



St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors



5th March 2023 [Cycle A Year 1]

Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12:1-4, | Psalm 33

Timothy 1:8-10 | Matthew 17:1-9



Today's Gospel portrays Jesus as a new and greater Moses. Moses also took three companions up a mountain and on the seventh day was overshadowed by the shining cloud of God's presence. He too spoke with God and his face and clothing were made radiant in the encounter (see Exodus 24, 34).

But in today's Lenten Liturgy, the Church wants us to look back past Moses. Indeed, we are asked to contemplate what today's Epistle calls God's "design . . . from before time began."

With His promises to Abram in today's First Reading, God formed the people through whom He would reveal Himself and bestow His blessings on all humanity.

He later elevated these promises to eternal covenants and changed Abram's name to Abraham, promising that he would be father of a host of nations (see Genesis 17:5). In remembrance of His covenant with Abraham, He raised up Moses (see Exodus 2:24; 3:8), and later swore an everlasting kingdom to David's sons (see Jeremiah 33:26).

In Jesus' transfiguration today, He is revealed as the One through whom God fulfils His divine plan from of old.

Not only a new Moses, Jesus is also the "beloved son" promised to Abraham and again to David (see Genesis 22:15-18; Psalm 2:7; Matthew 1:1).

Moses foretold a prophet like him to whom Israel would listen (see Deuteronomy 18:15, 18), and Isaiah foretold an anointed servant in whom God would be well pleased (see Isaiah 42:1). Jesus is this prophet and this servant, as the Voice on the mountain tells us today.

By faith we have been made children of the covenant with Abraham (see Galatians 3:7-9; Acts 3:25). He calls us, too, to a holy life, to follow His Son to the heavenly homeland He has promised. We know, as we sing in today's Psalm, that we who hope in Him will be delivered from death.

So like our father in faith, we go forth as the Lord directs us: "Listen to Him!"

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

Family Fast Day: Please remember to bring your Cafod Family Fast Day envelopes and donations to Mass this Sunday.

New Gift Aid envelopes are now available for collection from the Meeting Area.

Marian Thurley

Community Outreach

St Margaret's will be praying for the residents on East Drive- odd numbers, during the month of March. Cards will be put through residents' letter boxes informing them of this.

Charlotte Heard

Mass Intentions and Diary for the week

Friday 3	9.30am	Melba De Silva RIP
	12.30pm	Mass for the Sick
	7pm	Wholehearted Choral Adoration
Saturday 4	8am	Lenten Prayer Breakfast
	9.30am	Josie Alzona & Marina Aranda
	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady
Sunday 5	9am	Ronald Chalmers RIP (YC)
	11am	Sullivan Alexis RIP (CC)
<i>[Psalm Wk 2]</i>		
Monday 6	9.30am	James Lamerton RIP
Tuesday 7	9.30am	People of the Parish
	6.45pm	Lenten Reflection
	7pm	Stations of the cross
Wednesday 8	9.30am	Mass
	6pm	Youth Choir Practice
	8pm	Bible Study
	7.00pm	Central Choir Practice
Thursday 9	9.30am	Mass
	7.30pm	Folk Choir Practice
Friday 10	9.30am	Mass
Saturday 11	8am	Lenten Prayer Breakfast
	9.30am	Mass
	5.15am	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	Jack Breen RIP
Sunday 12	9am	Monica Allen RIP (FC)
	11am	Richard Foster RIP (CC)

FC= Folk Choir, YC= Youth Choir, CC= Central Choir,

TG= Thanksgiving, WB= Wellbeing, BT= Birthday Thanksgiving, Sl= 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.

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

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

Reminder: World Day of Prayer 3rd March 2023



The World Day of Prayer prepared by the women of Taiwan, will be celebrated on Friday at 1:30pm at Holy Trinity Church, Maldon Road, Wallington. SM6 8BL, and at 7:30pm at Carshalton Methodist Church, Ruskin Road, Carshalton. SM5 3DE. You can find a number of good free resources, including work books for children, at:

<https://www.wwdp.org.uk/2023-wdp-free-resources-to-download/>

Reminder: Deanery Day of Reflection, 4th March 2023

Sutton Deanery's annual Day of Reflection for special ministers, readers and parishioners will be held on Saturday 4 March at Holy Family Church, Sutton Green. It will be led by Canon Gerard Bradley, Episcopal Vicar for South West London. The event will start with Mass at 10.30 and will finish at 1.30pm. Eucharistic Ministers who attend will fulfil their obligation to attend a day of recollection annually.

