



St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors



9th July 2023 [Cycle A Year 1]

Fourteenth Sunday

Zechariah 9:9-10, | Psalm 144

Romans 8:9, 11-13 | Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus is portrayed in today's Gospel as a new and greater Moses. Moses, the meekest man on earth (see Numbers 12:3), was God's friend (see Exodus 34:12, 17). Only he knew God "face to face" (see Deuteronomy 34:10). And Moses gave Israel the yoke of the Law, through which God first revealed Himself and how we are to live (see Jeremiah 2:20; 5:5). Jesus, too, is meek and humble. But He is more than God's friend. He is the Son who alone knows the Father. He is more also than a law-giver, presenting Himself today as the yoke of a new Law and as the revealed Wisdom of God. As Wisdom, Jesus was present before creation as the firstborn of God, the Father and Lord of heaven and earth (see Proverbs 8:22; Wisdom 9:9). And He gives knowledge of the holy things of the kingdom of God (see Wisdom 10:10).

In the gracious will of the Father, Jesus reveals these things only to the "childlike"—those who humble themselves before Him as little children (see Sirach 2:17). These alone can recognize and receive Jesus as the just saviour and meek king promised to daughter Zion, Israel, in today's First Reading.

We, too, are called to childlike faith in the Father's goodness as sons and daughters of the new kingdom, the Church.

We are to live by the Spirit we received in Baptism (see Galatians 5:16), putting to death our old ways of thinking and acting, as Paul exhorts in today's Epistle. Our "yoke" is to be His new law of love (see John 13:34), by which we enter into the "rest" of His kingdom. As we sing in today's Psalm, we joyously await the day when we will praise His name forever in the kingdom that lasts for all ages. This is the Sabbath rest promised by Jesus—the rest first anticipated by Moses (see Exodus 20:8-11), but which still awaits the people of God (see Hebrews 4:9).

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

Cherise Furtado, our longest serving altar server:

Cherise Furtado first served Mass at St Margaret's on 23 June 2013. In recognition of her 10 years' faithful service as an altar server, Cherise will be presented with a silver Guild of St Stephen medal during the 6pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 8 July.

Upkeep of the Grotto:

We are appealing to anyone who is willing to join a rota to help with the maintenance of Our Lady's Grotto and its surrounds. If you can help, please contact Rosie Westcott or the Parish Office.



July 16: Our Parish Family BBQ

Sept 1: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Sept 23: Our Late Summer Fair

We commiserate with Ivo Padovan, chairman of the finance committee on the demise of his mother who passed away recently. May the soul of Emilia Padovan rest in peace. Amen.



Mass Intentions and Diary for the week

Friday 7	9.30am	Andrew & Nora Maughan TG
	12.30pm	Mass for the Sick
	7pm	Wholehearted Choral Adoration
Saturday 8	9.30am	Thomas & Bridget Mongan TG
	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	Mary Wall RIP
Sunday 9 Sea Sunday (Psalm Wk 2)	9am	Mary Mongan TG (FC)
	11am	Confirmation Families TG (CC)
Monday 10	9.30am	Owen Christopher Morgan TG
Tuesday 11 St Benedict	9.30am	Stephen Smith TG
Wednesday 12	9.30am	Leonard & Catherine Southall RIP
	6pm	Youth Choir Practice
	7.30pm	Central Choir Practice
	8pm	Bible Study
Thursday 13	9.30am	People of the Parish
	7.30pm	NO Folk Choir Practice
Friday 14	9.30am	Terence & Rachel McDonagh TG
Saturday 15 St Bonaventure	9.30am	John Gerard & Kathleen Reilly TG
	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	John & Winnie Reilly TG
Sunday 16 Fifteenth Sunday	9am	Aurthur & Phyllis Lawrence TG (YC)
	11am	Brian Dixon RIP (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.

Prayer requests: Elizabeth Margaret Cuffy, Michelle Caley, Paul Ford, Michael Colairo, Richard Neal, Catherine Roberts, Paula Seradi, Maria Luisa Mapple, Sheila Sharp, Michal Pacala, Michael Rowback, Kristine Harvey, and Margaret Fox.

Congratulations to the newly confirmed in our parish:

- Henry Lacey
- Leonardo Membrino
- Esosa James Omonbude
- Thomas Walter

Thank you to Canon Gerard Bradley (the Episcopal Vicar for South West London) for celebrating the Mass. To the parents and all the Catechists who prepared the candidates, we say thank you.

