Margaret of Scotland

Born: 1045 AD

Died: 1093 AD

Feast Day

10 June/16 November

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Margaret was born in 1045 in Hungary. She and her family returned to England in 1057. She was an English princess.
She married Malcolm III of Scotland in 1070. She then became Queen of Scotland.

Margaret was very holy. She helped her husband to rule well. Catholic customs were introduced to the Scottish court.

Malcolm and Margaret had eight children and two daughters. All were raised with deep Catholic Christian faith.

They lived as a holy family. Her son, David was later made a saint. Margaret was very charitable.

She was called by many the "the mother of orphans" and "the bursar for the poor of Jesus Christ."

She promoted the arts and education in Scotland. She encouraged Church synods and helped Bishops, priests and laypeople to live good lives.

She encouraged people to grow in prayer and holiness. She helped to build churches.

She died in Edinburgh in 1093.
She became famous worldwide because of the miracles she worked while alive
and after her death.

In 1673, Pope Clement X named her the patroness of Scotland,
over which she had reigned for
almost a quarter century.

She is often referred to as the "The Pearl of Scotland." In 1250, Pope Innocent IV canonized Margaret as a Saint.