



St Lucy's Parish

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This week in the Parish

Vigil Mass of Sunday

Saturday
6.00pm Mass

Sunday:

11.00am Mass
5.00pm Rosary, Evening Prayer & Benediction

Monday:

9.10am Morning Prayer
9.30am Mass
6.00pm Liturgy Preparation

Tuesday:

9.10am Morning Prayer
9.30am Mass
6.00pm Meeting of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharistic
7.00pm Mass, St. Patrick's, Edinburgh;
for beatification of Ven. Mgt. Sinclair.

Wednesday:

Opt. Mem. of St. Raymond of Penyafort.
9.10am Morning Prayer
9.30am Mass
3.00pm Recollection for Priests:
Dunreath, Glasgow

Thursday

Prayer for vocations to the priesthood
9.10am Morning Prayer
9.30am Mass
10.15am-11.15am Rosary and Adoration
of the Most Blessed Sacrament
11.40am Prayer & Benediction

Friday:

9.10am Morning Prayer
9.30am Mass

Saturday:

Our Lady's Day
9.10am Morning Prayer
9.30am Mass
1.00pm Mill Hill: Fatima Team Meeting

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday:
10.30-11.00 am; 5.15-5.45pm

Sunday:
10.30-10.45am

Anniversaries

John Charles McKiernan

Sick:

Fr. Noel Barry, Agnes Wilson,
Margaret Smith, Billy Kerr

Many Thanks (2 Weeks)

First Collection

GAD: £675.50

SDS: £514.90

Second Collection

GAD: £160.50

SDS: £192.66

Christmas Day

First Collection

GAD: £111.00

SDS: £673.60

Special Collection (Glasgow/Syria)
£916.85

A letter from Bishop Peter Moran, President of the Justice & Peace Commission

Were the wise men 's gifts appropriate?

In a royal palace they would have been: precious metal, sweet ointment, rare perfume.

But what that child and his mother needed was cash for basics, medical care, and support from someone powerful.

Jesus was born poor, vulnerable and powerless.

In the Gospel and through the Church he calls us to see him in every poor, vulnerable and powerless person today.

• Helping the poor by giving is a straightforward challenge, and a duty.

In this season of giving, give locally or internationally to any of a hundred charities. Give according to your means - little or much.

• Justice for the powerless calls for a different commitment, but is also a duty. We should remember that we ourselves are not powerless.

We can pray -prayer works!
We can raise awareness among friends and workmates.

We can join, or even set up, a local Justice & Peace group.

We can change attitudes - our own and other people's.

We can write, use social media, contact politicians, and join demonstrations.

• Working for justice promotes peace.

In today's war-torn world, and at this season of the year, we all want that.

Advice and resources are readily available by googling 'Justice and Peace Scotland'

Thank you for listening.

Today's special collection supports both national and local justice and peace activities.

Please think of it as your gift to the Child of Bethlehem, still needy nowadays.

+ Peter A. Moran
Bishop-President,
J & P Commission, Scotland

Special Collection This week the Second Collection is for Justice & Peace.

Youth Zone for P1 to P3 this Sunday

at 11 am Mass. Bring the wee ones to meet Jesus. Did he not say, "Suffer the little children to come unto me... for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Thanks to one and all for all the effort put into making our celebration of Christmas such a wonderful and memorable spiritual occasion. Thanks especially to all who served the Lord in the cleaning and preparing the Church, the flowers and trees; to all who served the sacred liturgies as readers, music ministry, altar servers, pass-keepers and the 'background' workers in the hall and kitchen.

Thanks also to all who supported the Outing to the Ten-Pin Bowling and 'party' in the hall afterwards. The 21 children were a credit to their families and their parish with their good behaviour. I think we all enjoyed our day very much.

Thank you also, personally, for all the cards and the many other expressions of kindness great and small. Your generosity and thoughtfulness is very much appreciated. I will remember you in my Masses and prayers. God bless you all. **Fr. Joe**



Venerable Margaret Sinclair [Sister Mary Francis of the Five Wounds 1900-1925

At the highest point on Castle Rock overlooking the city of Edinburgh is the tiny chapel where St Margaret, the 11th century Queen of Scotland, prayed; and down below tucked out of sight were the blackened slums of Middle Arthur Place and Blackfriars Street, where Margaret Sinclair was born and reared. Her father was an Edinburgh dustman. It was in the humble surrounds of St Patrick's Parish that she received the faith and put it into practice in her daily life. Andrew Sinclair, Margaret's father, was a convert to Catholicism. He had taught himself to read and write for he had never been to school. His wife Elizabeth was scarcely better off, yet between them they provided a genuinely loving home in the three-roomed flat where they brought up their six children. Margaret was particularly close to her sister Bella, and they were rarely seen apart. In her brief school career she showed intelligence and was good at games. She stayed off school to nurse her mother in a protracted illness, and had a part time job scrubbing floors and running errands for a tailor. Margaret left school at fourteen. She became an apprentice to a French-polisher. Her father and later her elder brother, John, were called up to fight in the trenches. Her childhood,

such as it was, had ended. Margaret and Bella struggled to support their mother with their minimal wages and worked an allotment. It was a cruel struggle to pay the rent and to feed themselves. The lonely hours of anxiety drove her to pray deeply, and to see prayer as an answer to life's suffering.

It was not easy working on the factory floor. Though her typically Scottish reticence prevented her from talking about the faith, her behaviour made it obvious. She was the target of sly jokes and unpleasantness. It was a case of "Dinna give in!" Having found amongst the junk of the cabinet works a discarded picture of Our Lady, she hung it up over her workplace. The manager took it down - so each morning she restored it to its place. She joined the trade union in which she was an active member, and became the official workers' rep. The war ended, the Depression followed, and Margaret found herself among the unemployed. Eventually she got a job at McVitie Biscuits. A holiday at Rosewall was for her and Bella their first encounter with country life. They celebrated their freedom by going to Mass and receiving Communion daily. Bella had some misgivings as to whether they were holy enough for this, but Margaret replied "**We're not going because we are good, but because we want to be good.**" It was on another annual holiday, at Bo'ness, that she Patrick Lynch who was desperate to marry her but she refused.

Bella decided to become a Little Sister of the Poor. Margaret felt drawn to the Poor Clares. The Poor Clares at Edinburgh were full [changed days indeed] and she entered the Poor Clares in London on 21st July 1923. Within a year, she contracted tuberculosis of the throat, a fatal illness, and as a result she was transferred to a sanatorium on 9 April 1925. She died there on 24 November 1925. Margaret's original burial site was in London, then Liberton cemetery in Edinburgh and finally on 25 October 2003, to her home parish of St. Patrick's.

Venerable - Margaret was declared venerable by Pope Paul VI on 6 February 1978. St. John Paul II urged the Catholics of Scotland to pray for a miracle for without such a sign from God the Church cannot declare her a saint. A renewed 'prayer campaign' begins with Mass in St. Patrick's on Tuesday. **ALL WELCOME**