elsewhere.

## Visit of the Relics of St. Thérèse of Lisieux – Lots of Volunteers Required

As you all know the Relics of St. Thérèse of Lisieux are coming to St. Margaret’s Cathedral on the evening of Sunday September 1<sup>st</sup> and remaining with us until lunchtime on Tuesday September 3<sup>rd</sup>. This will be a massive occasion for the Diocese and for our three parish communities – an occasion when there will be many, many visitors to the Cathedral who need to be welcomed, ushered, fed and looked after as well as lots of liturgies to be organized. To this end we need as many parishioners as possible, from all three of our parish families, to volunteer their time and talents to ensure that everyone who comes to visit the Relics has a truly memorable experience – both spiritually and physically. I would be extremely grateful then if you would give some serious thought to how you could give your time to help. There will be a meeting in the Cathedral Hall to start co-ordinating this wonderful occasion on **WEDNESDAY JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup> AT 7 P.M.** Please try to come along. Thank you. Fr. David.

