

From the Priest in Charge

The story of the saint whose day is later this week is intricately tied in with the tumultuous events of the English succession that led to and followed the Norman invasion of England in the year 1066. I am talking, of course, about the woman we now call “St. Margaret of Scotland”, but how she came to be “of Scotland” has much more to do with England.



For Margaret was an English Princess, born to Edward Ætheling (“the exile”), himself the son of King Edmund Ironside. King Edmund was defeated in 1016 by the Danish prince Cnut, and Edward, his sole heir and only a few months old, was exiled to the continent, eventually arriving as an adult in the Kingdom of Hungary. This is where Margaret was born in about 1045 and raised in the very religious environment of the Hungarian court.

Margaret’s father Edward was recalled to England in 1057 as a possible heir to her granduncle, King Edward the Confessor, who was trying to prove he had a successor in the face of outside threats. Immediately upon arriving in England, Margaret’s father died leaving Margaret, her older brother Edgar, and younger sister Cristina. They continued to reside in the King’s court while Edgar was considered as a possible successor. Edward the Confessor died 5 January 1066, and King Harold II (Godwinson) was crowned king immediately on January 6th. King Harold was killed at the Battle of Hastings later that same year, and the Witenagemot (a council of powerful leaders in England) declared Edgar as king, before shortly surrendering him to William the Conqueror as he approached London with his armies. William was declared king, and took Edgar to Normandy until 1068, when he returned him to England, and Edgar, Margaret, Cristina, and their mother Agatha fled north to Northumbria, England, to avoid any more confrontations with the Normans.

How Margaret and her family ended up in Scotland has been lost to history. According to tradition, Agatha hoped to sail her family back to the continent when a storm drove their ship north to the Kingdom of Scotland where they shipwrecked in 1068 and were given refuge by the Scottish King Malcolm III. One medieval source claims Margaret and Malcolm were in fact engaged nine years earlier. Margaret and Malcolm were married in 1070 at Dunfermline Castle when she was around

twenty-four years old. “He was rough and uncultured but his disposition was good, and Margaret, through the great influence she acquired over him, softened his temper, polished his manners, and rendered him one of the most virtuous kings who have ever occupied the Scottish throne”. An ancient author wrote, “She incited the king to works of justice, mercy, charity and other virtues in all which by divine grace she induced him to carry out her pious wishes. For he, perceiving that Christ dwelt in the heart of his queen, was always ready to follow her advice.”

The religious piety she learned in the Hungarian court led her to lead religious reform in Scotland to conform it to more continental practices, for she found worship lacking in the kingdom, and subject to grave abuses by both the clergy and people. She instigated and participated in synods to push reforms, she encouraged the proper observances of Sundays, festivals, and fasts, pushed to have Easter communion obligatory, and made it a constant effort to search for good priests and teachers for all parts of the country. She is also said to have formed a sort of embroidery guild among the ladies of the royal court to provide vestments and church furniture. She and her husband together founded several churches. She maintained strict routines of prayer and reading Scripture, and she was especially fond of visiting the poor. She would tend the sick with her own hands and encouraged her husband to entertain as many as three hundred poor persons in Advent and Lent, serving them food from the royal kitchens.

She is remembered for all these Christian virtues that she had and shared with the people of her Kingdom. A biography was written of her shortly after her death by Turgot of Durham, later bishop of St. Andrew’s, who was a good friend and personal confessor of St. Margaret. This biography leaves a “wonderfully inspiring picture of the influence she exercised over the rude Scottish court”. In this biography, Turgot writes: “I may say, in short, every word that she uttered, every act that she performed, showed that she was meditating on the things of Heaven.”

In the window of St. Margaret in All Saints’ Church in Marysville, St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland, is depicted wearing a royal crown and royal robes reminiscent of the habit of a Nun – symbolic of her piety and devotion – and is holding the cross of Jesus, which she held so close to her heart.

O GOD Most High, the creator of all mankind, we bless thy holy Name for the virtue and grace which thou hast given unto holy women in all ages, especially thy servant Margaret; and we pray that the example of her faith may inspire many souls in this generation to look unto thee, and to follow thy blessed Son Jesus Christ our Saviour; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

Parish Notices and Updates _____

ST. MARY'S BRANCH OF THE MOTHERS' UNION will be meeting on **Saturday, November 18th** at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. For more information, please speak to Adele Knox.

