



St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

Fir Tree Grove, Carshalton, SM5 4NG

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Committed to 'Churches Together in England'

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A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors



25th February 2024 [Cycle B Year 2]

2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18 | Psalm 115

Romans 8:31-34 | Mark 9:2-10



In today's Gospel, we read about the Transfiguration of our Lord. Jesus becomes radiant in the glory of God, and we hear God say "This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him."

What an amazing experience this must have been for the disciples present. Have you had a 'mountain top' moment, where you glimpsed the glory and majesty of Christ?

The struggles of life – illness, death, bereavement, separation from loved ones, unemployment and financial struggles – can separate us from God. Seafarers and fishers, who face long, lonely months at sea need to rely on God's help.

But Jesus, the Son of God, is with them and with you. Just as He was with the disciples in today's Gospel. You are not alone.

Pray that those working on the sea today will know our powerful God is with them, keeping them safe.

Taken from Stella Maris Lenten reflections 2024

Lenten Resources

Pope Francis on Ash Wednesday reminded us that the "traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are not mere external practices, but paths that lead to the heart, to the core of our Christian life." He encouraged the faithful during Lent to make time for silent adoration, for time to hear the voice of the Lord in our lives, and to not be afraid "to strip ourselves of worldly trappings and to return to the heart, to what is essential".

Here are some resources that you may find helpful:

- Pope's Lenten Message 2024 on social and environmental justice: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2024-02/pope-francis-lent-is-a-time-of-conversion-and-freedom.html>
- CAFOD daily emails: <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/lent-calendar>
- Pax Christi's 40 Days of Reflection and Renewal: <https://paxchristi.net/2024/02/06/lenten-calendar-40-days-of-reflection-and-renewal/>
- Christian Aid is offering an 'Act on Poverty' Lent course: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/act-on-poverty>
- The Jesuits in Britain offer several options to journey through Lent: <https://www.jesuit.org.uk/events/through-lent-with-pope-francis>
- Pact's Stations of the Cross liturgy: <https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/stations-of-the-cross>
- The God who Speaks: <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/lent-calendar/>
- Irish Jesuits' Sacred Space: <https://sacredspace.com/>
- Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns: <https://maryknollogc.org/resources/seasonal-scripture-guide/lenten-reflection-guide-2024-caring-creation>
- Hallow website has information and daily prayer texts: <https://hallow.com/lent/>

Also do not forget that you can still join one of several Ecumenical Lenten House Groups. (Sign up to the list in the Meeting Area).

Mass Intentions and Diary for the week

Friday 23	9.30am	Paula Scatchard PI
<i>Family Fast Day</i>		
Saturday 24	9.30am	Mass
	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	Mass
Sunday 25 2 nd Sunday <i>(Psalm Week 2)</i>	9am	Richard Cavadino RIP (FC)
	11am	People of the Parish (CC)
Monday 26	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday 27	9.30am	Mass
	7pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Wednesday 28	9.30am	Mass
	6pm	Youth Music Group Practice
	7.30pm	Central Choir Practice
	8pm	Bible Study by zoom
Thursday 29	9.30am	Mass
	6pm	Folk Choir Practice
Friday 1 St David + First Friday + World Day of Prayer	9.30am	Mass
	12.30pm	Mass for the Sick
	7pm	Wholehearted Choral Adoration
Saturday 2	9.30am	Mass
	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	Mass
Sunday 3 3 rd Sunday	9am	Begley Family TG (YMG)
	11am	Mass (CC)

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 every weekday Mass, until 11am on Tuesday through Thursday, and until 8pm on Friday.

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

Thank you for supporting Prisoners' Sunday 2023!

Pact has written to thank everyone at St Margaret's, for our generous donation of £148.49 on Prisoners' Sunday.

St Margaret of Scotland church wins an award

St Margaret's has received the first "Saint of Southwark" award for its work in promoting racial and cultural inclusion. The Archdiocese of Southwark launched its Saint of Southwark programme to highlight unsung heroes in parishes who put the words of Christ into action. Contributing to this award is the work of our Racial and Cultural Inclusion Group that includes the images and statues of saints from different cultural backgrounds and races, as well as depictions of the Blessed Virgin Mary with different racial appearance and cultural dress, installed around the church. Well done!



Join us for Easter

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Monday March 25th
7.30pm Reconciliation Service

Do give thanks for us
Maundy Thursday March 28th
7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Do deal for us
Good Friday March 29th
10am Stations of the Cross for children
11.30am Ecumenical Procession of Witness
(from Carshalton Methodist Church)
2.30pm Start of Divine Mercy Novena
3pm Passion of the Lord

Do pray for us
Holy Saturday March 30th
2pm Blessing of Polish Easter Baskets
8pm Easter Vigil Mass

Do rise for us
Easter Sunday March 31st
Masses at 9am & 11am

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Pax Christi's Prayer for Peace in Palestine and Israel:

Compassionate God,

*In our minds, we pray among the rubble,
the unholy mess of demolitions in the land that we call Holy.*

*In our hearts we hold families who have lost their homes,
children who have seen their schools destroyed,
communities which no longer have a clinic.*

We pray for them as they weep for all that's lost.

