



# St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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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*



12<sup>th</sup> November 2023 [Cycle A Year 1]

**Thirty Second Sunday**

Wisdom 6:12-16 | Psalm 62

Thessalonians 4:13-18 | Matthew 25:1-13

Running throughout the readings this Sunday are themes of longing, seeking, and purposeful attentiveness. We are encouraged to remain alert to the presence of the Lord, who comes to us in every moment, and to be ready to welcome his second coming.

The First Reading describes how the spirit of Wisdom is eager to enter into our lives. She is always close by, sitting at our gates, waiting for us to greet her, so that she may richly bless our lives. Today's Psalm is a joyful prayer of desire for the Lord. The love of the Lord is better than life itself, and those who seek the Lord will be filled forever, as with a banquet.

In the Second Reading, the Christian community is reassured that our hope in the resurrection is not in vain. The longing and desire that we feel for God will be fulfilled both in life and in death.

Jesus uses a cautionary yet humorous parable to stress the importance of remaining prepared and hopeful for the coming of the Lord into our lives (Gospel). We are all invited to the banquet of the Lord, and yet we can become complacent about the abundant richness that our faith can bring. God is here with us now, but sometimes we may not be ready or do not have the light to see his presence amongst us.

This week, let us pray for a spirit of hopeful, joyful longing for the Lord, so that we may be fully ready to greet him when he comes into our life. We also continue to pray for peace and justice across our suffering world.



## Mass Intentions and Diary for the week

<b>Friday 10</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Stanley Blackmore RIP</b>
<i>St Leo the Great</i>		
<b>Saturday 11</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Stanley Blackmore RIP</b>
<i>St Martin of Tours</i>		
	<b>5.15pm</b>	Devotion to Our Lady
	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Sunday 12</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Tom Doran RIP (FC)</b>
<i>Remembrance Sunday (Psalm Week 4)</i>		
	<b>11am</b>	<b>Geoff Greene RIP (CC)</b>
<b>Monday 13</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Stanley Blackmore RIP</b>
<b>Tuesday 14</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Larsen &amp; Blake WB</b>
	<b>7.45pm</b>	The Sacraments in Scripture
<b>Wednesday 15</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Richard &amp; Ngozi SI</b>
	<b>6pm</b>	Youth Choir Practice
	<b>7.30pm</b>	Central Choir Practice
	<b>8pm</b>	Bible Study
<b>Thursday 16</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Richard &amp; Ngozi SI</b>
	<b>7.30pm</b>	St Margaret's Supper
<b>Friday 17</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Richard &amp; Ngozi SI</b>
<b>Saturday 18</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Stanley Blackmore RIP</b>
	<b>5.15pm</b>	Devotion to Our Lady
	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Sunday 19</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Eileen Balls RIP (YC)</b>
<i>33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</i>		
	<b>11am</b>	<b>James Mulholland RIP (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.

**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.

## The 6 Holy Days of Obligation

The Epiphany	6 January;
The Ascension	Thursday, 40 days after Easter;
St Peter & St Paul	29 June;
The Assumption of Our Lady	15 August;
The Solemnity of All Saints	1 November;
Christmas Day	25 December.

These feasts, apart from Christmas Day, transfer to the Sunday if they fall on Saturday or Monday.

## St Margaret's Supper

**PLACE:** Saint Martins Indian Restaurant

**WHEN:** Thursday 16th November 2023 from 7:30pm

**COST:** £22 per person

**RSVP BY:** Tuesday 14th November 2023.

### The MENU:

**Starters :** Each person gets a plate consisting of 3 items:

Chicken Tiikka, Onion Bajee & Veg. Samosa

\*Vegans/Vegetarians will be catered for.

\*\*Indicate your dietary requirements on the Form.

**Main Course:** Small groups sharing platter consisting of: Chicken Tikka Massala, Chicken Dupiizza, Vegetable Curry

### With the following Sides:

Bombay potatoes, Pilau rice, Garlic Nan and Plain Nan.

**Drinks: Bring your own bottle.**

Please note that Saint Martins does not have a license to sell alcohol but you are very welcome to bring your own bottles and there is no corkage charge!



The second collection this Sunday (12<sup>th</sup> November) will be for the Archbishops Appeal.

### Mass for Widows and Widowers:

The 9.30 Mass this Saturday (11 November), will be the annual Mass for widows and widowers. The Mass is not restricted to widows and widowers and all members of the parish are welcome to attend. There will be special prayers for widows, widowers and their deceased spouses. The Mass will be followed by refreshments in the meeting area. If you would like to attend but need transport, please contact Paul Cavadino on 07802 324118.

### The Sacraments in Scripture

The Renewal Prayer Group invites all parishioners and friends to a 6-week in-depth look into the sacraments and scripture, through Lectio Divina on Tuesday evenings. All are welcome, join us from 8pm until 9.30pm (refreshments from 7.45pm) at our church.