Eucharistic Adoration

Can you not stay with me for just an hour?" (Matthew 26:40). The Lord needs us in Eucharistic Adoration. Have you got one hour in a week to spare? The Lord needs it. With the help of the Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration, more of us will soon begin to adore the Lord weekly. Please come at your convenient time to be with the Lord. This is a fast-spreading apostolate in the Archdiocese of Southwark.

New Bishop for Southwark.

Bishop Philip Moger was ordained an auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Southwark by Archbishop John Wilson last week. Philip Moger was formerly the Rector for the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham from 2020 to 2023. Before that he had been a priest of the Diocese of Leeds for 40 years. He will oversee the Archdiocese affairs in the south.

Note: For clarification, Canon Gerard Bradley accepted Archbishop Wilson's request to take up responsibility for the South West Area as Episcopal Vicar in July 2022. Canon Gerard Bradley is responsible for the South West London Area following Bishop Paul Hendricks' move to the Kent Area.

A special Lenten fast from CAFOD

Give up harsh words: use generous ones.
Give up unhappiness: take up gratitude.
Give up anger: take up gentleness and patience.
Give up pessimism: take up hope and optimism.
Give up worrying: take up trust in God.
Give up complaining: value what you have.
Give up stress: take up prayer.
Give up judging others: discover Jesus within them.
Give up sorrow and bitterness: fill your heart with joy.
Give up selfishness: take up compassion for others.
Give up being unforgiving: learn reconciliation.
Give up words: fill yourself with silence, and listen to others.
Amen.



Lent is a time of conversion and renewal.

Let us pray in a special way to the Lord "to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace" (cf. Lk 1:79).

Traditional Latin Mass.

Pope Francis has confirmed that Bishops must have Vatican approval before allowing the celebration of the Extraordinary Form Latin Mass in parish churches.

Mo Farah, patron of modern slavery research centre

Britain's greatest ever distance runner, Sir Mo Farah has become a Patron of the Bakhita Centre for Research on Slavery, Exploitation and Abuse at St Mary's University, Twickenham. Mo has a long relationship with St Mary's and trained, studied, and lived at the University from 2001-2011. He began campaigning against human trafficking and modern slavery following his decision in 2022 to reveal he himself was a victim of these crimes. Sir Mo was trafficked to the UK from Djibouti at the age of eight and forced to work in domestic servitude until he was ultimately able to escape when he confided in his teacher.

Volunteers needed at the Diamond Riding Centre

Diamond provides adults and children with disabilities therapeutic time with horses, either mounted or unmounted. The Diamond Centre for Disabled Riders is a registered charity, which provides unique facilities to benefit disabled children and adults by having regular contact with horses. More information at: <http://www.diamondcentre.org.uk/>

Sailing Pilgrimage 29 April – 9 July

Russ Fairman, a supporter of Stella Maris, is organising a sailing pilgrimage around Britain in support of Stella Maris. You are warmly invited to attend, or help organise a local port tea when the boat comes to your part of the coastline. The skipper of the sailing boat is also inviting interested people to join him on the boat for one leg of the journey. To find out more please visit <https://sailingpilgrimages.co.uk/stella-maris/>

Stations of the Cross at Wintershall

The walk passes 14 sculptures depicting Jesus' walk to Calvary. You'll be led in reflection of the meaning and symbolism of each station by a guide: 3rd March at 7am hosted by Ruttan Viccajee; 7th April at 7am hosted by Father Jonathan How & 5th May at 7am hosted by Elaine Collins.

Catholic People's Weeks 2023 programme

CPW is a not-for-profit volunteer-led organisation that runs holidays that 'make a difference' - known as Catholic People's Weeks. The organisation's mission, and therefore the mission of each event, is to revitalise the heart, mind and spirit of Catholic people today. You can find out more at: <https://catholicpeoplesweeks.org/events/cpw-programme-2023>

Websites for Catholic singles - 2023

The independent Catholic News recently published "an up-to-date international list of websites, apps and organisations for single Catholics who are looking to make new friends or find someone special." For example Ave Maria Singles: International site for committed Catholics hoping to meet people who share their faith at: www.avemariasingles.com/

You can find the full list of such websites at: <https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/46540>

Tutor available for Primary aged children.

Please contact Lisa Conroy on 07956 350848 for more details.