



St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors



9th April 2023 [Cycle A Year 1]

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34, 37-43, | Psalm 118

Colossians 3:1-4 | John 20:1-9

Jesus is nowhere visible. Yet, today's Gospel tells us that Peter and John "saw and believed."

What did they see? Burial shrouds lying on the floor of an empty tomb. Maybe that convinced them that He hadn't been carted off by grave robbers, who usually stole the expensive burial linens and left the corpses behind.

But notice the repetition of the word "tomb"—seven times in nine verses. They saw the empty tomb and they believed what He had promised: that God would raise Him on the third day. Chosen to be His "witnesses," today's First Reading tells us, the Apostles were "commissioned . . . to preach . . . and testify" to all that they had seen—from His anointing with the Holy Spirit at the Jordan to the empty tomb.

More than their own experience, they were instructed in the mysteries of the divine economy, God's saving plan: to know how "all the prophets bear witness" to Him (see Luke 24:27, 44). Now they could "understand the Scripture" and teach us what He had told them: that He was "the Stone which the builders rejected," the one whom today's Psalm prophesies will be resurrected and exalted (see Luke 20:17; Matthew 21:42; Acts 4:11).

We are the children of the apostolic witnesses. That is why we still gather early in the morning on the first day of every week to celebrate this feast of the empty tomb, to give thanks for "Christ our life," as today's Epistle calls Him.

Baptized into His death and Resurrection, we live the heavenly life of the risen Christ, our lives "hidden with Christ in God." We are now His witnesses, too. But we testify to things we cannot see but only believe; we seek in earthly things what is above.

We live in memory of the Apostles' witness, like them eating and drinking with the risen Lord at the altar. And we wait in hope for what the Apostles told us would come—the day when we too "will appear with Him in glory."

Reflection from St Paul Centre for Biblical Theology, Steubenville, Ohio

Wishing all our readers a very happy Easter

Easter Collection for Fr Anthony: The collection at all Easter Masses this weekend will be our personal offering to Fr Anthony. We are sure that all parishioners will wish to contribute generously to this collection in thanksgiving for the wonderful service which Fr Anthony has given to our parish throughout the year.



Mass Intentions and Diary for the week

Friday 7	10am	Stations of the Cross for Children
Good Friday	11.30am	Ecumenical Walk of Witness
	2.30pm	Start of Divine Mercy Novena
	3pm	Passion of the Lord
Saturday 8	2pm	Blessing of Polish Easter Baskets
Easter Vigil	8pm	Rosemary & Martin London RIP
Sunday 9	9am	Peter & Estella Begley TG (FC)
Easter Sunday	11am	Heard Family TG (CC)
<i>[Psalm Wk 1]</i>		
Monday 10	9.30am	Ken Mc'Mullin RIP
Tuesday 11	9.30am	Tom & Maryellen Reilly TG
Wednesday 12	9.30am	Josie & Margaret Reilly TG
	6pm	Youth Choir Practice
	7pm	Central Choir Practice
Thursday 13	9.30am	Seamus & Shirley Maughan TG
Friday 14	9.30am	John & Kathleen Maughan TG
Saturday 15	9.30am	John & Jennifer Maughan TG
	5.15am	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	John & Bridget McDonagh TG
Sunday 16	9am	Ivy Glavee TG (YC)
Divine Mercy	11am	Michael Bell (CC)
Sunday		

FC= Folk Choir, YC= Youth Choir, CC= Central Choir,

TG= Thanksgiving, WB= Wellbeing, BT= Birthday Thanksgiving, SI= Special Intention, RIP= Rest in Peace, GP= God's Protection and PI= Private Intention

NOTE: Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration follows every weekday Mass, until 11am on Tuesday through Thursday, and until 8pm on Friday.



May 7: First Holy Communion

Prayer requests: Albie Shahpazov, Paul Ford, Michael Colairo, Richard Neal, Catherine Roberts, Paula Seradi, Maria Luisa Mapple, Sheila Sharp, Michal Pacala, Hilda Gill, Michael Rowback, Max & Isabelle Mifsud, Kristine Harvey, and Margaret Fox.

Anniversaries: Please also pray for those whose anniversaries occur this month.



1st Prize £50

2nd Prize £25

3rd Prize £10

Winning Number **44**

Winning Number **58**

Winning Number **100**

This month's winning numbers

Simon's Passion.

Denial: gall in my mouth,
A faithless Galilean.
I have eaten your bread
Drunk your wine
Taken your body and blood.
I have fished with you
Seen the miracle of a net straining catch
Feared to walk on water until you took my hand.
You are my teacher, my master,
The light that has blinded me to my faults,
Until today.

