



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



17th September 2023 [Cycle A Year 1]

Twenty Fourth Sunday

Ecclesiasticus 27:33 – 28:9 | Psalm 102

Romans 14:7-9 | Matthew 18:21-35

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy

The readings for this Sunday remind us again of God's boundless love and compassion. God's unconditional love for us, and the sacrifice of Jesus's death, mean there is no limit to the mercy we receive; nor can there be to the compassion and forgiveness we show to others.

The First Reading from Ecclesiasticus exhorts us to avoid resentment, anger and hatred, and live by God's commandments. Showing true forgiveness and having compassion for others, whatever the hurt we have experienced ourselves, will set us free.

The Psalm is a hymn of praise and thanksgiving to the Lord. We are reminded that we are not treated according to our sins: we receive the unimaginable depth and breadth of God's love and forgiveness.

In the Second Reading, St Paul teaches the Romans how the life we live influences those around us. We belong to Christ, Lord of the dead and the living, and it is through the way we live and die that we lead others to him.

The Gospel parable of the merciful king and his unforgiving servant reiterates the key message that we must love and forgive others because of the love and compassion God has shown us, in spite of the depth of our sins.

This week, perhaps we can pray for those who are unable to forgive. We think of those who remain trapped in the cycles of bitterness and division, which in so many parts of the world, lead to violence and war.

Taken from St Beuno's Outreach



Mass Intentions and Diary for the week

Friday 15	9.30am	People of the Parish
Our Lady of Sorrows		
Saturday 16	9.30am	William Foster RIP
	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	Aurelija Rusakovaite SI
Sunday 17	9am	Mama Ortiga RIP (YC)
24th Sunday (Psalm Wk 4)	11am	John Hennessy RIP (CC)
Evangelii Gaudium Sunday		
Monday 18	9.30am	Peter Begley BT
	5.30pm	Parents Meeting
Tuesday 19	9.30am	John Studznsky BT
Wednesday 20	9.30am	Patricia Mulholland RIP
	6pm	Youth Choir Practice
	7.30pm	Central Choir Practice
	8pm	Bible Study
Thursday 21	9.30am	People of the Parish
	7.30pm	Folk Choir Practice
Friday 22	9.30am	Mass
Saturday 23	9.30am	Mass
St Pius of Pietrelcina	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	Jolanta Rusakoviene SI
Sunday 24	9am	Yu Siu Wah RIP (FC)
25th Sunday	11am	Vic Heard 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: Peter Thompson, Michael Begley, 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.



Sept 25: First Holy Communion classes begin
 Sept 25: Confirmation Parents Meeting
 Sept 25: 'Youth speaks to Youth' begins
 Oct 2: Confirmation classes begin

Late Summer Fair help

The St Margaret's Late Summer Fair will be held on Saturday 23 September from 12.00 to 3.00. We need your donations of bottles, cakes, books and good quality bric a brac. Please bring these to church and leave them in the containers in the meeting area. If you can help on the stalls or in setting up the Fair, please sign up on the lists in the meeting area. Thank you.

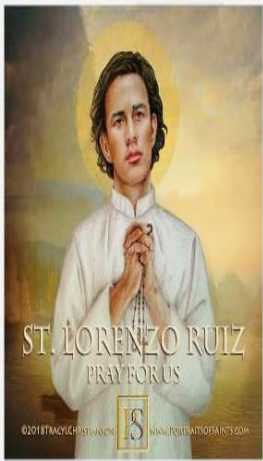
Catechists needed

Volunteers are needed to teach catechism. Please contact Fr Anthony.

New technology post at St Margaret's

Fr Anthony has appointed Cherise Furtado to a part-time administrative role. Her brief is challenging and includes improving our current Information Technology. She will be in the parish office from 4pm to 7.30pm on Fridays.

Saint of the Month – Saint Lorenzo Ruiz



Saint Lorenzo Ruiz is the patron saint of the Philippines. Born in Manila, he was martyred in Japan during the persecution of Christians in the 17th century. After being falsely accused of killing a man, Saint Lorenzo sought asylum on board a ship with four priests and another layman. They sailed for Japan, where they were imprisoned and subsequently tortured by being hung upside down over a pit. Refusing to renounce his faith, Saint Lorenzo died two days later. His last words were: "I am a Catholic and I do wholeheartedly

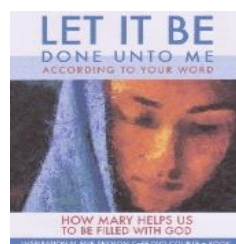
accept death for God. Had I a thousand lives, all these to Him would I offer." Saint Lorenzo was canonised by Pope John Paul II in 1987, making him the first Filipino saint. The feast of Saint Lorenzo Ruiz and companions is celebrated on 28 September.

