



St Margaret's Academy

Snippets



13th December 2019

What you need to know...

- 1** All S4,5,6 Tracking reports have now been issued. Please contact the school office if you have not received your son/daughter's report
- 2** The S5/6 Prelim timetable is now available - a copy is attached to this bulletin .
- 3** Thank you to everyone who donated items for the food bank collection. You can see photos on our facebook site.
- 4** S3 Immunisation letters have now been issued. Please get in touch if you have any issues or concerns.

Your feedback is important to us. Please complete the survey link below <https://www.esurveycreator.co.uk/s/c40ab39>

25th Anniversary Christmas Concert

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our 25th Anniversary Christmas Concert on Tuesday. It was a fantastic evening and well done to all of our young people who were involved.



Key dates...

Friday 20th December

Non-uniform day
All break

Monday 6th January

INSET day
S5/6 English revision session 11am-1pm in the school

Tuesday 7th January

Pupils return
S5/6 Prelims begin

Big Sleep Out

On Saturday, 28 staff and pupils took part in Social Bite's "Big Sleep Out". It was a challenging night for everyone especially as the weather was not kind to us but our young people were outstanding and nothing short of inspirational as they took the conditions in their stride and made it through the whole night (and wind and rain) and were an absolute credit to our school. But an important lesson was learned by all as we were able to leave Princes Street Gardens yesterday morning and return to a warm home and bed which is not the case for thousands of people across Scotland who have to live in such conditions. Currently our team has raised, including gift aid donations, a total of £3012.50. We have been totally overwhelmed by the support and generosity of staff for the event and every penny donated is very much appreciated. The fundraising page is open until Christmas Eve if you wish to support Social Bite in their attempts to raise awareness and try and end homelessness in Scotland (<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Team/StMargaretsAcademy1>).



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	8:50 AM	10:50 AM		French	Higher	Reading and Directed Writing	Café
	11:45 AM	12:15 PM		French	Higher	Listening	E6
Monday 13th January							
	8:50 AM	11:20 AM		Physics	Advanced Higher	Section 1 - Objective Test, Section 2	Café
	8:50 AM	9:35 AM		Physics	Higher	Paper 1: (Multiple choice)	Café
	10:05 AM	12:20 PM		Physics	Higher	Paper 2	Café
	8:50 AM	9:35 AM		Music	National 5	Question Paper	E6
	10:00 AM	11:00 AM		Music	Higher	Question Paper	E6
	12:50 PM	2:50 PM		Health and Food Technology	Higher	Question Paper	Café
	12:50 PM	2:00 PM		Practical Electronics	National 5	Question Paper	Café
	12:50 PM	2:50 PM		Business Management	National 5	Question Paper	Café
	12:50 PM	3:35 PM		Business Management	Higher	Question Paper	Café
Tuesday 14th January							
	8:50 AM	11:50 AM		Modern Studies	Advanced Higher	Question Paper	Café
	8:50 AM	10:35 AM		Modern Studies	Higher	Paper 1	Café
	11:05 AM	12:20 PM		Modern Studies	Higher	Paper 2	Café
	08:50	11:50		Mathematics of Mechanics	Advanced Higher	Question Paper	Café
	12:50	15:20		Physical Education	Higher	Question Paper	Café
Wednesday 15th January							
	8:50 AM	11:30 AM		Sociology	Higher	Question Paper	Café
	8:50 AM	10:50 AM		Sociology	National 5	Question Paper	Café
	8:50 AM	10:40 AM		Geography	Higher	Physical and Human Environments	Café
	11:10 AM	12:20 PM		Geography	Higher	Global Issues and Geographical Skills	Café
	8:50 AM	11:10 AM		Geography	National 5	Question Paper	Café
	8:50 AM	10:50 AM		Computing Science	National 5	Question Paper	Café
	8:50 AM	11:20 AM		Computing Science	Higher	Question Paper	Café
	1:00 PM	2:00 PM		Dance	Higher	Question Paper	Café
	1:00 PM	2:00 PM		Photography	Higher	Question Paper	Café
Thursday 16th January							
	08:50	10:50		History	National 5	Question Paper	Café
	8:50 AM	10:20 AM		History	Higher	British, European and World History	Café
	10:50 AM	12:20 PM		History	Higher	Scottish History	Café
	1:00 PM	2:00 PM		Practical Woodworking	National 5	Question Paper	Café
Friday 17th January							
	8:50 AM	11:05 AM		Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies	Higher	World Religion, Morality and Belief	Café

St. Margaret's Academy

Pupil Bulletin

10th December 2019



General

Christmas Jumper/Non Uniform Day

Friday 13th December wear your Christmas jumper/top or tinsel. Bring a donation for West Lothian Foodbank e.g. tin of tuna, packet of biscuits, bottle of diluting juice (full list of items attached).

