



# St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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*A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors*



23rd October 2022 [Cycle C Year 2]  
The Thirtieth Sunday  
Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19 | Psalm 33  
2 Timothy 4:6—8, 16-18 | Luke 18:9-14



Jesus draws a blunt picture in today's Gospel. The Pharisee's prayer is almost a parody of the thanksgiving psalms (see for example Psalms 30, 118). Instead of praising God for His mighty works, the Pharisee congratulates himself for his own deeds, which he presents to God in some detail. The tax collector stands at a distance, too ashamed even to raise his eyes to God (see Ezra 9:6). He prays with a humble and contrite heart (see Psalm 51:19). He knows that before God no one is righteous, no one has cause to boast (see Roman 3:10; 4:2).

We see in the Liturgy today one of Scripture's abiding themes: that God "knows no favorites," as today's First Reading tells us (see 2 Chronicles 19:7; Acts 10:34–35; Romans 2:11).

God cannot be bribed (see Deuteronomy 10:17). We cannot curry favor with Him or impress Him—even with our good deeds or our faithful observance of religious duties such as tithing and fasting.

If we try to exalt ourselves before the Lord, as the Pharisee does, we will be brought low (see Luke 1:52).

This should be a warning to us—not to take pride in our piety, not to slip into the self-righteousness of thinking that we're better than others, that we're "not like the rest of sinful humanity."

If we clothe ourselves with humility (see 1 Peter 5:5–6), if we recognize that all of us are sinners in need of His mercy, we will be exalted (see Proverbs 29:33).

The prayer of the lowly, the humble, pierces the clouds. Paul testifies to this in today's Epistle as He thanks the Lord for giving him strength during his imprisonment.

Paul tells us what the Psalmist sings today—that the Lord redeems the lives of His humble servants.

We too must serve Him willingly. And He will hear us in our distress, deliver us from evil, and bring us safely to His heavenly kingdom.

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## New dates for 16th Synod of Bishops

Pope Francis has announced that the upcoming 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops originally scheduled to be held in October 2023 will be held in two sessions, spaced one year apart: the first from October 4 to 29, 2023, the second in October 2024. This decision stems from the desire that the theme of a Synodal Church, because of its breadth and importance, might be the subject of prolonged discernment not only by the members of the Synodal Assembly, but by the whole Church.

## Mass Intentions and Diary for the week

Friday 21	9.30am	People of the Parish
Saturday 22	9.30am	Dorothy Castelino (RIP)
	10.15am	Coffee Club
	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	Jack & Lily Lange (GP)
Sunday 23 [Psalm Wk 2] World Mission Sunday	9am	(FC)
	11am	(CC)
Monday 24	9.30am	
	5pm	First Holy Communion class
Tuesday 25	9.30am	
Wednesday 26	9.30am	Richard Neal (WB)
	7.30pm	Central Choir Practice
	8pm	Bible Study
Thursday 27	9.30am	
	6pm	Youth Choir Practice
Friday 28	9.30am	
Saturday 29	9.30am	Maisie Arthur & Deceased Gallagher Family Members
	10.15am	Coffee Club
	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	Nicos Demetriades & Family (RIP)
Sunday 30	9am	Fr Frederick Rhead (RIP)(YC)
	11am	John Brien (RIP)(CC)

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

TG= Thanksgiving, W= 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.

Fr Mark Odion will be carrying out an Awareness Campaign on Human Trafficking during Saturday evening Mass on October 29th and Sunday Masses on October 30th.

**Anniversaries:** Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur this month. They can be found in our website Documents.

**Prayer requests:** Wendy Counsell, Paula Seradi, Maria Luisa Mapple, Sheila Sharp, Michal Pacala, Hilda Gill, Michael Rowback, Max & Isabelle Mifsud, Catherine Roberts, Kristine Harvey, Margaret Fox and Richard Neal.

### **Weekend Three: Planned Giving - Pledge Forms**

'Each one should give as much as he has decided on his own initiative, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver' – [2 Corinthians 9:7](#)

Over the last couple of weeks, you have heard about Stewardship and Planned Giving. We have asked that all parishioners prayerfully reflect on what they contribute to our parish, having taken into consideration the needs of our parish and having reflected on the message of stewardship.

This weekend we ask that all parishioners complete a pledge card. These cards will remain private and confidential. Please provide your full contact details and select the method of offertory giving best suited to you. If you pay UK income tax, please sign the Gift Aid declaration (in one name only) so that the parish can claim 25p back from the government for every £1 that you donate, at no extra cost to yourself.

Finally, we thank you for all that you already do for our parish. Without your continued support, this wonderful, living church would not continue to be the spiritual centre it is today.

