



# St Margaret's Academy

## Snippets

22nd March 2019

### What's on...

**Tuesday 26th March**  
National 5 Dance Immersion Day

**Wednesday 27th March**  
S4>S5 course choice day

N5 Dance practical exam

**Thursday 28th March**  
Higher Drama exam

Young Enterprise final

**Wednesday 3rd April**  
S5>S6 Course choice day

**Thursday 4th April**  
AH Drama exam

### Remember and Reflect

Thanks to everyone who came along on Friday evening to the 'Remember and Reflect' service in the school in memory of two of our former pupils who died recently. The service provided the opportunity for us to reflect together as a school community and share stories and memories that pay tribute to the lives of Anton and Akaina.



**Fr Simon says...**

**The entire message of the Good News...**

**We are totally loved forever**

### St Margaret's Academy listed in the top 50 state schools in Scotland

The Herald newspaper published a list of the top performing 50 state schools in Scotland in a recent news article. We are delighted that St Margaret's Academy were listed in the top 50 and we hope to continue to build on this success. Full details are available on our facebook site.



### Multilingual debate

On Wednesday 20th March, some of our Senior Pupils attended the annual Multilingual Debate at Heriot Watt University.

The motion debated this year tied in very well with the initiative to promote health and wellbeing in Scottish schools:

"This house believes that sports should be a compulsory part of the Curriculum until young people complete their Secondary Education in order to support their physical and mental well-being."

A panel consisting of different linguists debated for or against this motion in their mother tongue. These speeches were simultaneously translated by 4th Year Students from the section of Translation and Interpretation into English but also from English to different languages.

This event was attended by many other schools from all over Scotland and West Lothian was represented by our school.

Darcy, Callum, Ciara, Eilidh and Kirstin, S5.

### The Young Peoples Collaborative

The Young Peoples Collaborative was established at the start of this academic session and has joint together the Pupil Council and the S6 Leadership Team to promote pupil voice. The Collaborative has done some fantastic work since then including contributing to interview questions for teaching candidates, proving feedback on subjects as part of our self-evaluation, and helping us to redesign curricular areas and Pupil Support. S6 pupils in leadership posts have worked with the Pupil Council to develop initiatives such as offering translators at parent's evening and offering revision workshops to S4 pupils. A small group responded to a petition from pupils to make some changes to the uniform policy. They researched their proposal and presented it to the Leadership Team -

'Presenting to the Senior Leadership Team gave me more confidence than I had before. We were very nervous to present but all the teachers were supportive and open-minded to the idea' - Ella S3. The Leadership Team were very impressed with the group's research and presentation skills - 'We got evidence from parents about the cost of a school year, evidence from pupils about the quality of school jumpers, and did some research on disposable income in West Lothian compared to the UK overall' - Abbey S3. In the pictures some members of the YPC are writing an improvement plan for the 2019/2020 session and would like to work on our Gold Rights Respecting Schools Award, improving our use of the school grounds and playing a greater role in evaluating learning and teaching.



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### Youth action protest over climate change

Even being nearly 20 minutes early, the protest was already in full swing. I would guess there was near enough 4000 people involved, so crowded that people had to move onto Arthurs Seat just to get a spot to view the protest. I think this protest was a great experience for all the young people involved as it is a topic that could seriously affect our futures and opportunities. Stephen K, S5



### Applicant Medicine practical day

On Monday the 18th of March, a group of five, fifth-year pupils and myself attended the Applicant Medicine Practical day. The evening consisted of an insight into the formula for writing a competitive Personal Statement, and an introduction to the UKCAT in which we attempted some past question papers. Finally, we were given an overview of the interview process. We were also given the chance to take a patient's history in a role-play exercise and shown the importance of a neurological exam in a brief activity. The evening proved to be very beneficial, as it took us through the entry process in a step by step manner. Furthermore, the evening was run by current medical students who found themselves in a similar position a few years ago and they were more than happy to answer all of our questions from work experience to study tips. Tobe, S5

### Staffing update

Congratulations to Miss Pettigrew on her recent appointment as Principal Teacher Head of Teresa House. Congratulations also to the following staff who have secured permanent contracts in the school for next session...