St Margaret's Got Talent

On Friday 20th December there will be a St Margaret's Got Talent. For anyone who would like to sign up there will be a meeting today at break in the drama department.

Lockers

A reminder to those pupils who did not renew their locker and had belongings removed from that locker, the belongings must be collected from the school office as soon as possible.

Film Club

Film Club is on Monday and Wednesday 5a lunch in U62 English. We are watching The Christmas Chronicles. Remember that you cannot get out of class to get your lunch without your pass.

Equalities Club

The Equalities Club now meets in the RE department. Miss McKeown's room will be available every break, Mon-Fri as well as Tues, Wed and Thurs lunchtimes.

Mass

Mass will take place in the Oratory on Thursday morning at 8.20am. It lasts about 15 minutes. If your bus arrives after Mass has started you are welcome to come in late.

Water Coolers

The new mains fed water coolers are finally installed in the atrium and PE department. Please ensure you bring an empty water bottle to school. In order to reduce the amount of plastic waste, there will be no more plastic cups available from the school office.

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.

Latecoming

Please sign at the School Office, if 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 £6.96, 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.

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.

Social Times

Pupils are reminded to remain on school grounds during break and lunch time.

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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SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER 2019

Third Sunday of Advent - Year A



The Old Testament tradition celebrates two great acts of salvation. The Exodus, when God saved the people from slavery in Egypt and the Return from Exile when after captivity in Babylon, God restored the people to their land. These are visible, historic events. For the Jews, salvation was rooted in the events of life.

In the first reading, Isaiah announces God's saving actions - the blind see, the deaf hear and the lame leap. This salvation extends throughout the whole earth and is evident in the evocative images of the desert and the parched land blooming with trees and flowers.

So it is not surprising that when from the dark of prison and the brink of death, John sends his disciples to ask Jesus the urgent question - "Are you the one who is to come or should we look for another?" Jesus answers that they should return to John and tell them what they have heard and seen.

The gospel today leads us to look at our own experiences and to see evidence of God's saving action in their own lives.



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

Mass

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

Charismatic Prayer Group

St Andrew's: Tue 7.30pm

Parish office opening hours:

Mon, Tue, Wed & Thu

9.30am to 12.30pm

Shared News ...

Advent Hour of Prayer: St Peter's will be open for prayer on the four Sundays of Advent between 3.00pm and 4.00pm. An open invitation is extended to all parishioners in our four parishes to come and experience quietness amidst the noise and busyness.

Housebound Visits: Fr Kenneth will visit the housebound in St Philip's and St Theresa's while Fr John visits those parishioners in St Andrew's in the coming week.

Funeral Arrangements - Mrs Elizabeth Bath RIP: The body will be received in St John the Baptist Church, Uddingston on Wednesday 18 December at 6.00pm. The Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 19th at 11.00am followed by burial at Inverness cemetery on Friday 20th.

St John's Hospital Carol Service: This will be held on Wednesday evening at 7.30pm in the hospital. Everyone is welcome.

CIC: The next class will be on Saturday 21st at 10.15am in St Andrew's hall.

Sacramental Programme: A reminder that there is a meeting on Wednesday 8 January at 7.00pm in St Peter's for the parents of those children preparing for the sacrament of Reconciliation. The meeting for parents of children preparing for First Holy Communion will be on Wednesday 15 January at 7.00pm in St Peter's.

Next Sunday's Readings (22.12.19): Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 23; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24.

Recently Deceased: Maria Long, Catherine Edgar **Anniversaries (December):** David Rennie, Alice McGinlay, Freddie Comerford, Sadie Queen, Brian Cullion

ST PETER'S ...

Rosary Group: Will meet after Mass on Wednesday morning.

Knit & Natter: On Wednesday 18th, the group will be going for afternoon tea. The group will not meet again until Wednesday 15 January.

Christmas Tree: As in previous years, there will be a Christmas tree behind the altar next Sunday for those who wish to hang a decoration in memory of someone who is no longer with us.

