



# ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

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## NEWSLETTER FOR 28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

15<sup>th</sup> October 2023

### SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

#### SUNDAY MASS:

St Margaret's: 10 am

All Saints, Inveraray,

12: 30 pm

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

### 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.



*This parable is a reassuring parable. It reminds us that God will not allow his plan to be obstructed. The forces of evil will be bound and destroyed even if the path to achieve this looks messy and painful.*

**Parish's Tent:** it was lovely to see many of us after Mass taking tea/coffee and sharing in the tent. Thank you for the community spirit and the fraternal love we are showing to each other, we are never alone, and we belong to a big family! And this means a lot, especially at this time in which secularism and individualism is taking control of the fabric of our families.

We appreciate those who contributed to this project: Kenny Stark bought the tent, Ian Simon bought the floor of the tent and Margret Ciarella donated the carpet. The family of Peggy Graham donation is used for the chairs and tables. Thanks to you parishioners for your generosity in different ways, God bless you.

**Saturday Mass:** The Visitation parish Taynuilt resumed back to Sunday Mass at 4 pm. St. Margaret Parish now have Mass on Saturday Morning at 10:30 am. You are all invited to 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 at the parish's Tent outside the church.**

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!

**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.

**Mission Sunday:** Second Collection next Sunday 22nd October for Missio Scotland.

#### Collections last Sunday

Offertory Cash both St Margaret and Inveraray £60.10

Gift Aid Envelopes £80.00

**Total £140.10**

## MASS INTENTIONS

We pray for parishioners who are sick. We pray also for our loved ones whose anniversary occurs this time, we remember especially the husband of Karen **David Welch**, may their souls rest in peace.

We pray for **John and Cathleen Mcffaden** who celebrates their 51 wedding anniversary, may God continue to bless them and grant them more years.

Send to Fr. Philip, any prayer intentions or anniversaries you wish to have added to the Parish Prayer intentions list, just email or handover the name of the person. (lochgilthead@rcdai.org.uk)

## Led By The Spirit

Phase Two concerns consultation on our Diocesan Resources.

By visiting [www.ledbythespirit.org.uk](http://www.ledbythespirit.org.uk) or through the Diocesan website [www.rcdai.org.uk](http://www.rcdai.org.uk) you can learn much about our Diocesan resources eg. Sunday Mass numbers and the financial status of every single parish in the Diocese over the past five years. It is a very transparent portrayal of our Diocesan resources.

## REFLECTIONS

### Worthiness for the Wedding Banquet

A woman decided that she was going to have a dinner party for a good number of her friends. So, she spent most of the week cleaning, baking, cooking, and preparing the table. And when everyone finally arrived and sat down to eat, she turned to her six year old daughter and said, "Honey, why don't you say the blessing?" "Mommy," she said, "I don't know what to say." "Just simply say what you hear Mommy say." So the little girl bowed her head and said, "Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all of these people to dinner?"

Like the woman in the story, you and I can occasionally have regrets about the invitations that we offer. But that is not the case with our God. For our God is a God of invitation. A God who is constantly inviting all people into relationship, inviting all to share in divine life and love.

### Invitation as a Threat

The difficulty of understanding today's parable of the wedding feast is the strange response of those who were invited. Some simply said, "No," and went about their own business. But the parable tells us that the rest mistreated the messengers and killed them. So why would you kill someone who is inviting you to a wedding feast? The response seems absurd. In fact the only way I can make sense out of it is to imagine that those who responded in that way did not see the king's offer as an invitation but somehow as an attack. They did not perceive the request to come as a gift but something that would do them harm.

How can we explain such a mistaken conclusion? To answer that question we need go no further than our own experience. As you and I make decisions and choices in our lives, denial, hurt, and pre-judgments can skew our perception so that what is a positive opportunity can appear as a threat. (Fr. George Smiga)

## Secularism

### Destroys the Soul

**Bottom line: What ultimately matters is how we respond to Jesus' invitation: "Everything is ready. Come to the feast."**

The secular perspective was summed up a few years ago by a Seattle businessman and philanthropist. A reporter asked him what he thought about attending religious services. He responded, "I can think of more productive ways of spending a Sunday morning." A secularist values productivity – really above everything else. So if a person loses their productivity, they lose their value.\*

Bishop Robert Barron says, "secularism destroys the soul". We have seen that in our society. As we have become more secularized, we have fallen into more depression and addictions. I see it especially among our young people. The Center for Disease Control reported that, according to their study, in the month of June 25% of young people, age 18-24, considered suicide.

The study considered that the Covid-19 lockdown brought increased the isolation, stress and substance abuse. The Bible says that man is not meant to live alone. We need each other and we need God. (Fr. Phil Bloom)

## SUNDAY HYMNS

**Entrance** 661 The Lord's My Shepherd  
**Offertory** 641 Take Our Bread  
**Communion** 604 Seek ye first the Kingdom of God.  
**Recessional** 141 As I Kneel Before You.

**Responsorial Psalm (Psl.79)**  
*In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever*