



ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER FOR 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17th 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 10:30 am

Friday 10:30 am

Exposition of the Holy
Eucharist at 10 am before
Mass.

The Season of Creation
runs from September
1-4 October, the World
Day of Prayer

CONFESSION

9:15 am – 9:40 am

before Mass and on request



To forgive is not an option for us, but we must be careful to understand that to forgive is not to say it was okay to do whatever was done. God forgives us, but He never says it was okay for us to sin.

Music Group: Music group are having a meeting after Mass today the 17th September, just for 30 minutes. Those who are interested in learning new hymns, please, come along.

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

Ecclesiastical Students Fund Collection
£202.60

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.*

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.

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>



The 2023 National Pilgrimage for the Beatification of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair

will take place on Sunday, 17th September from 12.30pm – 6.00pm at St. Patrick’s Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh. More details are on the church notice board.

MASS INTENTIONS

Let us continue to pray for our loved ones who have gone before us. Please, send to Fr. Philip, any prayer intentions or anniversaries you wish to have added to the Parish Prayer intentions list, and please, remember donation is optional, only if you have and wish to offer because your intention means more than the money! Just email or handover the name of the person. (lochgilphead@rcdai.org.uk)

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."

Help is required with the elderly and sick person for few hours a day. You would be paid if you wish to! Please, if anyone is interested contact Fr Philip for details.

REFLECTIONS

Forgiving For Our Sake

A married couple was going through a rough time. In the process, they both said and did things that hurt one another deeply. But with patience and commitment, they worked things out, and began moving forward together. But not completely. One day the wife complained, “Why is it that you keep bringing up my past mistakes? I thought that you had forgiven and forgotten.” “I have forgiven and forgotten,” said the husband, “but I don’t want you to forget that I have forgiven and forgotten.”

When someone hurts us, it is very difficult to forgive and to forget. This is what makes today’s gospel so challenging. Jesus is relentless in his insistence that we do not forgive people once, or seven times, but seventy times seven times. And what are we to make of that strange violent verse that ends the gospel, where Jesus assures us that our heavenly Father will hand us over to the torturers unless we forgive our brothers and our sisters from our hearts? What is that about? Whatever happened to a compassionate and understanding God? (Fr. George Smiga)

Forgiveness

This is the fundamental meaning of the word ‘for-give’. It means to give and to keep giving, to for-give. If you hurt me and I say it doesn’t matter, but I withdraw my love from you, you know you are not forgiven. If I hurt you and you keep on loving me, I am not automatically forgiven. Certainly not if I abuse your love or take you for granted and keep on hurting you. But you are giving me the chance to be healed. Your giving of yourself to me offers me the key out of the prison that my sin has created. When this offer of forgiveness is without conditions and without reserve it is a tremendous gift of love. Hopefully I will respond, repent of my behaviour and we will experience a deep reconciliation and peace – fruits of renewed love. (Fr. Michael Fallon, MSC)

SUNDAY HYMNS

Entrance 293 God of Mercy and Compassion.
Offertory 362 In Bread we Offer You.
Communion 164 Be Still and Know that I Am God.
Recessional 286 God Forgave my Sin in Jesus’ Name

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 102

*The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.*