



St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

Committed to 'Churches Together in England'

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A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors



15th January 2023 [Cycle A Year 1]

Second Sunday in Ordinary time

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6, | Psalm 40

1 Corinthians 1:1-3 | John 1:29-34

Jesus speaks through the prophet Isaiah in today's First Reading. He tells us of the mission given to Him by the Father from the womb: "You are My servant," He said to Me."

Servant and Son, our Lord was sent to lead a new exodus—to raise up the exiled tribes of Israel, to gather and restore them to God. More than that, He was to be a light to the nations, that God's salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (see Acts 13:46-47).

Before the first exodus, a lamb was offered in sacrifice and its blood painted on the Israelites' door posts. The blood of the lamb identified their homes and the Lord "passed over" these in executing judgment on the Egyptians (see Exodus 12:1-23, 27).

In the new exodus, Jesus is the "Lamb of God," as John beholds Him in the Gospel today (see 1 Corinthians 5:7; 1 Peter 1:18-19). Our Lord sings of this in today's Psalm. He has come, He says, to offer His body to do the will of God (see Hebrews 10:3-13).

The sacrifices, oblations, holocausts, and sin-offerings given after the first exodus had no power to take away sins (see Hebrews 10:4). They were meant not to save but to teach (see Galatians 3:24). In offering these sacrifices, the people were to learn self-sacrifice—that they were made for worship, to offer themselves freely to God and to delight in His will.

Only Jesus could make that perfect offering of Himself. And through His sacrifice, He has given us ears open to obedience and made it possible for us to hear the Father's call to holiness, as Paul says in today's Epistle.

He has made us children of God, baptized in the blood of the Lamb (see Revelation 7:14). And we are to join our sacrifice to His, to offer our bodies—our lives—as living sacrifices in the spiritual worship of the Mass (see Romans 12:1).

St Paul Centre for Biblical Theology, Steubenville, Ohio



**PAX
CHRISTI**

International Catholic Movement for Peace

**Second
Collection:**
this week's
second collection
is for Pax Christi.

The Building Project Fund

The total up-to-date is £2888.65. Thank you for your contributions.

Our Parish Mobile number is 07376350370.

Wendy Counsell's funeral is on Friday, February 10th 2023 at 10.30am.



Mass Intentions and Diary for the week

Friday 13	9.30am	Albie Shahpazov
Saturday 14	9.30am	Peppe Oliveti RIP
	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	Katie Hornby RIP
Sunday 15 Peace Sunday	9am	Tom Doran RIP (YC)
	11am	Doreen Toliva TG (CC)
		[Psalm Wk 2]
Monday 16	9.30am	Vivian Oroma GP
Tuesday 17	9.30am	Mass
		St Anthony
Wednesday 18	9.30am	People of the Parish
	6pm	Youth Choir Practice
	7pm	Central Choir Practice
	8pm	Bible Study
Thursday 19	9.30am	Mass
	7.30pm	Folk Choir Practice
Friday 20	9.30am	Mass
Saturday 21	9.30am	Mass
	5.15am	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	Nora McKeown RIP
Sunday 22	9am	Mass (FC)
Third Sunday	11am	Mass (CC)

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.

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

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

Changes in the PPC for 2023

At last Tuesday's meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC), Fr Anthony thanked all the members for their hard work and paid a special tribute to those members who were now standing down. These included Estella Begley, Gerald Soane, Charlotte Heard, Eamonn O'Domnhaill, Manuel Lopez Melgar and Nick Demetriades. He then went on to welcome new members that are Lynn Pougher, Ekpen Omonbude, Paul D'Souza, Wendy Li and Ivo Padova. PPC members will be presented to the parish at the Masses on 21 and 22 January 2023. A poster with photographs of all the members of the PPC will be displayed in the meeting area soon.

Prayer for Benedict XVI

O God, faithful rewarder of souls, grant that your departed servant Pope Benedict, whom you made successor of Peter and shepherd of your Church, may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven the mysteries of your grace and compassion, which he faithfully ministered on earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Peace Sunday

"Much has changed in the twelve months since we last celebrated 'Peace Sunday'. War returned to our continent last February with Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Then in November the COP27 talks in Egypt brought new focus on the existential threat that climate change brings to many communities – especially the poorest – due to deforestation, desertification, extreme weather events and sea-level rise. Present conflict and the prospect of future conflict both lie before us as we begin a new year. All the more reason, then, to proclaim Christ once more as Prince of Peace and to entrust our world to his mercy."