Betrayal: I slunk from the courtyard fire
Warmed by the flames, chilled by my fear.
Brave enough when you were there
Suffering your Gethsemane pain
Agony before agonies
The torture of your spirit
The torture of the body to come.

Craven: my soul as tarnished a silver piece
As any taken by Judas.
Watching, hidden in crowd safety
Hearing them bay, 'Barabbas.'
My hands as washed unclean as Pilate's
Stained with remorse.
Hearing you sentenced to death.
Listening to the whispers of thorns
Piercing my heart.
Of shame flagellating my body.
Blindfolded by guilt
My own persecutor.

Pathetic: fringing the followers
Watching you bleed to Calvary.
Afraid to bring a cloth to wipe your face,
Afraid to comfort your grieving mother,
Shamed by Veronica and Magdalene,
Watching another Simon bear the Cross's weight
Drawing back as you fell
Another sin for you to carry.

Weeping: Watching Romans rope and nail you
Hands and feet pierced
Bloodstained and sweat marked clothes stolen.
Hauled upright to hang tearing
Ligament, joint and cartilage.
Hearing your cry
Watching you die
Trying to avoid your eyes
That sear my weakness.

Redeeming: The others didn't know.
That I had run, lied, denied
Frightened they scattered,
Shocked and fearful
Hiding in denial.
Gathering in shocked twos and threes
Whispering at shadows
Trying to restore their crucified courage.
Might I rise from the shoals of shame?
Find the courage to be that fisher of men?

Living: Why does Magdalene shout from the tomb?
The stone is unrolled, the cloths have unbound Him:
He is resurrected. I am alive!
Flawed man that I am
I shall do His will, be that which He foretold
I am Peter, I am the Rock.
He will found his Church on me.

I will make no fourth denial.

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HCPT Pilgrimage to Lourdes

An HCPT pilgrimage to Lourdes is unlike any other and can bring healing to those who are troubled, and great reward to those who provide the practical, physical, and social help needed to support the care needs of the Group.

Fr Luke's 2023 HCPT Group will be travelling on the 15th – 22nd September this year, staying in Hosanna House, which is fully equipped to meet the needs of the disabled. This will be our first time going back since the Pandemic and we are very excited! We need able bodied helpers, both male and female, to give a week of their time to assist us with the Group, and there are many different positions to be filled. It is a great opportunity to find out the role that the disabled can play, in showing us the way to Christ. We would especially like to hear from any nurses if they are able to assist us.

The Pilgrimage week is very special and always leaves us feeling inspired and uplifted. Please see your church notice board for further information or go to the HCPT website www.hcpt.org.uk and look for Summer Pilgrimages.

To find out more, please contact the Group leaders: Sandra Allen (07768 080 537), Manus Finnerty (07825 564 825), or Father Luke (020 8642 3863).

Teaching and Leading in Catholic Schools

Are you a Catholic and a teacher, middle or senior leader in a community school or academy and interested in taking up a role in Catholic education? If so, the Archdiocese of Southwark Education Commission would like to invite you to a twilight session: Teaching and Leading in Catholic Schools. The session will include opportunities to meet current leaders and the education team, find out about Catholic schools and tips in relation to the application process. This event will be held on Thursday 27th April 2023 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at Amigo Hall, Lambeth Road SE1 6HR. If you are interested in attending, please register at: <https://www.rcaoseducation.org.uk/teaching-in-and-leading-catholic-schools/> or if you have any queries please contact Sharon Docherty, at: sharondocherty@rcaos.org.uk

Pope is out of hospital

Doctors at the Gemelli Hospital in Rome where the Pope was admitted last Wednesday said he had been diagnosed with viral bronchitis that required the administration of an antibiotic therapy administered by infusion. He was fit enough to lead a Mass on Palm Sunday.

World Council of Churches

During a visit with Pope Francis in Rome last week, a World Council of Churches (WCC) delegation and the Roman Catholic Church committed to walking, praying and working together for justice, reconciliation, and unity. Bishop Bedford-Strohm commented: "Together we see this witness to Christ also in a clear commitment to the world: to deal with refugees in a dignified way, to overcome poverty and hunger in the world, to overcome the destruction of nature and committed steps towards climate protection."

'The Big One' Friday 21st April

Christian charities are, "taking a stand against fossil fuel company greed and government inaction - which is fuelling both the cost-of-living crisis and the climate crisis." The protest will be as inclusive as possible, with churches and many charities and organisations involved, including CAFOD, Tearfund and Christian Aid. 'The Big One' climate protest on Friday 21st April, will begin with a Christian service and pilgrimage to Westminster. More information at <https://christianclimateaction.org/2022/10/22/the-big-one/>