### Archdiocesan seminar highlights St Margaret's



Andrea Fernandes, Co-Chair of St Margaret's Racial and Cultural Inclusion group, was a speaker at a recent Archdiocesan seminar on the theme of racial and cultural inclusion. Andrea's presentation covered forming a parish group, welcome arrangements for new parishioners, ensuring racially diverse images in the church and Repository, featuring Newsletter items on Saints of the Month from different countries, composing regular Bidding Prayers for churches and communities abroad, arranging culturally diverse celebrations and events, ensuring diversity in parish ministries and dealing with racial incidents. There was overwhelmingly positive feedback on Andrea's presentation from members of other parishes at the seminar.

### St Margaret's foodbank: 10 priority items for November

Toddler Microwave Meals for 12 months+ | Baby Food in Jars & Microwave Meals for 10 months+ | Cartons of Long-life milk | Fruit Juice & Small Bottles of Squash | Packet & Tinned Potatoes | 500g Packets of Sugar | Tinned Dessert Fruit | Puddings / Jellies / Angel Delight | Toilet Rolls | Unisex Deodorant | Bars of Soap.

Also, you can download an Advent Giving Calendar at: <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/files/2393-1-1.pdf>

### National Tribunal Service Launched

The purpose of this National Tribunal is to enhance impartiality, transparency and consistency in the application of canon law across its jurisdiction in penal cases. Canon law is a code of ecclesiastical laws – laws relating to the Church – that govern its administration. It will be involved in many aspects of penal law affecting clergy, religious and lay people.

Full explanation at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2023/11/NTS-Information-110123.pdf>

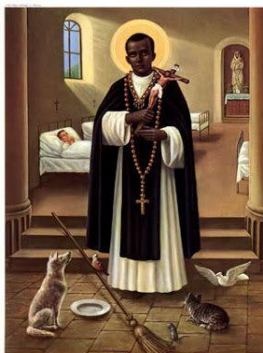
### Covid Inquiry – Catholic Union Survey

You may recall that at one point during the pandemic, it was possible to visit a garden centre or car show room, but not go to Mass. The Catholic Union invites you to record your experiences and attitudes towards the closure of places of worship during the pandemic. Go to: <https://tinyurl.com/a4c6t66x>

### Pope Francis will travel to COP28 in Dubai in December

(Just two months after the publication of his Apostolic Exhortation 'Laudate Deum' on the climate crisis.)

### Saint of the Month – Saint Martin de Porres



St Martin de Porres Velazquez O.P. (1579-1639) was a Peruvian lay brother of the Dominican Order. He was noted for his work for the poor and the sick. He was placed in charge of the infirmary at the Dominican monastery in Lima where he lived. A hospital providing medical care for poor people continues to operate on the site to this day. St Martin had

gifts of prayerful ecstasy, levitation and a special rapport with animals. Miraculous cures were attributed to him. He was beatified in 1837 by Pope Gregory XVI and canonised in 1962 by Pope John XXIII. St Martin de Porres is the patron saint of public health workers and people seeking racial harmony. His feast day is celebrated on 3 November.

### English language text of the Synod Synthesis

The first session (4-29 October 2023) Synthesis Report has now been published at:

[www.synod.va/content/dam/synod/assembly/synthesis/english/2023.10.28-ENG-Synthesis-Report.pdf](http://www.synod.va/content/dam/synod/assembly/synthesis/english/2023.10.28-ENG-Synthesis-Report.pdf)

Or you can read a summary of the report at:

[www.indcatholicnews.com/news/48360](http://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/48360)

### Pope repeats call for Gaza ceasefire

The Holy Father has repeated his call for a ceasefire in Gaza. Speaking in St Peter's Square on Sunday, Pope Francis said: "I pray you to stop, in the name of God, cease the fire. Let's think about the children. Their future is being killed."

In a letter published in this week's Tablet, St Elphege's parishioner Michael McLoughlin writes: "The indiscriminate bombing of civilians, men, women and children in Gaza, or anywhere, is a war crime. The Pope and Antonio Guterres, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, seem to be the only major leaders willing to speak out honestly."

### Catholic population is growing.

The Vatican's Fides news agency has released a report providing statistics of the universal Church across the globe. The report compared the numbers on the day of 31 December 2021 to the previous year on 31 December 2020. There were 1.375 billion Catholics in the world, representing an overall increase of 16.24 million Catholics compared to the end of 2020.

### Right to review sex ed material.

The Education Secretary, Gillian Keegan, has written to all schools in England to make clear that they can and should share relationships, sex and health (RSHE) curriculum materials with parents. In addition, she has penned an open letter to parents – which encourages them to have confidence in their right to know what their children are seeing and being taught in the classroom.

### Religious freedom raised in Parliament

After months of trying, religious freedom was finally raised in Parliament's Joint Committee on Human Rights inquiry into Human Rights at Work. Independent peer, Lord Alton, raised the case of Scottish midwives who had been sanctioned for refusing to assist with abortions, and SNP MP Joanna Cherry raised the case of the flight attendant banned from wearing a crucifix by British Airways.