



# St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

Fir Tree Grove, Carshalton, SM5 4NG

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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*



8<sup>th</sup> October 2023 [Cycle A Year 1]  
**Twenty Seventh Sunday**  
 Isaiah 5:1-7 | Psalm 79  
 Philippians 4:6-9 | Matthew 21:33-43

*'The Vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel'*

The image of the people of God as a vineyard is familiar in the Scriptures. We can rejoice in seeing the Church as the vineyard of the Lord, but we also need to respond to God's gifts and use them well.

In Isaiah's 'Song of the Vineyard', God has made the people of Israel his vineyard (First Reading). He lovingly cares for it, but sadly the people fail to respond.

The Psalm picks up the same theme. It is an appeal to God to turn again and visit the vine he has planted.

The vineyard appears in the Gospel too, but here the tenants are reproached. Not only are they not profitable, but they murder the owner's son.

St Paul writes that the peace of God is ours if we can only trust in him (Second Reading). We are to pursue all that is good and pure, and produce the fruit worthy of the Lord.

This week, may we be full of thanksgiving for all that we have received, and always turn to the Lord in prayer.

*Taken from St Beuno's Outreach*



### St Margaret's African Community

Fr Anthony announced the creation of St Margaret's African Community last week. Lisa Harris has been appointed chair of this new group. Her first action has been to organise a celebration of Nigerian Independence, last Sunday. The photo shows the fine array of African delicacies at the celebration.

### Altar servers' training:

We will soon be starting a series of training sessions for new altar servers. Any boy or girl who has made their First Holy Communion is eligible to become an altar server. If your child would like to take part in the training sessions, please contact Paul Cavadino on 07802 324118 or [pc003f3813@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:pc003f3813@blueyonder.co.uk)



This month's winning numbers

1<sup>st</sup> prize £50: 123  
 2<sup>nd</sup> prize £25: 100  
 3<sup>rd</sup> prize £10: 58  
 Quarterly prize of £50: 75

### Advent Planning

A meeting was held on Monday to make plans for Christmas. More information to be expected in future newsletters and on our website.



*'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'*

### Mass Intentions and Diary for the week

<b>Friday 6</b> First Friday	9.30am 12.30pm 7pm	Ronald Killick RIP Mass for the Sick Wholehearted Choral Adoration
<b>Saturday 7</b> Our Lady of the Rosary	9.30am 5.15pm 6pm	Bastiampillai Manuel RIP Devotion to Our Lady Jolanta Rusakoviene SI
<b>Sunday 8</b> Prisoners Sunday (Psalm Wk 3)	9am 11am	Noel McAllister RIP (FC) Mass (CC)
<b>Monday 9</b> St John Henry Newman	9.30am	Mass
<b>Tuesday 10</b>	9.30am 7.45pm	People of the Parish 'Let It Be' session 4
<b>Wednesday 11</b>	9.30am 6pm 7.30pm 8pm	Mass Youth Choir Practice Central Choir Practice Bible Study
<b>Thursday 12</b>	9.30am 7.30pm	Mass Folk Choir Practice
<b>Friday 13</b>	9.30am	Living and Dead Members of the Bully family
<b>Saturday 14</b>	9.30am 5.15pm 6pm	Mass Devotion to Our Lady Jolanta, Andrew & Aurelija And family GP
<b>Sunday 15</b> Volunteers Sunday	9am 11am	Sean Ferguson (YC) Mass (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 Mappley, Sheila Sharp, Michal Pacala, Michael Rowback, Kristine Harvey, and Margaret Fox.

