



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 November 2024 [Cycle B Year 2]
 Thirty-Third Sunday
 Daniel 12: 1-3 | Psalm 15: 5, 8-11
 Hebrews 10: 11-14 | Mark 13: 24-32



In this, the second-to-last week of the Church year, Jesus has finally made it to Jerusalem.

Near to His passion and death, He gives us a teaching of hope—telling us how it will be when He returns again in glory.

Today's Gospel is taken from the end of a long discourse in which He describes tribulations the likes of which haven't been seen "since the beginning of God's creation" (see Mark 13:9). He describes what amounts to a dissolution of God's creation, a "devolution" of the world to its original state of formlessness and void. First, human community—nations and kingdoms—will break down (see Mark 13:7–8). Then the earth will stop yielding food and begin to shake apart (13:8). Next, the family will be torn apart from within and the last faithful individuals will be persecuted (13:9–13). Finally, the Temple will be desecrated, the earth emptied of God's presence (13:14).

In today's reading, God is described putting out the lights that He established in the sky in the very beginning—the sun, the moon and the stars (see also Isaiah 13:10; 34:4). Into this "uncreated" darkness, the Son of Man, in whom all things were made, will come. Jesus has already told us that the Son of Man must be humiliated and killed (see Mark 8:31). Here He describes His ultimate victory, using royal-divine images drawn from the Old Testament—clouds, glory, and angels (see Daniel 7:13). He shows Himself to be the fulfilment of all God's promises to save "the elect," the faithful remnant (see Isaiah 43:6; Jeremiah 32:37).

As today's First Reading tells us, this salvation will include the bodily resurrection of those who sleep in the dust.

We are to watch for this day, when His enemies are finally made His footstool, as today's Epistle envisions. We can wait in confidence knowing, as we pray in today's Psalm, that we will one day delight at His right hand forever.

Reflection from St Paul Center for Biblical Theology

St Margaret's Feast Day Dinner at Casa Ponte Restaurant

It is this Thursday, 14th November, so don't miss out!

Carshalton Beeches Christmas Yule Fest on Friday 6 December.

St Margaret's have been invited again to sing carols at the Yule Fest. You do not have to be in a choir to really enjoy this event!



November 2024 Results:

1st Prize: £50	Winner number: 26
2nd Prize: £25	Winner number: 11
3rd Prize: £10	Winner number: 35
Jackpot Prizes:	
1st Prize: £200	Winner number: 20
2nd Prize: £100	Winner number: 111
3rd Prize: £50	Winner number: 153

Mass Intentions and Diary for the week

Friday 15	9.30am	Mass, Tom & Sally O'Regan
Saturday 16	9.30am	Mass, Peggy Mullahy RIP
St Margaret of Scotland	10am	FHC Parents Session
	10.15am	Legion of Mary
	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	Vigil Mass, People of the Parish
Sunday 17	9am	Mass, Tom Doran RIP (YMG)
33rd Sunday	11am	Mass, Grace Singarajah & members of her family RIP (CC)
Psalm week 1		
Monday 18	9.30am	Mass
	6pm	Confirmation class
Tuesday 19	9.30am	Mass, Eileen Balls RIP
	7.30pm	"Secrets of Paul" course
Wednesday 20	9.30am	Mass
Red	6pm	Youth Music Group Practice
Wednesday	7.30pm	Central Choir Practice
	8pm	Bible study via zoom
Thursday 21	9.30am	Mass
Presentation of the Virgin Mary		
Friday 22	9.30am	Mass, Cecilia Pereira & Nobert Castelino RIP
Saturday 23	9.30am	Mass, Michael Begley RIP
	10.15am	Legion of Mary
	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 24	9am	Mass, Michael Begley RIP (FC)
Christ the King	11am	Mass, People of the Parish (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 weekday Masses, until 11am on Tuesday through Thursday, and until 8pm on Friday.

Please pray for: Anne Towner, Ted Hewson, Fr Henry, Neil Ockenden, Keith Ockenden, Maria Furtado, Tom O'Regan, Elizabeth Margaret Cuffy, Annabelle Colairo, Paul Ford, Michael Colairo, Richard Neal, Paula Seradi, Maria Luisa Mappley, Sheila Sharp, Michal Pacala, Michael Rowback, Kristine Harvey and Margaret Fox.

Saint of the Month – Saint Andrew Dung-Lac



Andrew Tran Dung-Lac was one of 117 Vietnamese martyrs who died for the faith between 1625 and 1886. They were canonised together by Saint John Paul II in 1988. Andrew Dung-Lac was born in 1795 and ordained a priest in 1823. His priestly ministry led many to Christ. A series of severe persecutions of Christians were launched in Vietnam in the six decades after 1820, during which an estimated 130,000 to 300,000 Catholics were killed. Emperor Minh-Mang tried to make Christians renounce their faith by trampling on a crucifix and blaspheming against Jesus under the threat of extreme torture if they refused. Saint Andrew was arrested in 1835 but was ransomed by his parishioners. He was arrested again in 1838 with another priest. Despite brutal torture, they refused to renounce their faith and were beheaded. The feast of Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and companions is celebrated on 24 November.

