



# St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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*A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors*



16th April 2023 [Cycle A Year 1]

Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 2:42-47, | Psalm 117

1 Peter 1:3-9 | John 20:19-31

We are children of Jesus' Resurrection from the dead. Through this wondrous sign of His great mercy, the Father of Jesus has given us new birth, as we hear in today's Epistle.

Today's First Reading sketches the "family life" of our first ancestors in the household of God (see 1 Peter 4:17). We see them doing what we still do—devoting themselves to the Apostles' teaching, meeting daily to pray and celebrate "the breaking of the bread."

The Apostles saw the Lord. He stood in their midst, He showed them His hands and sides. They heard His blessing and received His commission: to extend the Father's mercy to all peoples through the power and Spirit He conferred upon them. We must walk by faith and not by sight—we must believe and love what we have not seen (see 2 Corinthians 5:7). Yet, the invisible realities are made present for us through the devotions the Apostles handed on.

Notice the experience of the risen Lord in today's Gospel is described in a way that evokes the Mass.

Both appearances take place on a Sunday. The Lord comes to be with His disciples. They rejoice, listen to His Word, and receive the gift of His forgiveness and peace. He offers His wounded body to them in remembrance of His Passion. And they know and worship Him as their Lord and their God.

Thomas' confession is a vow of faith in the new covenant. As promised long before, in the blood of Jesus we can now know the Lord as our God and be known as His people (see Hosea 2:20-25). This confession is sung in the heavenly liturgy (see Revelation 4:11). And in every Mass on earth we renew our covenant and receive the blessings Jesus promised for those who have not seen but have believed.

In the Mass, God's mercy endures forever, as we sing in today's Psalm. This is the day the Lord has made—when the victory of Easter is again made wonderful in our eyes.

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

## Thankyou

Fr Anthony wishes to thank everyone for their generous donations for the flowers, Lenten Box and the Easter collection.

## St Margaret's Foodbank

It's back to basics in April! The items we need most include: long life whole milk, jars of peanut butter and packets of dried potato. Also, 500g packets of pasta, jars of pasta sauce, tins of fruit and hot chocolate requiring only water. Non-food items particularly needed are toilet rolls, unisex shampoo and unisex deodorants.

## Celebrating Divine Mercy 16<sup>th</sup> April

Commences at 2pm with Prayers, Adoration, Benediction, Confession, Veneration of Image followed by an extra Mass at 3pm. The celebrant will be Canon Gerard Bradley.



## Mass Intentions and Diary for the week

<b>Friday 14</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>John &amp; Kathleen Maughan TG</b>
<b>Saturday 15</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>John &amp; Jennifer Maughan TG</b>
	<b>5.15pm</b>	Devotion to Our Lady
	<b>6pm</b>	<b>John &amp; Bridget McDonagh TG</b>
<b>Sunday 16</b> <b>Divine Mercy</b> <b>Sunday</b> <i>[Psalm Wk 2]</i>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Ivy Glavee TG (YC)</b>
	<b>11am</b>	<b>Michael Bell (CC)</b>
	<b>2pm</b>	Divine Mercy Prayers etc.
	<b>3pm</b>	Mass
<b>Monday 17</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Tuesday 18</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>John &amp; Winnie Maughan</b>
	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>John Studznski BT</b>
<b>Wednesday 19</b>	<b>6pm</b>	Youth Choir Practice
	<b>7pm</b>	Central Choir Practice
	<b>8pm</b>	Bible Study
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<b>Thursday 20</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Gwen Soane RIP</b>
	<b>7.30pm</b>	Folk Choir Practice
<b>Friday 21</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>John Chaplin RIP</b>
<b>Saturday 22</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Peter &amp; Lisa Maughan</b>
	<b>5.15am</b>	Devotion to Our Lady
	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Christopher &amp; Margaret Maughan</b>
<b>Sunday 23</b> <b>St George</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Timmy &amp; Lisa Maughan (YC)</b>
	<b>11am</b>	<b>Brian &amp; Annie Maughan (CC)</b>

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.



May 7: First Holy Communion

**Prayer requests:** Albie Shahpazov, Paul Ford, Michael Colairo, Richard Neal, Catherine Roberts, Paula Seradi, Maria Luisa Mapple, Sheila Sharp, Michal Pacala, Hilda Gill, Michael Rowback, Max & Isabelle Mifsud, Kristine Harvey, and Margaret Fox.