Miss Adams - Physics

Miss McKeown - RE

Miss Saunders - Music

Mr Baxter and Miss Christmas have also been successful in securing permanent contracts at other schools from next session.



### Purple Mane, Purple Mane - SCIAF fundraiser

Thanks to all the staff who participated in the SCIAF fundraiser on Thursday. Apologies if you attended the S4/5 information evening that night as I forgot to mention the reason that I had purple hair! Now you know. I will provide further update on this years SCIAF appeal in next week's bulletin. Mr McDowall.



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### Pupil Bulletin

19<sup>th</sup> March 2019

#### General

##### Lunchtime Film Club

The lunchtime film club will be running on Wednesdays during 5A and 5B starting on Today the 20<sup>th</sup> March and then every Wednesday. If you're interested in film everyone is welcome in room U55 in the English corridor. Our first film is Back to the Future.

##### Duke of Edinburgh

All groups meeting on Friday for final session of route planning.

##### Equalities Club

Equalities Club - Wednesdays **5b** in the Oratory. All welcome!

##### School Canteen

Students are reminded not to take plated food out of the Atrium. Please take a seat while you eat and place all rubbish in the bins provided. Thank you.

##### Late Pupils

Please sign in with Mrs Whitelaw U7 Library Office, when you arrive late into school. If you are late due to the school bus please indicate this when you sign in. Thank you.

##### Bus Tickets

Bus tickets should be purchased from the School Office at break and lunch time only. The cost of a 10 journey ticket is £6.73, please try to bring the exact money with you to the School Office.

##### School Tie Return

If you have borrowed a tie from the School Office could you please ensure that it is returned by the end of the day.

##### Weekly Mass

Just a reminder that Mass takes place every Thursday morning at 8.15am in the Oratory.

##### Procedure for Leaving School for Appointments/Sent Home from Sick Room

If you have to leave the school premises for any reason e.g. medical appointment, sent home from sick room please remember to sign yourself out on the black folder at the school office window.

### Lidl

Pupils should be reminded to remain on school grounds during break and lunch time. Please advise pupils that they will no longer be served at Lidl during these times.

### Lost Property

Please be reminded that the lost property basket is located outside the Janitors Office. If you have lost any items of clothing etc. please check this basket in the first instance.

### Extra-Curricular Timetable

Please see attached sheet for details.

### **S1 – S3**

### **S4 – S6**

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**St Philip's:** 07502 031701 **St Theresa's:** 07548 115446

## SUNDAY 24 MARCH 2019

### Third Sunday of Lent - Year C

In the Gospel today we see how Jesus rejected the popular belief that accidents that befall people are inflicted by God as punishment for sin. Still, sin calls for repentance. And Jesus tells the Jews that they will lose the promises unless they repent.



The barren fig tree symbolises the barren state of Israel. But God is patient. There is still time to repent, though that time is getting short.

### Lenten Events ...

**Inspiration & Insights from John's Gospel:** Led by Fr Kenneth in St Andrew's hall from 7.00pm - 8.30pm:

- 27 March - Week 2 The conversation with Nicodemus Jn 3:1-21
- 3 April - Week 3 The woman caught in adultery Jn 8:1-11
- 10 April - Week 4 I am the Way, the Truth and the Life Jn 14:1-31
- 17 April - Week 5 The priestly prayer of Christ Jn 17:1-26

### Stations of the Cross:

- St Theresa's Wednesday evening before Mass
- St Peter's Wednesday at 7.00pm
- St Andrew's Friday at 7.00pm
- St Philip's Sunday morning after Mass

**Lenten Reconciliation Service on Thursday 4 April at 7.00pm in St Andrew's**

### Confession:

St Andrew's: Sat 9am & 4.30pm  
St Peter's: Sat 10am  
St Philip's: Sat 9am  
St Theresa's: Sun after 11.30am

### Adoration:

St Andrew's: Tue 10am to 11am  
Thu 7pm to 8pm  
Sat 4.30pm to 5pm  
St Peter's: Sat 10am to 10.30am  
St Philip's: Sat 9am to 9.15am

### Morning Prayer:

St Philip's: Tue, Thu & Sat  
9.15am

### Parish office opening hours:

Mon, Tue, Wed & Thu  
9.30am to 12.30pm

# Shared News ...

**Youth Club:** Sunday evenings from 6.00pm - 8.00pm in the Lanthorn Centre.

**Sunday Prayer at St Peter's:** Please note, the church will not be open this afternoon for quiet prayer and reflection.