### **Pope's prayer video for October 2023**

Pope Francis appeals for prayers for the Synod, saying: "Let us pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a style of life at every level, allowing herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the world's peripheries." You can view the video at: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=2JfxktabmyE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2JfxktabmyE)

### **Laudate Deum**

'Laudate Deum' is Pope Francis' new apostolic exhortation as a follow-up to the encyclical 'Laudato Si'. It is to be released on Wednesday, October 4th, as we celebrate St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology. This is the last day of the season of Creation. Next week's newsletter will have more information. Meanwhile there is a film, in which Bishop John Arnold, Lead Bishop for Environmental Issues, speaks on our Christian duty to care for our current home at: [https://youtu.be/XxYK3S1n\\_10](https://youtu.be/XxYK3S1n_10)

### **Important documents on migration**

2 documents have been added to our parish website: 'Love the Stranger' published by the Catholic Bishops' Conference for England and Wales and Pope Francis's message on migration. You will be able to read these publications in the '2 Encyclicals, Pastoral Letters etc' folder within the documents section. Use this link: <https://www.stmargaretcarshaltonb.co.uk/documents>

### **What is about to happen in Rome?**

A Tablet editorial on the forthcoming Synod comments: "The synodal concept requires listening as well as talking. It requires open, humble and prayerful minds to hear what is being said.

The documents of the Second Vatican Council were approved almost unanimously. Enormous time and effort was put into reaching a consensus. It is only in such circumstances that the true mind of the Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, can be reliably discerned. This is the ecclesiology behind the synodal process that Pope Francis has initiated."



### **Prayer from Lourdes**

Heavenly Father may your will be accepted by your children all over the world.

You are the king of the universe, may your kingdom be established in the hearts of all.

Open our minds so that we are willing to accept your help in our lives.

Give us generosity of spirit so that everyone may have enough to eat and drink.

May we use the resources of our planet for the benefit of our brothers and sisters.

Forgive us our sins and help us find joy in forgiving others.

Guide and protect us on our journey towards the joys of eternal life.

Amen

### **RCAOS Marriage and Family Life.**

The Marriage and Family Life Team within our archdiocese provide so much service for many people. You can find out more at: <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/marriage-and-family-life/>

As an example: 'Building a Better Marriage' on Saturday 11th November, which helps enrich the marriage you have. Interested? Then email Carole: [mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk)

### **Racial and Cultural Inclusion Newsletter:**

The latest Newsletter of the Archdiocesan Commission for Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion includes an article on our parish's gallery of images of Our Lady's apparitions. Other items include features on the forthcoming Archdiocesan seminar at which our parishioner Andrea Fernandes is one of the speakers.

To receive the Newsletter, email:

[racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk)

### **Seminar on Racial and Cultural Inclusion**

The Seminar will be on Saturday 28th of October in the Amigo Hall. It aims, as Archbishop John Wilson says, to bring out the beauty of the racial and cultural diversity of people in the parishes and schools of our Archdiocese. More information from: [racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk)

### **Ruskin Community Cinema celebrates Black History Month**

With the film 'Hidden Figures' on Saturday 14 October 2023; Showings at 3.00 pm and 7.30 pm.

### **School Governor for Laleham Lee**

Laleham Lea Catholic Independent School in Purley, is looking to appoint a Governor. For more details, please contact:

[secretary@lalehamlea.co.uk](mailto:secretary@lalehamlea.co.uk) or phone 0208 660 3351.

### **Catholic People's Week (CPW) Job**

CPW is on the hunt for someone to assist with the smooth administration of the organisation. CPW is looking for someone to provide 30 hours of paid work a month, for an initial 6-month period. The job will be based at your home and will be a self-employed contract. Full details and application at:

<https://catholicpeoplesweeks.org/blog/administration-support-role>

### **The Good Counsel Black Tie Ball**

It will take place at 6pm Saturday 18th November 2023 in Kensington, London. Live Band. Silent Auction. London's Catholic Pro-Life Ball raising money to help save lives and change lives. Tickets £125 each. For bookings and enquiries email:

[GCNBall@gmail.com](mailto:GCNBall@gmail.com) or telephone 07795205117.

### **Holy Cross School Sixth Form Open Evening For 2024 Entry**

Open Evening on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October from 4 - 7pm. We are based in Sandal Road in New Malden, convenient to public transport links and the local train station. More information from Mrs Parker/Mrs Nolan on 0208 395 4225.

### **Newsletter timing**

You will be aware that our newsletter is published on Wednesday afternoon. Our secretary Clara sends a draft out on Tuesday for consideration by the Editorial Team. If you would like anything publicized in the newsletter, please send an email with the content by Friday morning at the latest, to:

[carshaltonbeeches@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:carshaltonbeeches@rcaos.org.uk)