St Margaret's Foodbank

Long life whole milk for children is at the top of our priority list of 12 most-wanted items in September, along with small bottles of squash. Packet/tinned potatoes, small 500g packets of long grain rice and tinned carrots are also required, plus tinned fruit, packet custard and tins of rice pudding. There are four non-food items this month: baby wipes, unisex deodorant, washing powder tablets/capsules and washing up liquid.

Last chance: books to be collected shortly.

Wandsworth Prison Welfare Trust (WPWT) is appealing for modern novels in eastern European languages (Polish, Romanian, Albanian, Bulgarian, etc.) for inmates of Wandsworth Prison. If you have them, please bring them to the boxes in the meeting area.



'Let it be' Course at St Margaret's

Our Renewal Prayer Group will be running the 'Let it' be course on our Lady for 5 weeks beginning on Tuesday 19th September.

Reminder: Youth speaks to Youth

Holy Cross parish (Carshalton) will be starting a joint venture with St Margaret's and St Elphege's (Wallington), on Monday 25th September 2023. Discovering a clear and simple way to share our faith, "Youth speaks to Youth" is a free course open to Catechists and Year 12 students of the three parishes. There will be six Monday evenings in September and October based on the "Discovery" Booklet, (see <https://store.cco.ca/>), followed by two skill workshop evenings in November (13th Nov: Presentation skills; and 20th November: Facilitating Group Discussion skills). For further information and to express an interest in joining the course would Catechists and Year 12 students please give your name, and contact information, to Holy Cross parish email: carshalton@rcaos.org.uk

Season Of Creation

Pope Francis will publish, at the close of the Season of Creation, a new Apostolic Exhortation that gives continuity to the message of Laudato Si.

St Thomas Aquinas Jubilee – plenary indulgence

The Apostolic Penitentiary is granting a plenary indulgence to anyone who participates in the two years of jubilee celebrations of St. Thomas Aquinas leading up to the 800th anniversary of his birth. You can find the details at:

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/254802/vatican-grants-plenary-indulgence-for-st-thomas-aquinas-jubilee-celebrations>

A Tent of Learning – Receptive Ecumenism Day Seminar

Inspired by a recent Durham University symposium, speakers from seven Christian traditions reflect together on how a church can be truly "synodal". It is a day conference hosted at the Jesuit Centre at Farm Street on Saturday 23rd September 2023. Book at: <https://A-tent-of-learning.eventbrite.co.uk>

St George's Cathedral

To mark the 175th Anniversary of the opening of St George's Cathedral in 1848, a walk has been organised for anyone who is interested in the history of the church, and the surrounding area of Southwark Bankside. The walk will start at St George's Cathedral and end at St George the Martyr in Borough High Street on September 30th. More details at:

<https://www.stgeorgescathedral.org.uk/news/175th-anniversary-walk/>

St Oscar Romero.

A Service of Sung Evening Prayer for the Celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Romero Cross, the National Shrine to St. Oscar Romero will take place on Thursday 28 September at 18.00 at St George's Cathedral, Southwark. The service will be led by the Archbishop John Wilson and the preacher will be Dr John Hall (former Dean of Westminster Abbey). RSVP by 21 September 2023 to: info@stgeorges.org.uk

Surrey Churches Preservation Trust (SCPT)

SCPT has organised: on 30th September, a tour visiting three churches to the west of Woking/Guildford and on 14th October, an illustrated talk, "Around the World in 80 Churches", by Andrew Plumridge at Ruxley Church, KT19 0AF. More information and booking arrangements at:

<https://www.surreychurchespreservationtrust.org>

Prisoners' Sunday – 8th October.

On Prisoners' Sunday we will remember prisoners and their families. There will be a speaker to share with us what life is like for prisoners and their families in our communities and about the work of Pact, the national Catholic prison charity. There will be a second collection to support Pact's important work in the year ahead.