



# St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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Committed to 'Churches Together in England'

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*A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors*



4th August 2024 [Cycle B Year 2]  
Eighteenth Sunday  
Exodus 16: 2-4 | Psalm 77 (78): 3-4, 23-25  
Ephesians 4: 17, 20-24 | John 6: 24-35



Mass Intentions and Diary for the week

The liturgy for this Sunday builds on the theme of Eucharistic Communion that we began to explore last week in St John's Gospel. Today, we are invited to be transformed by the Bread of Life, made flesh in Jesus, and present in the word of God.

The First Reading tells how the people of Israel were grumbling about the painful new life they were living in the desert. God heard their cry, and gave them all that they needed to survive. With the Psalmist, we celebrate how the Israelites were fed in the desert.

St Paul (Second Reading) nevertheless calls the Christian community in Ephesus to adopt a completely new way of life, with a more radical understanding of God's loving providence. The true abundance of God's love for us is not to be found by focusing on our material needs; instead, it is found in the goodness and holiness of the Gospel truth.

In the Gospel, Jesus challenges us: he doesn't want followers who are just looking for material security and a guarantee of plenty of food to eat. Following Jesus requires a more radical response. Our true spiritual food isn't manna from heaven; rather it is to be found in a personal encounter with the risen Christ, the Bread of Life and truth eternal.

As we pray with this week's scripture, let us ask for a spirit of complete transformation and renewal in ourselves, and in our faith communities. May we have the grace to remain sustained by the life-giving word of God.

Taken from St Beuno's Outreach

### Please welcome Father Solomon Bulus to our Parish

Who will be helping our parish in the month of August.

### Fr Francis is set to return in September

Fr Francis Ikhianosime has been giving our Fr Anthony a well-deserved break during July. He will be back in September before he heads off, back to his research/studies in church history.

### Wedding wishes

We wish Philomena and Asif a blessed day as they prepare to marry at St Margaret's this weekend on Saturday 3rd August.

### Learn about God's extraordinary plan for your marriage



If you are considering marriage, join the Conjugal Love Project that is commencing here at St Margaret's on Friday 20th September at 8pm. Subsequently there will be monthly meetings which are following the Catechesis of John Paul II on the theology of the body.

<b>Friday 2</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>First Friday</b>	<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>Mass for the Sick</b>
	<b>7pm</b>	Whole-hearted choral adoration
<b>Saturday 3</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass, Anthony Obadogboyi TG</b>
	<b>10.15am</b>	Legion of Mary
	<b>1pm</b>	<b>Wedding of Philomena &amp; Asif</b>
	<b>5.15pm</b>	Devotions to Our Lady
	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sunday 4</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Mass, People of the Parish (YMG)</b>
<b>18th Sunday</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Mass, For the Conversion of Souls (CC)</b>
<b>(Psalm week 2)</b>		
<b>Monday 5</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday 6</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Transfiguration of the Lord</b>		
<b>Wednesday 7</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
	<b>6pm</b>	Youth Music Group Practice
	<b>7.30pm</b>	Central Choir Practice
<b>Thursday 8</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass (YMG)</b>
<b>St Dominic</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Folk Choir Practise
<b>Friday 9</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>St Teresa</b>		
<b>Saturday 10</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>St Laurence</b>	<b>10.15am</b>	Legion of Mary
	<b>5.15pm</b>	Devotion to Our Lady
	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Vigil Mass, Andres &amp; Estelle RIP</b>
<b>Sunday 11</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Mass, John Pougher RIP (FC)</b>
<b>19th Sunday</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Mass, People of the Parish (CC)</b>

FC= Folk Choir, YMG= Youth Music Group, 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 weekday Masses, until 11am on Tuesday through Thursday, and until 8pm on Friday.

Please pray for: Fr Henry, Neil Ockenden, Keith Ockenden, Maria Furtado, Tom O'Regan, Mary Ryan, Connie Harrington, Michael Begley, Elizabeth Margaret Cuffy, Annabelle Colairo, Paul Ford, Michael Colairo, Richard Neal, Paula Seradi, Maria Luisa Mapple, Sheila Sharp, Michal Pacala, Michael Rowback, Kristine Harvey and Margaret Fox.

### **Pope Francis: Slow down, reflect, pray to be more caring**

Addressing pilgrims gathered in St Peter's Square for the Sunday Angelus, Pope Francis appealed: "Beware of the dictatorship of 'doing'! Let us learn to take a break during the day: let us take a moment to be with ourselves and with the Lord. Let us find some kind of 'inner desert' amidst the noise and activities of each day."