**Celebration of Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Will take place on Wednesday 20 March at 7.00pm in St Theresa's, Tuesday 26 March at 7.00pm in St Andrew's, Wednesday 27 March at 7.00pm in St Peter's and Saturday 30 March at 10.30am in St Philip's.

**PPC:** The next meeting will be on Thursday 28 March at 7.00pm in St Margaret's.

**House Masses:** Will be held on Thursday 28 March at 7.00pm at Cathy O'Donnell's home (Queens Gardens, East Calder - address to be confirmed); Friday 5 April at 7.00pm at John & Alison Lindsay's home (21 Raw Holdings, East Calder) and on Tuesday 9 April at 7.00pm at Hettie Paterson's home (30 Wood Place, Eliburn).

**SCIAF Second Collection:** This will take place next weekend, fourth Sunday of Lent.

**Save the date:** Please keep Sunday 9 June free for a Pentecost Sunday celebration for all four parishes - 'Songs of Praise' in St Margaret's Academy at 3.00pm.

**Next Sunday's Readings (31.03.19):** Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 33; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3. 11-32.

**Recently Deceased:** Nancy Muir, William Stewart, Margaret Dunn, Marta Patyk **Anniversaries (March):** Iain MacGillivray, Fr Charles Barclay, Sandy Eadie, Kirsty Wallace, Donald Munro, Hannah Moffat, Benny Lynch, Margaret Horsburgh, John Lawlor, Elizabeth Kelly

<b>Holy Thursday (18 April)</b>		
7.00pm	Mass of Last Supper	St Peter's St Philip's St Andrew's
		Fr Simon Fr John Fr Kenneth & Fr Peter
10.00pm	Night Prayer	St Peter's St Philip's St Andrew's
		Fr Simon Fr John Fr Kenneth & Fr Peter
<b>Good Friday (19 April)</b>		
9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter's
3.00pm	Passion	St Peter's St Andrew's St Theresa's St Andrew's
		Fr Simon Fr Simon Fr Kenneth Fr John Fr Peter
7.00pm	Passion (Polish)	
<b>Holy Saturday (20 April)</b>		
9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter's
8.00pm	Easter Vigil (Polish)	St Peter's
9.00pm	Easter Vigil	St Andrew's St Theresa's
		Fr Simon Fr Peter Fr Kenneth Fr John
<b>Easter Sunday (21 April)</b>		
9.30am	Mass	St Peter's St Philip's St Andrew's
	Polish	St Andrew's
11.30am	Mass	St Andrew's St Theresa's St Peter's
	Polish	
12 noon	Polish	
<b>Easter Monday (22 April)</b>		
8.00am	Polish	St Andrew's
9.00am	Mass	St Theresa's
		Fr Peter Fr John



## ST PHILIP'S ...

**Last Sunday's Collection:** £484.49; **Church Stall:** £100.00; **200 Club:** D Harkins (24.02), C Gorry (03.03), M Ewins (10.03), T McKenna Jr (17.03); **Sanctuary Candle:** Protection for missing son

## ST PETER'S ...

**Knit & Natter Group:** Meet every Wednesday at 12.30pm. Everyone welcome.

**Stations of the Cross:** There will be no stations of the cross this week due to the Reconciliation Service taking place.

**Last Sunday's Collection:** £962.10; **Church Stall:** £62.37

## ST THERESA'S...

**SVDP:** As we have to finalise the SVDP bank account before the end of the month, we will not be taking any more collections until 7 April.

This will enable us to start the new financial year afresh when merging with St Andrew's.

