

St Margaret's & St Serf's Parish Bulletin

The Deep End • The Spirit Within

'Trying to do the Lord's work in your own strength is the most confusing, exhausting, and tedious of all work. But when you are filled with the Holy Spirit, then the ministry of Jesus just flows out of you.' – Corrie ten Boom

Imagine how the disciples must have reacted to the way Jesus was talking. In John's Gospel, as Jesus arrives in Jerusalem and his death approaches, he starts to talk about leaving the disciples. They will no longer be able to see him. He predicts that Judas will betray him and Peter will deny him. The disciples are in turmoil. 'Where are you going?' they ask; 'Why can't I follow you?'; 'How can we know the way?'

On top of this, Jesus has started to give them instructions for after he is gone. The disciples still do not understand where, or why, Jesus is going, so you can sense their panic and fear at the task that lies ahead, the work they will have to do without their teacher and friend to help them. They will be like lost sheep, without a shepherd, to borrow one of Jesus' own metaphors.

So the promise they hear from Jesus that he will send his Spirit must be very welcome. 'I will not leave you orphans,' says Jesus, to a group who must have been afraid of just that. What's more, they already know this Spirit, because he is in them. That same Spirit is in us. We are not alone in our struggles.

Triona Doherty

The annual **summer pilgrimage in honour of St Margaret of Scotland** will take place on Sunday 11 June in Dunfermline. From 10am pilgrims can explore the many historic sites associated with our national patroness. Pilgrim guides will be on hand. At 2pm a grand procession of St Margaret's relics will make its way through the town concluding with Holy Mass at 3pm in St Margaret's Memorial Church celebrated by Archbishop Cushley. All are very welcome. It should be a great family day out! If anyone wishes seats on the bus leaving from St Margaret's, please put your name on the sheet at the back of the church. The bus will leave at 10am and will leave Dunfermline after Mass, about 4.30pm.

Sunday & Weekday Readings

<http://www.universalis.com/Europe.Scotland/index.htm>

6th Sunday of Eastertide
Year A1 21st May 2017



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Services

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Sunday Mass:

Vigil 5pm, 9am & 12 noon (St Margaret's)
10.30am (St Serf's)

Monday & Friday: Mass 10am (St Serf's)

Tuesday & Saturday: Mass 10am (St Margaret's)

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation this Thursday

Response for today's psalm - "Cry out with joy to God, all the earth."

Saturday 10.30.a.m (St Margaret's)

May Devotions - During May there will be May Devotions, Rosary and Benediction, in St Serf's on Tuesday evenings at 7pm.

This Sunday is **World Communications Day**. On World Communications Day we are asked to pray for all those who work in the media. There will be a second collection at all the Masses this weekend for the Catholic Communications Commission.

On **Wednesday morning** there will be a funeral Mass in St Margaret's at 10am. No morning Mass in St Serf's.

Thursday is **Ascension Thursday**, a Holyday of Obligation. There will be a Vigil Mass in St Margaret's on Wednesday evening at 7pm with a morning Mass on Thursday at 7am. There will be a Mass in St Serf's at 10am on Thursday morning. **No Exposition** of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation this Thursday evening.

Scotland's Bishops have published their **General Election Statement**. The short document asks voters to consider a series of factors before deciding how to vote. The document repeats previous calls for respect for life and support for families, but makes a special plea this year for EU nationals caught up in the uncertainties of Brexit to be granted security. It also contains a powerful call for a welcome to be afforded to refugees and asylum seekers and denounces the use of weapons of mass destruction as a "serious crime against God and humanity".

Prayer for Vocations

Lord, make me a better person
more considerate towards others,
more honest with myself,
more faithful to you.
Help me find my true vocation in life
and grant that through it I
may find happiness myself and bring
happiness to others
Grant, Lord that those whom you
call to enter the priesthood or the religious life
may have the generosity to answer your call,
so that those who need your help
may always find it.

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We remember those who have died recently
Peter Morgan, Eddie Sweeney, Bridget Stewart,
Theresa McGhie, John O'Neill, Margaret Miller.
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We Pray for Those whose Months Minds & Anniversaries Occur
Betty Stafford, Philip McGowan, Jack & Nancy Courtney, James Quinn,
Bryan Watson, Liam Quinn, Patrick Higgins, Maureen Higgins, Cathy Crawford,
Smith, Quinn, Tague, Moore, Graham & Greachan families.
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We Pray for Healing, Peace and Contentment for our Sick
Kathleen O'Sullivan, John Rooney, James Green, Harry Johnstone, Jacky
Mullen, Ella Mulgrew, Katie Moran, Tracy Horn, John Gallagher, Michael
Gribben, Josephine Campbell, Frank McCormack, Helen Travers, Rosina Coyle,
Pauline Coyle, Jim Mulholland, Cory Woods, Harry Spalding,
Jessie Duncan, Matthew McGuire, John Timmons, Gary McInnes, Anastasia
Boyd, George Cassidy, Mary Tague, Megan Wilson, Thomas Harty, Shannon
Campbell, Emma Smith, Donna Marie Menzies, Lena Farrell, Anne Tiffney,
Liam Calheur, Michael Tracy, Anne Brown, William Wilson, Elsie Tague,
Norma Fox, Douglas Sweet, Jim Flynn, Patricia Johnston, Hugh Bonnar,
Rev Ross Murphy, James Campbell, Stephen Morgan, John Brannan, Nora
Cochrane, Elizabeth Easingwood, Anne Martin, Annette Coup, Bob Anderson,
Sally Campbell, Andy Waite, John Reilly, Pat Keenan, Anna Danna, Pauline
Ossatian, Jack Casey, Hannah McGhee, James Fay, Fr Dominic Dougan, Laura
Chalmers, Siena McVey, Jacob Canning, William Higgins, Kathleen Morgan,
Gary Curtis, Kai Fingland, Frances Steven, Stewart Hannah, John Keenan, Anne
Louge, William Keenan, Cathie McKinlay, Marie Elizabeth Tucker, Robert
Burns, Canon Michael Walsh, Gillian Traynor, Esther O'Neil, Alex Jamieson,
Brian McKay, Tracy Dawson, Evan Smith, John Timmons, John Hamill,
Geoffrey Hill, Tommy McHenry, Sally Rafferty, Brian McKay, Leisha Donnelly,
Josephine Quigg, James Linden, Joseph Simonette, Richard McKay,
Francis McMahan, Gary Boyd.

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Vocations Websites
Priests for Scotland www.priestsforScotland.org.uk
Scots College, Rome <http://www.scotscollege.org>
St Mary's College, Oscott www.oscott.net/