

# THE SACRED HEART & ST. MARGARET'S

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**HOLY HOUR** - Saturdays, 11:00am - 12:00pm [January 2018 - St Margaret's - Loanhead]

**CONFESSION** - before 7pm Vigil Mass [SH] and during Holy Hour Devotion

**ROSARY** - Every Wednesday & Friday before 9:30am Mass at the Sacred Heart Church

**EVENINGS OF MERCY** - First Friday of every Month at 7:00pm at the Sacred Heart Church

**FIRST SATURDAY** - First Saturday of February at 11:00am in Sacred Heart Church - Penicuik

## MASSES & SERVICES THIS WEEK

DAY	MASS TIME	MASS INTENTION
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup></b> First Saturday	11:00am Devotion [SM] 7:00pm Vigil Mass [SH]	<b>FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION AT ST MARGARET'S</b> + Michael Murphy
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup></b> The Epiphany	9:30am Mass [SM] 11:00am Mass [SH]	Available Thanksgiving
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup></b> The Baptism of the Lord	9:30am Mass [SH]	Available
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30am Mass [SM]	+ Elizabeth Bozter
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30am Mass [SH]	+ Betty Mulvey
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30am Mass [SM]	Available
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30am Mass [SH]	+ Betty Mulvey
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	11:00am Devotion [SM] 7:00pm Vigil Mass [SH]	<b>HOLY HOUR DEVOTION AT ST MARGARET'S</b> + Lesley Oddy
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b> 2nd Sunday B	9:30am Mass [SM] 11:00am Mass [SH]	Available To thank for God's gift of parenting and for further blessings for our son Adam

## COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

SACRED HEART		SAINT MARGARET'S	
Offertory	£595.78	Offertory	£235.40
Stall	£106.00	Fabric	£19.30
Candles	£	Candles	£19.85
Dev Fund	£25.00	Donation	£1000.00
Christmas	£1008.45	Christmas	£392.20
SDS	£619.01	SDS	£207.65

Thank you for your generosity!

## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 2018

Evangelization:  
Religious Minorities in Asia

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.



## SPECIAL EPIPHANY BLESSINGS

There are many beautiful and ancient traditions that come to us from the East in the form of special blessings that the Church performs on this feast: the blessing of water, chalk, and homes, as well as of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

**EPIPHANY WATER:** There is a special blessing for water on the feast of the Epiphany because of its connection to the celebration of Jesus' baptism. This ancient rite of the blessing of the waters, with its extraordinarily powerful prayers of exorcism, renders Epiphany Water more spiritually potent than 'ordinary' holy water (also, exorcised salt is part of the ritual and is used to 'make' Epiphany water).

**BLESSED CHALK:** There is a long-standing Epiphany tradition of marking churches, homes, schools, and other buildings with a special 'holy formula' over the entryway using chalk that has been blessed for this purpose on Epiphany. This formula includes the current year along with the initials C, M, and B in the order shown below.

**20 † C † M † B † 18**

The C, M, and B are placed in between the numbers of the current year, with crosses in between each symbol. The three letters have two significations: the invocation *Christus Mansionem Benedicat* (Christ bless this house), as well as the first initial of the names of the three Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar.

**BLESSING OF HOMES:** Epiphany, including its octave, is the traditional time of year to have your home blessed by a priest. If it isn't possible to have a priest bless your home, the head of the family household (i.e. the husband/father) can preside over the ceremony as in the above link to the Roman Ritual. After the ritual, mark 20 † C † M † B † 18 over the entryway of the home with chalk.

## FAMILY MASSES AT SACRED HEART

The *Family Mass* will be held on Sunday 14th January at 11:00am in the Sacred Heart Church, and will be followed by doughnuts and coffee in the Michael Room.

## FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD END OF CHRISTMASTIDE

The Ordinary Time of the year begins on Monday. This season is devoted to the unfolding of the mystery of Christ in all its aspects.

## CHANGE OF MASS TIME IN THE SACRED HEART CHURCH

Please note, that from weekend 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> January 2017 the Vigil Mass in Sacred Heart Church will be celebrated at 7.00pm on Saturday evening.

This change is the result of additional duties of the parish priest related to the celebration of the Holy Masses in two additional churches.

## THE SCOTTISH CATHOLIC JUSTICE AND PEACE

The Scottish Catholic Justice and Peace Commission was formed in 1979. It is the Scottish Commission of the Pontifical Council *Justitia et Pax*. In January, 2017, this Council was subsumed into the new Dicastery for Integral Human Development.

The constituency of Justice and Peace is just over a thousand people out of a Catholic population in Scotland of about 841,000.

Each of Scotland's eight dioceses is entitled to send an official representative to the National Commission. Also represented are the religious, missionary and secular clergy; youth and ecumenical representatives; and SCIAF – the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund.

## SPECIAL COLLECTION

Today is the Solemnity of the Epiphany. A special collection will be taken up after all masses for work of Justice and Peace.

Thank you for your generosity.

## THE WEEK OF PRAYERS FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY begins on Thursday 18th January.

Do you have basic knowledge of Microsoft Excel? If so, and you can spare a little time after mass every 5 weeks, then you could be the computer expert Team 3 counters are looking for! Please phone Mike Hamid on 675111 for information.