Fr Patrick's 30th Celebration



Fr Patrick Udotai, now of St Elphege's in Wallington, celebrated 30 years as a priest on Friday. At the Mass there were 30 priests, and parishioners from Paddock Wood, St Margaret's and of course St Elphege's. The party afterwards also served to launch a new book by Fr Patrick, entitled 'Do Whatever He Says'.

Pope set for Portugal



Forty days before the upcoming World Youth Day in Portugal, Pope Francis has sent a video message to young people who will participate or follow the WYD in Lisbon saying: "Some think

that because of illness, I cannot go, but the doctor told me I can, so I will be with you. Come on, young people!"

Vatican publishes 'Instrumentum laboris'

Instrumentum laboris will be the basis for the work of the participants in the General Assembly of the Synod on Synodality, which begins in the Vatican in October 2023 and concludes with a second Assembly one year later. The document is over 60 pages long, and incorporates the experiences of local Churches in every region of the world. Pope Francis has ruled that women will take part in the October synod as voting members. Involving women at every level of Church decision-making will be on the agenda at the meeting in October. The assembly will consider a series of questions as part of the global synod process, including the ordination of married men, greater acceptance of LGBTQ+ Catholics, reform of governance, and the selection of bishops and lay leadership. You can read *Instrumentum laboris* at:

<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/it/bollettino/pubblico/2023/06/20/0456/01015.html#en>

The Church's mission – an event with Cardinal Tagle

The Church has a mission but what is it? And how should we do it? Cardinal Tagle of the Philippines has responsibilities for evangelisation and mission in the Vatican and was President of Caritas International (a global network of Catholic relief and development agencies) and is a fantastic speaker. We invite you to join us online for Mission Unleashed: Embracing the Social Dimension of Evangelisation in which Cardinal Tagle will speak on the Church's mission and the fundamental links between evangelisation (sharing Christ and his Good News) and social action. 14 July 7:00-8:30pm Please click:

https://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/evangelisation?utm_bmc_source=CPC for this webinar hosted by CAFOD.

Sea Sunday

The Second Collection this Sunday will be for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea), which ministers through its network of Port Chaplains to over 100,000 seafarers annually in over 300 ports across 54 countries worldwide. Seafarers have a very difficult life, sometimes a dangerous one, most spending months at sea, away from their families, with minimal time ashore. Stella Maris plays a vital role nourishing their faith and supplementing their social and material needs. We depend on seafarers for some 90% of goods that we buy from abroad. Parishioners are asked to be generous.

'Scrap the cap'

The Catholic Union has launched a campaign to lift the 50 percent cap on faith-based admissions to new free schools. People are being asked to sign an open letter to the Education Secretary to 'scrap the cap'. The cap has made it impossible for new Catholic free schools to open, as the policy is incompatible with Canon law. You can learn more and sign the letter at: <https://catholicunion.org.uk/>

Laudato Si' Movement

'Wholemakers' is a new curriculum on integral ecology created for use in young adult ministry. It weaves together the latest climate science with insights from Catholic tradition to equip participants to become what Pope Francis calls "the protagonists of this transformation" for the world. Find out more at: <https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/wholemakers>

Youth 2000 Summer Festival.

Youth 2000's biggest event of the year, the Summer Festival, is happening again at Ampleforth College this year, from 25-28th August. Young Catholics aged 16-35 are welcome to join us at Ampleforth for a weekend of faith, fun and friendship! Tickets can be booked here: <https://youth2000.churchsuite.com/events/4bx6rsbm>

Relationships and Sex Education Bill.

Miriam Cates MP has introduced a Private Member's Bill to make provision to require the sharing with parents and guardians of copies of material used in relationships and sex education lessons in schools in England; to prohibit schools in England from using externally produced teaching resources for relationships and sex education that have not been published.

Illegal Migration Bill

CAFOD opposes this Bill on moral grounds. Citing Pope Francis, who has been a ferocious advocate of migrants and refugees, CAFOD has urged its supporters to write to their MPs to oppose the Bill by highlighting the Pope's call for the need to show "maximum respect for the dignity of each migrant" and to "build bridges and not walls" as well as "expanded channels for a safe and regular migration."



Write something for this newsletter

Write a reflection on the Bible readings for a future Sunday. Please give it some thought and send your reflection by email to: Carshaltonbeeches@rcaos.org.uk