Final Mass in Advent: Next Sunday evening, Mass will be by candlelight.

Sacristy: Please note that there is no longer one person in charge of the sacristy work. There is now a team of people and if anyone else would like to get involved, you are very welcome, just see Fr Simon. From now on, all enquiries about diary bookings or anything to do with the sacristy should be directed in the first instance to Karen in the parish office or Fr Simon.

Sacristy Supplies: If anyone would like to give a gift of a bottle of sherry for the sacristy that would be a lovely Christmas gift to the parish!

Cleaners: Thank you to the two people who have volunteered, however, we still need more helpers to clean the church on Friday after Mass. If anyone can help please contact Fr Simon.

Last Sunday's Collection: £888.74; **Church Stall:** £207.80; **Catholic Education:** £42.34

ST ANDREW'S ...

Fairtrade: Stall this weekend, 14 & 15 December. Why not buy Fairtrade treats as stocking fillers? That way you are giving twice.

Christmas Eve Mass: As in previous years, children are invited to come dressed in costumes and should congregate in the shalom chapel by 6.45pm at the latest.

Calendars: A4 calendars designed by one of our young Polish parishioners will be available for sale after Mass this morning. Cost £7.00 each.

Christmas Nativity Cribs: Available from Joe & Jenny McDermott (Tel: 779 871).

Last Sunday's Collection: £852.41 (01.12); **Building Fund:** TBC; **Church Stall:** TBC; **200 Club:** TBC; **Sanctuary Candle:** Deceased members of Wardlaw families

ST THERESA'S...

Rosary: The rosary will be recited every Monday morning after 9.00am Mass. Everyone is welcome.

Last Sunday's Collection:

£511.17; **Bonus Ball**

Winner: No 39 Jane Jarvis

ST PHILIP'S ...

Carol Service: Livingston South Community Church is having a Carol Service in Murieston Hall tonight at 6.30pm and everyone is welcome.

Senior Citizen Christmas Lunch: Will be held on Saturday 11 January in the Lanthorn. If you would like to go, please give your name to Maureen at the coffee bar after Mass.

Prayers for the sick: Please pray for Paul Marshall who is currently in the Western General Hospital.

Last Sunday's Collection: £461.64; **200 Club:** TBC;

Sanctuary Candle: Deceased members of Randals family



Update on Our Lady of the Mountains Marian Shrine

My dear brothers & sisters in Christ

I am very glad about the efforts you are making concerning the support towards the construction of ten toilets, ten baths and three dormitories at the Marian Shrine in my Diocese.

I have been praying for all of you for God's abundant blessings over you as you continue to make generous efforts for the achievement of this project. I am in touch with my people in the Yendi Diocese concerning the project and I have been informed that the people are praying fervently for you.

There was a pilgrimage to the shrine from 25-27 October. It climaxed with an ordination of three young men into the priesthood. During the pilgrimage the people prayed for you and gave thanks to God for giving you people generous hearts to support the project.

Although the place of the shrine is not developed, our people will continue to go for the spiritual activities since graces and blessings flow over there from God.

May our Mother Mary continue to intercede for all of you in your daily activities, families and work places.

Fr John



Christmas Mass Times

24 December

5.00pm	St Theresa's (Carols at 4.30pm)	Fr Kenneth
7.00pm	St Andrew's	Fr John
7.00pm	St Peter's	Fr Simon
7.00pm	St Philip's	Fr Kenneth
9.30pm	St Peter's (Polish)	Fr Peter
Midnight	St Andrew's (Carols at 11.30pm)	Fr Kenneth/Fr Peter

25 December

9.30am	St Andrew's (Polish)	Fr Peter
9.30am	St Philip's (small chapel)	Fr Kenneth
9.30am	St Peter's	Fr Simon
11.00am	St Peter's (Polish)	Fr Peter
11.30am	St Andrew's	Fr John
11.30am	St Theresa's	Fr Kenneth