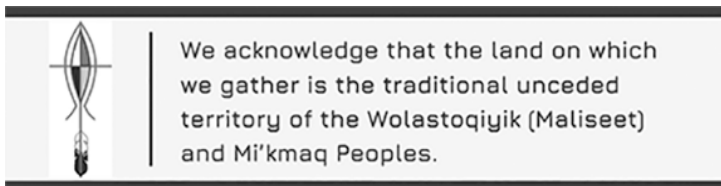
THE FREDERICTON NORTH HERITAGE ASSOCIATION is pleased to have Andrew MacLean join us this Tuesday, November 14th, 2pm at St. Mary's Church Hall for a presentation on, "The Battle of Fort Nashwaak". Andrew is both the writer and host of articles and podcasts on Backyard History. His first book, *Backyard History: Forgotten Stories of Atlantic Canada's Past* is due for release and he will soon become a TV personality on the show, Backyard History. Hope you can come. Everyone welcome!

OUR PARISH BIBLE STUDY continues each **Friday at 10:00 a.m.** in the Church. This year we will be taking a close look at the Sunday lectionary, with a series called "Unpacking the Homily – A Deeper Dive than Twelve Minutes a Week."

COPIES OF THE 2024 CHURCH CALENDARS, prepared by our friends at St. Peter Publications in Charlottetown, are now available in the Narthex. The cost is \$9.00. These lovely calendars are a great way to keep track of the Church Year as we try to grow in grace. We would be very happy to drop off copies to those who are not able to pick one up, please let Fr. Nicholas know how many you would like.



*Please join us in the Parish Hall
following the 11:00 a.m. Celebration
for Coffee and Conversation.*



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THE PARISH OF ST. MARY, YORK



In almost every letter Paul demonstrates that Jesus is Lord, and that Caesar isn't; that the 'gospel' of Jesus upstages the 'gospel' of Caesar; that the true salvation is achieved through Jesus, not Caesar; that the world needs God's justice, not Roman justice; and, with great irony, that the cross, a hated symbol of Roman rule, had been transformed into the life-giving symbol of God's self-giving love.

N.T. Wright

EVE OF THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER
TRINITY

Saturday, November 11, 2023

*We make our boast of God all day long,
and will praise thy name forever. (Psalm 44)*

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer:

✠ Psalm 57 | Ecclesiastes 10 | 3 John

5:00 p.m. – The Holy Eucharist

Introit Psalm 121:	<i>page 497</i>
The Gloria:	<i>page 86</i>
The Collect:	<i>page 256</i>
The Old Testament Reading:	Isaiah 11.1-10
The Epistle:	<i>page 256</i>
Gradual Psalm 24.7-10:	<i>page 357</i>
The Holy Gospel:	<i>page 256</i>
The Creed:	<i>page 71</i>
The Homily	
The Intercessions:	Ÿ. Lord, in thy mercy R. Hear our prayer
The Consecration:	<i>page 82</i>
Post Communion Prayer:	<i>page 85</i>

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

NOVEMBER 14: FERIA

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer, *All Saints, Marysville*

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

NOVEMBER 15: FERIA

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

NOVEMBER 16: HUGH, BISHOP; MARGARET, QUEEN

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

2:00 p.m. – Holy Communion, *Paradise Villa*

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NOVEMBER 17: HILDA, ABBESS

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4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer (Zoom)

NOVEMBER 18: EVE OF TRINITY XXIV

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

NOVEMBER 19: 24TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8:45 a.m. – Morning Prayer, *All Saints, Marysville*

9:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, *All Saints, Marysville*

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Followed by Coffee & Conversation in the Hall



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♫ PSALM 24.7-10	page 357
The Epistle:	page 256
♫ GRADUAL HYMN:	591 (ST. MAGNUS)
The Holy Gospel:	page 256
Gospel Acclamation:	♫ Alleluia ♫
The Creed:	page 71
The Homily	
♫ OFFERTORY HYMN:	563 (AURELIA)
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The Consecration:	page 82
♫ HYMN AFTER COMMUNION:	239 (RATISBON – 5)
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An Act of Remembrance	
♫ RECESSIONAL HYMN:	379 (ST. ANNE)

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