In conclusion, the Pope suggested we look at our own lives and whether we can stop what we are doing and take some time to be with the Lord, renewing ourselves in body and spirit. He prayed that the Blessed Virgin Mary may help us to "rest in the Spirit" even in the midst of all daily activities to be better available and compassionate towards others.

### **Journey within: Midlife Soulful Quest**

Feeling overwhelmed, stressed, or needing clarity or needing time for yourself? Journey Within is a six-week Zoom session designed to help you reconnect with your inner wisdom. It is a transformative experience that will guide you through shedding past constraints, embracing future desires, and taking inspired action. Through a blend of guided meditations and reflective journaling, you will learn to tune into your inner voice. This programme is being run by Sr. Harriet Thomas, HHCJ. For more information visit <https://providenceway.org/journey-within> or email:

[admin@providenceway.org](mailto:admin@providenceway.org).



Pope Francis has expressed his wish that the Olympic and Paralympic Games provide the opportunity for warring nations to respect an ancient Greek tradition and establish a truce for the duration of the Games.

### **Pope's Apostolic Journey to Asia and Oceania**

September will be a busy month for Pope Francis, and for the faithful of the four countries preparing to welcome him as he visits them on his 45th Apostolic Journey abroad: Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste and Singapore.

### **Blessing for a Journey**

*Lord Jesus, send Your Spirit to accompany me, so that whenever I journey, I journey with your blessing.*

*Send Your Spirit to protect me, so that however I travel, I travel with Your Peace.*

*Send Your Spirit to guide me, so that wherever I go, I go with Your Inspiration.*

*Send Your Spirit to uplift me, so that whatever I do, I do for Your Glory. Amen.*

*Taken from The Prayer Trust*

### **Message from Canon Gerard Bradley**

Thank you so much for your welcome and warm hospitality recently on my visit to St Margaret's for the celebration of Confirmations. I much appreciated the visit and in particular speaking to the people and especially the young catechists afterwards to hear their experiences of working with the young people.

### **CAFOD welcomes decision to restore funding to UNRWA**

CAFOD welcomes the UK Government's recent decision to restore funding to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA). This move is a critical step towards supporting the education, health, and well-being of Palestinian refugees who rely on UNRWA's essential services.

"However, our joy is tempered by the grave reality on the ground. Yesterday, we learned that one of our partners' educational centres was hit by an Israeli airstrike, resulting in injuries to children. Our partners work tirelessly to uphold children's rights to education, but ongoing conflict puts them and their vital work at constant risk."

### **Christian Aid: Paris Agreement goal is under threat**

The 2015 Paris Agreement goal was to keep global temperature rise to a maximum of 1.5C above pre-industrial averages but last month the European Union's Copernicus Climate Change Service confirmed that the critical 1.5C global heating threshold had been breached for 12 months in a row. This long-term target will be missed unless urgent action is taken.

Christian Aid reports that "already this year we've seen people dying from heatwaves in India and Saudi Arabia, temperature records broken in Canada, wildfires in Southern Europe, floods in the UAE and drought in China and East Africa. Since COP28 was held in December last year extreme weather events have cost the world more than \$41 billion in damages."

Christian Aid has launched a new Olympic themed video campaign highlighting the impacts of climate change. It can be watched at: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=WcAlnJnz2sA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WcAlnJnz2sA)

### **Holy See issues new statement on nuclear weapons**

Archbishop Balestrero, the Holy See's nuncio to the UN, issued a statement ahead of the review of the 'Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons'. It includes: "the Holy See wishes to reiterate its firm conviction that a world free of nuclear weapons is both possible and necessary." Read more at: <https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/50281>

### **Tearfund's toilet twinning initiative**

Without proper toilets, people get trapped in a vicious cycle. They're likely to become sick through sanitation-related diseases. Illness keeps people from working, children miss school, parents have to pay for medicines or food and fall into debt. It is estimated that every day over 700 children under 5, die from diarrhoea linked to unsafe water, sanitation and poor hygiene. Toilet Twinning funds hygiene education via community-led workshops and sourcing local materials for families and communities to build their own toilets. Find out more at: <https://toilettwinning.org/>

### **JRS: Building a better asylum system**

The Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) has urged the new government to build an asylum system that is "just, humane, and reflects our values as a society". The JRS Director has written an open letter to the new Home Secretary, Yvette Cooper. It begins with thanks for scrapping the cruel and unworkable Rwanda scheme and then articulates three urgent priorities, namely:

1. Restore the Right to Asylum
2. End Immigration Detention
3. End the Home Office 'Hostile Environment'

You can read the letter in full at:

<https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/50253>

**'In the space of 12 years, Nigeria has seen 43,000 Christians killed by terrorists and 17,500 churches attacked'**

Source: ACN Religious Freedom in the World Report 2023