**Anniversaries:** Please also pray for those whose anniversaries occur this month.

## Conditions in Napier Barracks

As the Illegal Migration Bill is being rushed through Parliament, Jesuit Refugee Services released a report on Napier Barracks, a former army base on a hilltop in Kent, where asylum seekers are being kept in desperately overcrowded, noisy, insanitary conditions for months - without explanation or support. You can read the report at: <https://www.irsuk.net/napier-report/>

## Democracy under threat (taken from The Tablet)

Nothing changes. At the heart of the narrative of Christ's Passion lie two miscarriages of justice: his trial by the chief priests followed by his sentencing to death by Pilate. He stood and still stands in the place of every innocent person condemned by a judicial system that has been subverted from the true course of justice for political purposes, making him the ultimate political prisoner. Pilate's appeal to the crowd to tell him what to do with his prisoner – they cried out, "Let him be crucified" – was pure populism in action. And, like populism everywhere, it was orchestrated by political manipulators with their own agenda.

## English Nun to lead Vatican Policy think-tank

The Pope has appointed Dominican Sister Helen Alford as the new president of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences. She is currently dean of the faculty of social sciences at the Angelicum University in Rome, and was a founding member of the cross-party British political body, the Movement for Christian Democracy.

## Anti-Christian Incidents in Israel

A joint statement by the Patriarchs and Heads of the Churches in Jerusalem, complains that escalating violence has engulfed the Holy Land. Their Easter message included: "For over the past year, some of our churches, funeral processions, and places of public gathering have become targets of attack; some of our holy sites and cemeteries have been desecrated; and some of our ancient liturgies, such as the Palm Sunday Procession and the Holy Fire Ceremony, have been closed off to thousands of worshippers."

## UN and nuclear weapons

Archbishop Gabriele Caccia, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations, delivered a statement at the opening of Working Group on Nuclear Weapons at the United Nations Disarmament Commission. He emphasized that the present nuclear danger obligates States to commit to dialogue regarding principles for achieving a world free of nuclear weapons. He also called on States possessing the greatest number of nuclear weapons to engage in a good faith dialogue about transparency with regard to nuclear arsenals. His full statement can be found at: <https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/46916>



**Let Justice  
and Peace Flow**  
Season of Creation 2023

The 2023 Season of Creation has been announced: "We would like to invite you, once again, to join with your community in this ecumenical Season of Creation that begins with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on September 1st and culminates on October 4th, celebrating the feast of St. Francis of Assisi." More information at: <https://seasonofcreation.org/>

## Christian Aid Complains

The UK is spending more than three times the amount of aid money used to alleviate poverty in Africa on asylum seekers and refugees in the UK and the UK's already depleted aid pot continues to be raided by other government departments. The FCDO provisional statistics report on how UK aid was spent in 2022 can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/statistics-on-international-development>

## 'The Big One' Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April

Christian charities are, "taking a stand against fossil fuel company greed and government inaction - which is fuelling both the cost-of-living crisis and the climate crisis." The protest will be as inclusive as possible, with churches and many charities and organisations involved, including CAFOD, Tearfund and Christian Aid. 'The Big One' climate protest on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April, will begin with a Christian service and pilgrimage to Westminster. More information at <https://christianclimateaction.org/2022/10/22/the-big-one/>

## Edel Quinn Pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory

All are welcome to join us on Saturday, 13th May 2023. The Programme includes: Rosary at 11.40 am, Mass at 12.00 noon (Chief Celebrant Bishop Paul Hendricks), Rosary Procession at 3.00 pm, Benediction at 3.30 pm plus Blessing of Sacramentals. A coach will pick-up from St Margaret of Scotland Church. The Timings/coach routes may change dependent on numbers & pick-up areas. Arrival: Aylesford Priory – 11.00 am Depart: Aylesford Priory – 16:30. Costs: Adult: £20.00 Child: £10.00 (under 16) [Please bring packed lunch and be punctual]. More information from Ginny Dalgado on 07999 636 98.



## Saint of the Month: St Stanislaus of Szczepanow (1030-1079)

Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr, is the Patron Saint of Poland. After becoming Bishop of Krakow in 1072, he encouraged King Boleslaw II to establish Benedictine monasteries to aid the Christianisation of Poland. However, Saint Stanislaus later excommunicated the King after conflict between them over the King's sexual immorality and his cruel treatment of the faithless wives of soldiers. When the King's

men failed to carry out his command to kill St Stanislaus, the King himself killed the saint while he was saying Mass. The King's guards then cut St Stanislaus's body into pieces. According to legend, his body parts then miraculously reintegrated. The relics of Saint Stanislaus are now in Wawel Cathedral. His feast day is celebrated on 11 April.

## HCPT Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Fr Luke's 2023 HCPT Group will be travelling on the 15th – 22nd September this year, staying in Hosanna House, which is fully equipped to meet the needs of the disabled. To find out more, please contact the Group leaders: Sandra Allen (07768 080 537), Manus Finnerty (07825 564 825), or Father Luke (020 8642 3863).