**Last Sunday's Collection:** £391.65;

**Bonus Ball Winner:** No 38 St Theresa's

## ST ANDREW'S ...

**Stations of the Cross:** Weekday morning at 8.45am when there is Mass. Also, Friday evenings at 7.00pm.

**Last Sunday's Collection:** £652.24;

**Building Fund:** £306.66; **200 Club:** No 4 & No 107; **Sanctuary Candle:** Peter Smith Jr (Anniversary)

**Safeguarding Audit:** The Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh has been chosen to be reviewed by an external audit team from the Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE)/ Children in Scotland from 26 – 28 March 2019. The audit team would like to hear from anyone who has disclosed abuse, shared concerns of unsafe people or practice and also from survivors of non-recent Church-related abuse, their families and friends. Copies of a notice containing further information and contact details for the SCIE are on the poster at the back of the church.



## This Lent let us intensify our prayers for Pope Francis after his sixth year anniversary in the Vatican ...

As I'm sure we all remember, on 13 March 2013, Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, was elected 265th successor of St Peter and Vicar of Christ. The 76-year-old Cardinal became Pope Francis choosing the name in honour of St Francis of Assisi. He is now 82 and very often asks for our prayers for him! **Why should we pray and support this Pope? Below are ten reasons that I like and want to share with you:**

The first non-European Pope in more than 1,200 years and someone with an outspoken style and radically different leadership style has made Pope Francis one of the most controversial Popes ever. His views on church reform, poverty, climate change and divorce have shaken up world opinion and placed him firmly in the media spotlight. His visits to Israel and Cuba, the welcoming of Palestine president, Mahmoud Abbas to the Vatican, his address to the U.S. Congress and willingness to meet world leaders demonstrate that he is a Pope unafraid of international diplomacy. A real leader does not shy away from crisis and debate but embraces them as part of finding a solution. Here are his views on ten key issues, in his own words:

- 1. Human Rights** - *"Human rights are not only violated by terrorism, repression or assassination, but also by unfair economic structures that creates huge inequalities."*
- 2. Equality** - *"We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love. Be poor among the poor. We need to include the excluded and preach peace."*
- 3. Peace** - *"Each of us has a vision of good and of evil. We have to encourage people to move towards what they think is good... Everyone has his own idea of good and evil and must choose to follow the good and fight evil as he conceives them. That would be enough to make the world a better place."*
- 4. Finance** - *"There is a need for financial reform along ethical lines that would produce in its turn an economic reform to benefit everyone. This would nevertheless require a courageous change of attitude on the part of political leaders."*
- 5. Work-** *"Together with a culture of work, there must be a culture of leisure as gratification. To put it another way: people who work must take the time to relax, to be with their families, to enjoy themselves, read, listen to music, play a sport."*
- 6. The Environment** - *"May the relationship between man and nature not be driven by greed, to manipulate and exploit, but may the divine harmony between beings and creation be conserved in the logic of respect and care."*
- 7. Sustainability** - *"Never have we so hurt and mistreated our common home as we have in the last 200 years."*
- 8. World Economy-** *"The idea of infinite or unlimited growth, which proves so attractive to economists, financiers and experts in technology ... is based on the lie that there is an infinite supply of the earth's goods and this leads to the planet being squeezed dry at every limit."*
- 9. Government** - *"Every man, every woman who has to take up the service of government, must ask themselves two questions: 'Do I love my people in order to serve them better? Am I humble and do I listen to everybody, to diverse opinions in order to choose the best path?' If you don't ask those questions, your governance will not be good."*
- 10. Power** - *"You cannot be in a position of power and destroy the life of another person."*

**Lord enlighten every dark spot on this earth, sustain our Pope Francis in his difficult mission and let us experience your peace in this troubled world. Amen!**