Taken from: <https://columbans.co.uk/justice-peace/11708/may-we-become-instruments-of-peace/>

May we become instruments of Peace

God, our Creator and Redeemer, may we see the sorrow of war in the eyes of those who suffer and have known only violence in their lives. Give us a voice for those who have no voice and are not heard; those who know that there is no tomorrow in war, and that the violence of weapons destroys both the beauty of creation and the joy of life. That way, with your help, will we become true instruments of your peace. Amen.

Taken from the Pax Christi 2023 Prayer Card

CTIC Service for Christian Unity + AGM

"Dear friends, the annual service for Christian Unity will take place on Wednesday 18th January at 7.30pm at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Queen Mary's Avenue, Carshalton SM5 4NP. It will be followed by the AGM of Churches Together in Carshalton.

The service will be on the theme of racial justice. (This year marks the 30th anniversary of the murder of Stephen Lawrence). Please can you advertise it widely to members of your congregation and encourage people to come. All are welcome to the service and also to the AGM of Churches Together in Carshalton, when news of the past year and plans for 2023 will be discussed. Very best wishes and many blessings for the new year ahead."

David Locke, Convenor, Churches Together in Carshalton.

Pope Francis on Epiphany:

Pope Francis presided over Mass on the Solemnity of the Epiphany in St Peter's Basilica on Friday. During his homily he reflected on the journey of the Magi - reflecting on three ways in which we can encounter the Lord in our daily lives: restless questioning, the risk of the journey, and the wonder of worship. In summary, life's journey should lead us to the Lord. The homily is worth reading at:

<https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/46264> or you can watch the Epiphany Mass on the Vatican Youtube channel: www.youtube.com/watch?v=YmSSIUfYqvc

Rebuilding Schools Programme

The Catholic Education Service (CES) has welcomed the news that a number of Catholic schools have been included in a new government school rebuilding programme. Of the 239 school buildings to be transformed, 26 are Catholic ones, making up 10.8% of the total, despite Catholic schools only accounting for 9% of all schools in England.

SVP reports on cost-of-living crisis

The St Vincent de Paul's latest publication offers a snapshot of the cost-of-living crisis and how it is affecting people's financial, emotional and physical wellbeing. The report also offers stories of hope. You can read the report at:

vp.org.uk/sites/default/files/content/Social_Justice/From%20the%20frontline%20-%20SVP%20January%202023.pdf

Deputy Head Vacancy

A vacancy has arisen for a deputy headteacher at Laleham Lea Independent Primary School in Purley. The successful applicant will be a practising Catholic who is able to start work at the beginning of either the summer term or autumn term 2023. Full details and application pack are on the school website at lalehamlea.co.uk. Applications must be received by midday on Friday 20th January 2023. School visits are welcome.

Centre for Catholic Studies at the University of Durham

The Centre for Catholic Studies (CCS) is the UK's first permanent centre devoted to pioneering research and teaching in Catholic theology and Catholic studies. It has an excellent programme of Catholic lectures and other events. For details, click: <https://www.durham.ac.uk/research/institutes-and-centres/catholic-studies/>

Westminster Cathedral Interfaith Group

The Westminster Cathedral Interfaith Group meet on Wed Jan 18 at 2 p.m. in the Hinsley room. We will be studying Fratelli tutti. Copies can be bought at St Paul's bookshop or found on-line at: www.tinyurl.com/ye27t236.

All are welcome and there is no charge.

Jesuits seek podcast producer

This is a new opportunity to produce two pilot podcasts which will focus on reaching out to a new, potentially younger audience. The position is for half a day's work a week (four hours), for an initial run of ten weeks, and is based in Mayfair, central London, with a small, friendly team. The salary is £20 per hour, for 4 hours per week. To apply, please send your CV, an example of your audio work, and a covering letter explaining why you are right for the role to jmcanus@jesuit.org.uk.