We pray that they will not lose hope.

*And we pray too, for the men who drive the bulldozers,
Soldiers who beat back protesters,
Politicians who sign the orders -*

Aware that such actions destroy their humanity

Bless those who campaign against injustice;

Bless the patient rebuilders;

*Bless those who hope against hope that peace with justice
will prevail in the land that we call Holy. Amen*

Call for a ceasefire

As Israel prepares to expand military operations into the city of Rafah, Christian Aid has renewed its calls for Rishi Sunak to 'demonstrate unambiguous opposition'. Also, FHL (Friends of the Holy Land), a charity that aims to give hope to vulnerable Christians in the Holy Land, reports that the situation for Palestinians deteriorates in both Gaza and the West Bank. FHL is urging people to write to their MP demanding the UK Government modifies its current position and press Israel to accept a ceasefire. They invite us all to write an email or letter to your MP using your own words. You can get your MP's contact details by typing in your postcode at: <https://members.parliament.uk/FindYourMP>

Sutton 'Schoolwork' - Telling the pupils of Sutton about Jesus

Come to a dress rehearsal for 'Easter Experience', and see for yourself some of the work done by Sutton 'Schoolwork' with children. This will be on Sunday 25th February, at 5.30pm at the Carshalton Methodist Church.

Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) 'Do Justice' report

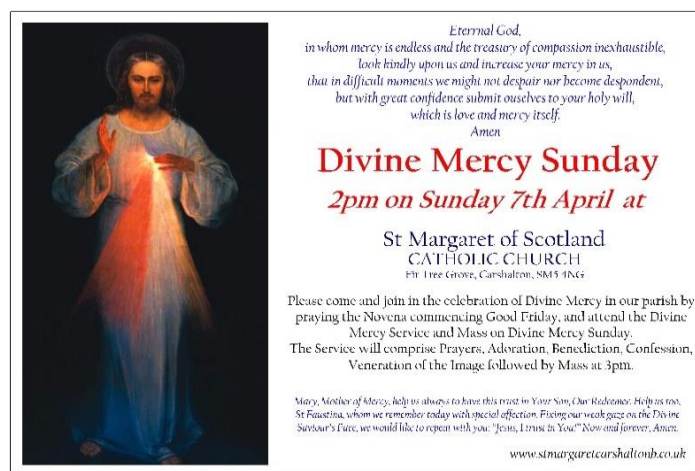
'Do Justice: A Vision for Spiritual and Civic Renewal' is about empowering and inspiring parishes, schools, communities and individuals to celebrate justice and challenge injustice, taking action to improve the world we live in. It's more than just charity. It's more than just a one-off campaign. For those of us who are baptised, it's the call to fulfil our vocation as witnesses and agents of peace and justice. Using 'Do Justice', together we are reading and understanding the signs of the times all around us, taking positive action and raising our voices for good.

You can download a free copy of this report at:

<https://dojustice.co.uk/do-justice-renewed-vision/>

Rosemary Bloxham RIP

Rosemary Bloxham's 'celebration of life' was held last Friday at The Good Shepherd Church. Rosemary was a founder member of Refugee Network Sutton (now RMNS) and will be remembered as a most Ecumenical lady. May she rest in peace.



*Eternal God,
in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible,
look kindly upon us and increase your mercy in us,
that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent,
but with great confidence submit ourselves to your holy will,
which is love and mercy itself.
Amen*

Divine Mercy Sunday
2pm on Sunday 7th April at

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Please come and join in the celebration of Divine Mercy in our parish by praying the Novena commencing Good Friday, and attend the Divine Mercy Service and Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday. The Service will comprise Prayers, Adoration, Benediction, Confession, Veneration of the Image followed by Mass at 3pm.

Mercy, Mother of Mercy, help us always to have this trust in Your Son, Our Redeemer: Help us too, St Faustina, whom we remember today with special affection. Fixing our weak gaze on the Divine Saviour's Face, we would like to repeat with you: "Jesus, Trust in You" Now and forever. Amen.

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Divine Mercy Reflections at St Lawrence Church, Sidcup

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Afternoon of Reflection on Saturday 24 February from 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm at St. Lawrence Church, 1 Hamilton Road, Sidcup DA15 7HB. The Reflection will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Holy Mass, Way of the Cross, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information.

'Pondering and Praying Vatican II'

This is the title of a new book by our Archbishop, John Wilson. Hopefully, 'Pondering and Praying Vatican II' will encourage more people to read the Vatican II documents for themselves. Significantly, it will help readers ask themselves what the teaching of the Second Vatican Council might mean for them and how they might pray in the light of it.

There will be a Book Launch on Wednesday 6 March at 6pm for 6.30pm in the Amigo Hall, adjacent to St George's Cathedral, Southwark. There will be refreshments and a short presentation. Books will be for sale on the evening, or available at: www.Amazon.com.

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