26 December

9.30am	St Andrew's	Fr Kenneth/Fr John
11.00am	St Andrew's (Polish)	Fr Peter

WIADOMOŚCI POLSKIEJ WSPÓLNOTY W LIVINSTON



Drodzy, gdy prorok Izajasz pisał: *Niech się rozweselą pustynia i spieczona ziemia* pisał dając nadzieję dla uciemnionego Narodu Wybranego. Zbawieniem i nadzieją miało być przyjście Mesjasza, poprzez którego wszyscy *osiągną radość i szczęście, ustąpi smutek i wzdychanie*. W trzecią radosną niedzielę adwentu – *gaudete* - jako wierzący w Chrystusa i oczekujący na święta Jego Narodzenia wołamy z psalmistą: *Przybądź, o Panie, aby nas wybawić*. Świętować będziemy narodziny Mesjasza i dlatego wierzymy i wyznajemy naszą obecnością w kościele i adwentowymi postanowieniami, iż *Pan króluje na wieki, Bóg twój, Syjonie, przez pokolenia*. Święty Jakub przypomina, że Adwent to także przygotowanie na spotkanie z Panem na końcu naszego życia, dlatego mówi: *Trwajcie cierpliwie, bracia, aż do przyjścia Pana*. Śpiew przed ewangelią usłyszeliśmy mesjańską deklarację Jezusa: *Duch Pański nade mną, posłał mnie głosić dobrą nowinę ubogim*, a ewangelista Mateusz przypomina Jezusową odpowiedź na pytanie uczniów Jana o jego mesjańską misję: *niewidomi wzrok odzyskują, chromi chodzą, trędowaci doznają oczyszczenia, głusi słyszą, umarli zmartwychwstają, ubogim głosi się Ewangelię. A błogosławiony jest ten, kto we Mnie nie zwątpi*. W czasach zwycięstwa komercji nad duchowością, pozorów świętowania nad głęboką chrześcijańską radością **dziękuję tym, którzy przygotowali Rekolekcje Adwentowe i gratuluje tym, którzy z tej łaski skorzystali! Dziękuję tym, którzy wspierają projekt Ghana-Afryka, kupując świece Caritas i oplatki. W PIĄTEK 20.12 w St. Andrew's MSZA o 19 I SPOWIEDZ PRZEDŚWIĄTECZNA od 18.30. Kolejne spowiedzi przedświąteczne będą na pół godziny przed mszami 21.12 od 18 i 22.12 od 9.00 – ks. Piotr**

DATE	ST ANDREW'S	ST PETER'S	ST PHILIP'S	ST THERESA'S	FEAST DAY
Sun 15 Dec	9.30am Polish PK 11.30am Mass KO <i>Dominic Sweeney RIP</i>	9.30am Mass SH <i>Doreen Markey</i> 5.30pm Mass SH <i>People of the Parish</i>	9.30am Mass JS <i>Harry Cartmill</i>	11.30am Mass JS <i>People of the Parish</i>	3rd Sunday of Advent Year A
Mon 16 Dec	No Service	No Service	No Service	9.00am Mass JS <i>Johnny McGinlay</i>	Monday 3rd week of Advent
Tue 17 Dec	9.30am Mass JS <i>Donor's Intention</i>	No Service	9.30am Mass KO <i>John Linstrum</i>	No Service	Tuesday 3rd week of Advent
Wed 18 Dec	9.30am Mass KO <i>Donor's Intention</i>	9.30am Mass SH <i>Adeline Long RIP</i>	No Service	6.00pm Mass JS <i>Maureen Dutta</i>	Wednesday 3rd week of Advent
Thu 19 Dec	9.30am Mass JS <i>Donor's Intention</i>	9.30am Mass PK <i>Donor's Intention</i>	9.30am Mass KO <i>William Caffrey</i>	No Service	Thursday 3rd week of Advent
Fri 20 Dec	7.00pm Polish PK (& Confessions)	9.30am Mass SH <i>William O'Hara</i>	No Service	9.00am Mass KO <i>Kathleen & Tom Carr-Pollock</i>	Friday 3rd week of Advent
Sat 21 Dec	9.30am Mass JS <i>Frederick Comerford</i> 5.30pm Vigil JS	9.30am Mass SH <i>Donor's Intention</i> 6.30pm Polish PK	9.30am Mass KO <i>Donor's Intention</i>	No Service	Saturday 3rd week of Advent
Sun 22 Dec	9.30am Polish PK 11.30am Mass JS <i>Donor's Intention</i>	9.30am Mass SH <i>Ann O'Kane</i> 5.30pm Mass SH <i>People of the Parish</i>	9.30am Mass KO <i>Margaret George RIP</i>	11.30am Mass KO <i>People of the Parish</i>	4th Sunday of Advent Year A