



# St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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*A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors*



30th April 2023 [Cycle A Year 1]

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 36-41, | Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:20-25 | John 10:1-10



## Mass Intentions and Diary for the week

<b>Friday 28</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Christopher &amp; Margaret Maughan TG</b>
<b>Saturday 29</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Timmy &amp; Lisa Mongan TG</b>
<b>St Catherine</b>	<b>5.15pm</b>	Devotion to Our Lady
	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Brianshane &amp; Ellie Maughan TG</b>
<b>Sunday 30</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Tom &amp; Tina Maughan TG (FC)</b>
<b>Vocation Sunday</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Liam &amp; Selina Maughan TG (CC)</b>
<i>[Psalm Wk4 ]</i>		
<b>Monday 1</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>St Joseph</b>		
<b>Tuesday 2</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Martin &amp; Helen Maughan TG</b>
<b>St Athanasius</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Strength to Strength Session
<b>Wednesday 3</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Richard Neal WB</b>
	<b>6pm</b>	Youth Choir Practice
	<b>7pm</b>	Central Choir Practice
	<b>8pm</b>	Bible Study
<b>Thursday 4</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Gary &amp; Joleen Maughan TG</b>
<b>The English Martyrs</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Folk Choir Practice
<b>Friday 5</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>King Charles III</b>
	<b>12.30pm</b>	Mass for the Sick
	<b>7pm</b>	Wholehearted Choral Adoration
<b>Saturday 6</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>King Charles III</b>
	<b>5.15am</b>	Devotion to Our Lady
	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Johnchristopher &amp; Bridget Maughan TG</b>
<b>Sunday 7</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>David Anthony Siddon Lloyd</b>
<b>5th Sunday of Easter</b>		RIP (YC)
	<b>11am</b>	<b>First Holy Communion Children (CC)</b>

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.

**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.

Easter's empty tomb is a call to conversion. By this tomb, we should know for certain that God has made Jesus both Lord and Messiah, as Peter preaches in today's First Reading.

He is the "Lord," the divine Son that David foresaw at God's right hand (see Psalms 110:1, 3; 132:10-11; Acts 2:34). And He is the Messiah that God had promised to shepherd the scattered flock of the house of Israel (see Ezekiel 34:11-14, 23; 37:24).

As we hear in today's Gospel, Jesus is that Good Shepherd, sent to a people who were like sheep without a shepherd (see Mark 6:34; Numbers 27:16-17).

He calls not only to the children of Israel but to all those far off from Him—to whomever the Lord wishes to hear His voice.

The call of the Good Shepherd leads to the restful waters of Baptism, to the anointing oil of Confirmation, and to the table and overflowing cup of the Eucharist, as we sing in today's Psalm.

Again on this Sunday in Easter, we hear His voice calling us His own. He should awaken in us the response of those who heard Peter's preaching. "What are we to do?" they cried.

We have been baptized. But each of us goes astray like sheep, as we hear in today's Epistle. We still need daily to repent, to seek forgiveness of our sins, to separate ourselves further from this corrupt generation.

We are called to follow in the footsteps of the Shepherd of our souls. By His suffering He bore our sins in His body to free us from sin. But His suffering is also an example for us. From Him we should learn patience in our afflictions, to hand ourselves over to the will of God.

Jesus has gone ahead, has driven us through the dark valley of evil and death. His Cross has become the narrow gate through which we must pass to reach His empty tomb—the verdant pastures of life abundant.

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

### Strength to Strength

Strength to Strength is a six session DVD series designed to give practical help to those wishing to pray more in their daily lives. Commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023, the course will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm, here at St Margaret's Church. All are welcome. For further information, please ring Mary on 07710 240 169.

**Congratulations to Grace Singarajah on her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday!**

## Vocation to Priesthood & Religious Life

Have you ever considered you may be called to the priesthood or the religious life? Southwark Vocations will be hosting a 60-minute webinar on Tuesday 9th May at 7pm entitled *The Good Shepherd Calls*, where different presenters will share their experiences about discovering God's plan for each one of us. Please join us by registering for this event in advance by using following link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUpdOuprDMtH9wKUQ77ddSSjLBucMtsONT>

## Synod Progress

The next step in the Synodal process is the writing and publication of the *Instrumentum laboris*. Sister Nathalie Becquart, XMCJ, (Under-secretary of the General Secretariat of the Synod), said she expects the document to be available and presented by the end of May. The content of the document has yet to be drafted, she said. One of the key points is that "through this synodal process, we are discerning and learning more how to be one Church in this diversity of cultures, contexts." This raises questions about "what should be decided at what level, how to articulate this important principle of unity with adaptation and flexibility. And this synod is an exercise of that."

## Another Vatican 'NO' to German reformers

The Vatican's office for Bishops has refused another key request of the German Synodal Way, this time over lay involvement in appointing Bishops. Specifically relating to the vacant see of Paderborn, the Synodal Way initiative would involve lay people in recommending candidates for the next Bishop to Rome. The move follows a refusal by the Vatican's liturgical authority to allow lay people to baptise and preach at Mass, another proposal by the controversial Synodal Way, which concluded its final sessions earlier this year.

## Climate Justice – The Big One



Last Friday several thousand Christian climate activists met at St John the Evangelist Church in Waterloo, for a service followed by a march to the Houses of Parliament. The ecumenical service included an address by Lord John Sentamu. Prominent in the march were banners and placards from CAFOD, the Laudato Si' Movement, Christian Aid, Columbans and a wealth of other Christian churches and organisations. The march was led by a very enthusiastic Salvation Army band, pictured above. Parishioners from St Margaret's also attended.

Here is an extract from the prayer service: "We ask for a generation of leaders who will be willing to act justly so that those who have contributed so little to the problems we are facing, and have fewer resources with which to face it, are not left to shoulder our burden. We pray and ask that oceans of justice may flow."

## Sudan

The Pope has asked for prayers for Sudan, that this war-torn country might see peace. "I am close to the Sudanese people, already so tried, and I invite you to pray so that they might lay down their arms and pick up the path of peace and harmony".

## Pope Francis: A prayer for our Earth

All powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

Amen

## Easter Shock!

A new survey has revealed that one in ten Brits consider Easter eggs to be more important than the resurrection when it comes to Easter and a quarter of the respondents calling themselves Christian don't believe in the resurrection at all. The research by Whitestone Insight asked people to declare their religious beliefs, and then what they believed about Jesus' resurrection, amongst other topics. Of 2067 adults surveyed, 43 per cent believed Biblical accounts of the resurrection to be a myth.

## Edel Quinn Pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory

All are welcome to join us on Saturday, 13th May 2023. The Programme includes: Rosary at 11.40 am, Mass at 12.00 noon (Chief Celebrant Bishop Paul Hendricks), Rosary Procession at 3.00 pm, Benediction at 3.30 pm plus Blessing of Sacramentals.

A coach will pick-up from St Margaret of Scotland Church. The Timings/coach routes may change dependent on numbers & pick-up areas. Arrival: Aylesford Priory – 11.00 am Depart: Aylesford Priory – 16:30. Costs: Adult: £20.00 Child: £10.00 (under 16) [Please bring packed lunch and be punctual]. More information from Ginny Dalgado on 07999 636 98.

## Pilgrimage to HMP High View on June 16<sup>th</sup>

PACT is organising a pilgrimage from St Margaret's Church to HMP High View for Sutton Deanery. Further details will be available soon.

## Relaunch of the Universe newspaper

Universe Catholic Weekly is restarting its print version of the paper on May 19<sup>th</sup>, with copies being sent direct to subscribers.

Details are available from Michelle Jones at

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