The Final Synod Document

Although the XVIth Ordinary Assembly of the Synod officially concluded on Sunday, 27 October, there appears to be a delay in issuing the official final document in English. For anyone anxious to read a 'working translation' of the final document, one is available at: <https://tinyurl.com/592cywrr>

The Bishop of Portsmouth Philip Egan, on assisted dying

In a pastoral letter entitled "Thou Shalt Not Kill", Bishop Egan said: "To permit killing is wrong. It would be a shift of historic significance. It would be to capitulate to the very ideology Britain fought against in the Second World War. If we yield to [assisted dying] and permit killing, we will cross a line from which there is no return. Like using nuclear weapons, once deployed, it's too late: there's only escalation."

The Anscombe Bioethics Centre and Assisted Suicide

The Anscombe Bioethics Centre is the Catholic bioethics centre for the UK and Ireland. It has some new resources on assisted suicide at: <https://www.bioethics.org.uk/educational-resources/resources-on-eas/>

US Conference of Catholic Bishops' statement after the election:

"The Church's teachings remain unchanged, and we bishops look forward to working with the people's elected representatives to advance the common good of all. As Christians, and as Americans, we have the duty to treat each other with charity, respect, and civility, even if we may disagree on how to carry out matters of public policy. As a nation blessed with many gifts, we must also be concerned for those outside our borders and eager to offer assistance to all".

Fundraising Music Night for the Oaks Way Day Centre

The Oaks Way Day Centre for the elderly is very close to our church. The music evening will be held on Saturday 23rd November from 6.30pm to 10.30pm, at St Mark's Church in Purley (CR8 3QQ). Tickets are £15 that includes entrance and hot food. There will be a licensed bar. Tickets are available online at:

<https://buytickets.at/carshalton/1409992>

St Raphael's Hospice in Cheam is still in financial difficulties

Cuts have already been made to nursing staff and our local hospice is seeking donations. You can donate on line at:

<https://www.straphaels.org.uk/appeal/donate>

Divine Mercy Retreat on Saturday 30 November 2024

The Divine Mercy Apostolate is holding a Retreat from 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm at St Scholastica Church at 17 Kenninghall Road, Clapton E5 8BS. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information.



This year World Youth Sunday is on 24th November and there will be a World Youth *Funday* on Friday 22nd November. This is the largest on-line event for Catholic schools in the UK. You can find much more including all sorts of resources for schools, parishes, families and individuals, timetable of activities and how to register at: <https://wys.cymfed.org.uk/>

Also, the 'Minutes of Hope' initiative aims to create a digital legacy for Jubilee 2025. 'Minutes of Hope' has grown to become the largest digital project ever undertaken by the Catholic Church in England and Wales. We are collating thousands of one-minute videos showing the hope our faith can bring to the world today. If you've got a story, testimony or example you want to share then upload a clip to the project and it will help inspire hope in those who see it during the year of Jubilee and beyond. Here is the link:

<https://minutesofhope.com/upload/>

A prayer for peace by a Palestinian Christian

Merciful Creator, we come before you with heavy heart grieving the deepening conflict and the rise of further suffering for all peoples in this region.

Lord, we lift up all people caught in the cross fire - those living under occupation, those fearing for their lives and those struggling to find hope amid the violence.

We ask that Your spirit of peace dwell among us.

Empower the voices calling for justice and peace to rise above the noise of war.

Transform the hearts of soldiers, leaders and all in power so that they become instruments of peace rather than participants in harm.

May Your will, which is peace for all peoples, be done on earth as in heaven. Amen.

CAFOD statement on Israel's vote to ban UNRWA

Responding to the news that Israel's parliament has voted to ban the work of UNRWA (the UN's Palestinian refugee agency), CAFOD is deeply concerned about how people will be able to access essential services if this decision comes into force. The statement explains "UNRWA provides all the logistics to deliver the lifesaving aid that millions of people across the Middle East so desperately need - the fuel for trucks, and the most basic things that make humanitarian aid possible in this very difficult context. The work of agencies like CAFOD is crucial, but none of us can compare to the scale with which UNRWA is able to deliver that assistance. UNRWA are providing shelter and food to hundreds of thousands of displaced people. "

The prayers of CAFOD supporters really do mean the world to people who feel like they've been forgotten. Please continue praying for peace, for a just solution and for an end to the conflict which has seen the loss of so many innocent lives.

Laleham Lea School: Lunchtime & School Meals Supervisor

Job vacancy for an immediate start Monday-Friday 11.30-1.30pm. Please contact Mrs Edwards if you would like to visit us before submitting your application secretary@lalehamlea.co.uk 0208 660 3351. Closing date for applications is Friday November 15th at noon.

"We do not need a sedentary and defeatist Church, but a Church that hears the cry of the world and gets its hands dirty in serving."

Pope Francis at concluding Synod Mass, 27 October 2024