



St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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Committed to 'Churches Together in England'

Sunday Masses: 6.00pm (Sat), 9am & 11am
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A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors



28th January 2024 [Cycle B Year 2]
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Deuteronomy 18:15-20 | Psalm 94
1 Corinthians 7:32-35 | Mark 1:21-28



The readings this week reflect the Psalm response: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your heart. This was the response of the Israelites when they grumbled at Meribah and Massah in the desert.

In the First Reading, Moses promises the tribes of Israel that the Lord will send them a prophet like himself, coming from within their midst, who will speak God's words.

We meet this prophet in the Gospel. It is Jesus himself, who amazes his audience in the synagogue by curing a man possessed by an unclean spirit. They are particularly impressed by Christ's quiet authority.

In the Second Reading, Paul seeks to reassure his audience in Corinth. They are worrying about marriage in the wider context of the end of time, which they think is imminent. They, too, must give their undivided attention to the Lord and ensure everything is as it should be.

This week, we might like to spend some quiet time with the Lord, perhaps resting in him without words and listening to his voice in the silence of our heart. He knows and understands our problems, and our great yearning for peace throughout the world.

Taken from St Beuno's Outreach

Synod: Towards the 2024 Assembly

You will be aware that a 'synodal' process has been taking place in the Catholic Church from October 2021 that culminates in the final Synod Gathering of Bishops in Rome in October 2024. The overall theme is "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission". Our Diocesan Synod Contacts have written to every parish priest in Southwark to elicit information on 'How can we be a synodal Church in mission?' Pope Francis has made it clear that this is not a question of starting the process again or repeating the first stage but rather an effort to explore the 'how' of Synodality.

Typical of the questions raised is: 'What, in your experience, encourages or hinders the mission of the Church in the way it shares and teaches the faith, in liturgical practice (including all Sacraments), in forming its people to live a life in Christ and in how it prays?'

Fr Anthony faces quite a challenge in responding to this inquiry. I'm sure he would welcome your views.

Meanwhile you may be interested to read two associated documents from our Archbishop:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5f5244051781f63ad86c97aa/t/65a67b7ed3f9d21f16d111f7/1705409406426/final-summary-some-reflections-in-light-of-the-synod-on-synodality-archbishop-john-wilson.pdf>

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Mass Intentions and Diary for the week

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| Friday 26 | 9.30am | Lucia Ferma WB |
| Sts Timothy & Titus | | |
| Saturday 27 | 9.30am | Mass |
| Holocaust Remembrance | 5.15pm | Devotion to Our Lady |
| | 6pm | Anne Doherty RIP |
| Sunday 28 | 9am | Richard Cavadino RIP (FC) |
| 4th Sunday | 11am | Clara Senghore TG (CC) |
| Racial Justice (Psalm Week 4) | | |
| Monday 29 | 9.30am | Nelezinha De Lima RIP |
| Tuesday 30 | 9.30am | Mass |
| Wednesday 31 | 9.30am | Florinda & Josef Kurowski RIP |
| St John Bosco | 6pm | Youth Music Group Practice |
| | 7.30pm | Central Choir Practice |
| | 8pm | Bible Study |
| Thursday 1 | 9.30am | Mass |
| | 7.30pm | NO Folk Choir Practice |
| Friday 2 | 9.30am | Mass |
| Presentation of the Lord | 12.30pm | Mass for the Sick |
| | 7pm | Wholehearted Choral Adoration |
| Saturday 3 | 9.30am | Mass |
| Sts Laurence, Dunstan & Theodore | 5.15pm | Devotion to Our Lady |
| | 6pm | Mass |
| Sunday 4 | 9am | Mass (YMG) |
| 5th Sunday | 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 Mappleby, Sheila Sharp, Michal Pacala, Michael Rowback, Kristine Harvey, and Margaret Fox.

Never to be forgotten

Jesus' ministry was inclusive, welcoming all who came to him; He ate with people considered by the Law to be "unclean." He healed and gave hope to those struggling, even on the Sabbath. Without changing the Law, He saw how a pastoral approach would better serve the people who came to Him. With this in mind here is a prayer: -

Jesus, your ministry on earth was one of openness to all, welcoming sinners and those searching for hope and meaning. You desired that your Church would continue this openness and love. As we are the Church, give us an abundance of grace to greet and treat everyone we meet as though they are You. Amen.