### **The Call of Creation**

The bishops of England and Wales have released a new edition of their teaching document on the environment, 20 years after it was first published. The *Call of Creation*, issued on 4<sup>th</sup> October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi, calls for a "profound interior conversion" to address the ecological crisis, and the development of "a Christian spirituality of ecology" to form individuals and society.

John Arnold, the bishops' conference lead on the environment, has written for the coming print edition on why it is important for all of us, as individuals, to develop the right relationship with God's creation. "Individual choices can seem insignificant when faced with major global challenges. But Pope Francis has rightly stated that multiplied individual actions can indeed make a real difference," the document states. In these frightening times, I find this unexpectedly empowering. Many of you are probably, like us, watching Sir David Attenborough's *Frozen Planet II* on Sunday nights. Overwhelmingly beautiful while at the same time terrifying, it is stark in its elucidation of the future that awaits if we do not change our relationship with the planet.

*Taken from the Tablet*

### **BBC1 Songs of Praise**

Last Sunday, (16 October), Songs of Praise on BBC1 celebrated CAFOD's 60th anniversary in their milestone moments episode. CAFOD trustee Bishop John Arnold and Head of Supporter Engagement Jo Kitterick were featured chatting to Rev Kate Bottley about CAFOD's history and hopes for the future. The episode is now available on BBC iPlayer.

### **PACT Online JustPeople Workshop** via Zoom on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>

October: 9:30am – 3:00pm. To book - <https://bit.ly/3y7eK77>  
"I was in prison, and you visited me" (Matt. 25:36) Would you like to find out more about how you can support our brothers and sisters who are affected by imprisonment? If so, PACT's JustPeople workshops may be for you. Our workshops are free to attend, come with no strings attached, and offer an opportunity to reflect upon Scripture, Church Teaching and Catholic Social Teaching, through the lens of people affected by imprisonment

### **Pope Video for October 2022: For a Church open to everyone**

The synodal process that we are following is entering its second stage. "It's not about gathering opinions, nor holding a parliament," Francis explains in his Pope Video for this month, it is "listening to each other in our diversity and opening doors to those who are outside the Church." And by listening to "the protagonist, the Holy Spirit," which requires prayer, the Synod can become an "opportunity to be a Church of closeness, which is God's style." The video is at:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=n2sE82ajfQs&t=54s](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n2sE82ajfQs&t=54s)

### **World Mission Sunday – 23 October 2022.**

This is the one day in the year when the entire global Church comes together in support of mission. Coordinated by Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, World Mission Sunday is an opportunity to support every mission diocese and faith community which need our help.

Parishioners can return their Red Missio Boxes to the Church this Sunday.

### **Warm Spaces for the Winter months**

We are recruiting people to be Warm Spaces Volunteers in libraries across Sutton. At four Sutton libraries, trained Warm Spaces Volunteers will be on hand at specific times for a chat and to help direct residents to support. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Warm Spaces Volunteer, please complete the short form at:

<https://tinyurl.com/52njxewu>

### **Sutton Music Festival, now in its 89th year,**

is an annual celebration of music and drama with classes during two weekends in November – this year these will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> /12<sup>th</sup> /13<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> /19<sup>th</sup> /20<sup>th</sup>. Vocal, piano, instrumental, and speech and drama sessions take place at Overton Grange School in Sutton, with a choral event at Holy Trinity Church, Wallington. The Festival is run by a dedicated small team of volunteers working all year round to make sure that everything runs smoothly, but additional helpers, especially Door Stewards are always needed at the Festival sessions. This involves meeting and greeting participants and visitors, sometimes selling programmes and generally monitoring entry to the performance areas. There are evening sessions on the Fridays (choral on the 18<sup>th</sup>), morning, afternoon and evening sessions on the Saturdays and afternoon and evening on the Sundays. A session usually lasts a maximum of 3 hours and all offers, even for just one session, would be most welcome. If you are interested and would like to help, please contact Evelyn on 073992 45792.

### **Opportunities for Communications Volunteers at CoR**

The Conference of Religious (CoR), which is the Secretariat for the Leaders of religious congregations in England & Wales, is seeking enthusiastic volunteers to help develop its digital profile and social media engagement. Able to commit to one or two days a week, which can be flexible. To express an interest, please email your details to: [communications@corew.org](mailto:communications@corew.org)

### **Talk by the Friends of Westminster Cathedral** on Thursday 27

October at 7.00pm in Westminster Cathedral Hall. Creators of Peace (COP) is a global network of people on each continent making a difference - inspired by their participation in Creators of Peace Circles, conferences, dialogues and other COP initiatives. For peace to be meaningful it must be inclusive, but it often isn't. Tickets are £10 from [Friends@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:Friends@rcdow.org.uk) or 020 7798 9059