Fr Peter



## WIADOMOŚCI POLSKIEJ WSPÓLNOTY W LIVINGSTON



Drodzy, Gdy Mojżesz doszedł do Góry Horeb, ukazał mu się Anioł Pański w płomieniu ognia, ze środka krzewu. Bóg podał mu swoje imię: *"Jestem, który jestem"* i polecił Mojżeszowi przemawiać do ludu w Jego imieniu. Dzisiaj przez mistyczne ciało Chrystusa, którym jest Kościół Pan mówi do nas w 3 Niedzielę Wielkiego Postu – jakby przypominając i zachęcając: *Nawracajcie się, bliskie jest królestwo niebieskie.* Jezus najpierw zapytał swoich uczniów czy myślą, że różnią się czymś od ofiar wypadków, o których było głośno w tamtym czasie – zupełnie tak jak my musimy sobie uświadomić, że niczym nie różnimy się od ofiar ostatnich katastrof komunikacyjnych czy ataków terrorystycznych. Po prostu mieliśmy szczęście, że nie byliśmy tam gdzie oni stracili swoje życie. A przypowieść o nawróceniu: *Od 3 lat przychodzę i szukam owocu na tym figowcu, a nie znajduję* – mówi Jezus-Ogrodnik do Boga Ojca. Ten każe mu usunąć nieurodzajne drzewo, na co Ogrodnik mówi z miłosierdziem: *Panie, jeszcze na ten rok go pozostaw, aż okopię go i obłożę nawozem; i może wyda owoc. A jeśli nie, w przyszłości możesz go wyciąć.* Jeszcze ten rok – jeszcze ten Wielki Post – jeszcze ja i Ty mamy kolejną szansę. Przynieśmy owoce tego czasu łaski przez modlitwę, post i jałmużnę! Ks. Piotr

**WAŻNE: REKOLEKCJE WIELKOPOSTNE OD CZW. 11.04 DO 14.04.19 W EDYNBURGU I W LIVINGSTON**

DATE	ST ANDREW'S	ST PETER'S	ST PHILIP'S	ST THERESA'S	FEAST DAY
<b>Sun 24 Mar</b>	9.30am Polish PK 11.30am Mass KO <i>Monica Duncan</i>	9.30am Mass SH <i>William O'Hara RIP</i> 5.30pm Mass Fr Francis <i>People of the Parish</i>	9.30am Mass JS <i>People of the Parish</i>	11.30am Mass JS <i>Charles Jarvis RIP</i>	3rd Sunday of Lent - Year C
<b>Mon 25 Mar</b>	No Service	No Service	No Service	9.00am Mass JS <i>Annie O'Donnell</i>	Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
<b>Tue 26 Mar</b>	9.30am Mass JS <i>Donor's Intention</i>	6.00pm Mass SH <i>Nancy Muir</i>	9.30am Mass KO <i>Hugh Diver</i>	No Service	Tuesday 3rd week of Lent
<b>Wed 27 Mar</b>	9.30am Mass JS <i>Donor's Intention</i>	9.30am Mass SH <i>Donor's Intention</i>	No Service	6.00pm Mass KO <i>Martin Mullen RIP</i>	Wednesday 3rd week of Lent
<b>Thu 28 Mar</b>	9.30am Mass JS <i>Donor's Intention</i>	No Service	9.30am Mass KO <i>Thomas Moffat RIP</i>	No Service	Thursday 3rd week of Lent
<b>Fri 29 Mar</b>	No Service	9.30am Mass PK <i>Donor's Intention</i>	No Service	9.00am Mass KO <i>Donor's Intention</i>	Friday 3rd week of Lent
<b>Sat 30 Mar</b>	9.30am Mass JS 5.30pm Vigil JS <i>Victoria McLeish</i>	9.30am Mass SH <i>Nancy Muir</i> 6.30pm Polish PK	9.30am Mass KO <i>Donor's Intention</i>	No Service	Saturday 3rd week of Lent
<b>Sun 31 Mar</b>	9.30am Polish PK 11.30am Mass JS <i>McGinley Family</i>	9.30am Mass SH <i>People of the Parish</i> 5.30pm Mass SH <i>May Smart</i>	9.30am Mass KO <i>Catherine Caffrey</i>	11.30am Mass KO <i>People of the Parish</i>	4th Sunday of Lent - Year C