"War and violence against the innocent must end"

Cardinal Vincent Nichols spoke out this week:

"The 100 days of warfare in Gaza and Israel illustrate, yet again, the horrors of war and the reinforcing of the barriers of hatred that it creates. Our 100 days of prayer are not futile and our prayer must continue, not only for peace in the wider Middle East but also in Ukraine and all other areas riven by conflict."

He added "The long, slow work of reconstruction has to begin, sooner or later, on the ruined foundations of life in Gaza and in Israel. The challenges are immense and the dangers facing the world immediate and deeply troubling."

You can watch a film with Father Gabriel Romanelli, parish priest of the Church of the Holy Family in Gaza, describing how his parishioners are coping. With unshakable faith, they have organised committees and provide assistance to children, the wounded and the sick, at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AvFqO3he7pY&t=325s>

Counting Catholic priests arrested, abducted or murdered

Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) reports that last year 132 priests and religious were arrested, abducted or killed globally. Belarus, China, Nicaragua and Nigeria were identified as the countries where clergy were most under threat. The total figure – up eight on 2022 – only covers confirmed cases. The challenges and logistical problems of accessing data in some countries means that the real total is almost certainly higher.

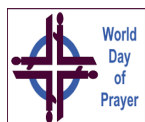


Biodiversity Matters

The 2024 Columban Schools Media Competition has one more month to run. The title: 'Biodiversity Matters' picks up on a core aspect of Columban mission, which is Caring for Creation. Children of all ages can submit Images and Writing before 17th February. Website with Information and Entry details at:

www.columbancompetition.com/

You can also view a video, 'Columban Schools Media Competition: Through the Years' at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=h1jnS4H-Qgs&t=10s



This year's theme is "I beg you, bear with one another in love", prepared by the Christian Women of Palestine. This year the services will be held at the following venues on Friday 1st March:

- 10.30am at St Paul's Church, Mollison Drive, Wallington
- 7:30pm at All Saints Church, High Street, Carshalton

Vacancy for Parish Secretary- Carshalton Beeches

St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church is recruiting a part-time Parish Secretary to assist in the administration of our parish. The role is to provide comprehensive support to the Parish Priest in all pastoral and administrative matters and will cover secretarial, financial, and office management work.

Previous secretarial or administrative experience and a good knowledge of bookkeeping/financial work are essential. The successful candidate must be fully conversant with office software such as MS Outlook, Word, and Excel, and be generally comfortable with IT and office equipment. Excellent telephone skills and a good understanding of the workings of a Roman Catholic Parish are also desirable.

The hours of work are 18 per week, ideally from 9 am to 3 pm on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. The starting salary is £13.00 per hour (and this could be changed, subject to experience and skill).

If you would like to apply for this position, please email your CV to hr@rcaos.org.uk, and carshaltonbeeches@rcaos.org.uk, before the closing date of 31st January 2024.

First anniversary of Caritas Southwark.

To mark the occasion, Archbishop John Wilson will celebrate Mass at St George's Cathedral on Saturday 16th March at 12.30pm. There will also be an event in Amigo Hall afterwards, where you can hear about some of the wonderful projects happening in our parishes.

National Marriage Week

This national event runs from February 7-14. For a rich resource of information, prayers and events please see the Bishops' Conference website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/marriage-week-2024/> There are Southwark diocesan marriage preparation courses being held:

- February 17 in Wallington
- April 27 at St George's Cathedral
- June 15 at St George's Cathedral
- July 27 at St George's Cathedral
- October 19 in Purley
- November 23 'online'

More information available from Marriage and Family Life South West London, email: mflsw@rcaos.org.uk

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Job: SPUC Administration Assistant

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) are recruiting a full time (35 hours per week) Administration Assistant based at the Kennington office (SE11). For a full job description and application form, please contact Lucille McQuade at: lucillemcquade@spuc.org.uk The closing date is 9/2/2024.