



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

2024
 Year of
 Prayer

28th July 2024 [Cycle B Year 2]

Seventeenth Sunday

2 Kings 4: 42-44 | Psalm 144: 10-11, 15-18
 Ephesians 4: 1-6 | John 6: 1-15



Mass Intentions and Diary for the week

The readings this week focus on the generosity of the Lord who feeds his children 'till they want no more', both physically and spiritually.

In the First Reading, Elisha, the man of God, feeds a hundred people with only twenty barley loaves. Despite the misgivings of Elisha's servant, everyone is fed and there are some left over.

This story is of course the precursor of the feeding of the five thousand, which is today's Gospel. Despite Philip and Andrew's doubts, five loaves and two fish feed everyone, and yet twelve baskets are still left over.

The Psalm continues the same theme of God feeding his creatures, using the image of God opening his hands to give his people the spiritual or physical food they desire.

In the Second Reading, Paul reminds us that we must preserve unity and peace as we are all part of one Body, sustained by one faith in God the Father of all.

This week then, I might pray that all those who hunger for food and for God may be satisfied. I also ask the Lord to help me give generously when I come across people in need, and to find ways of working towards greater unity and peace.

Taken from St Beuno's Outreach

Help with Holy Communion

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion play an important role in our parish life, assisting in the distribution of the Body and Blood of our Lord. This will often be during Mass but may also involve taking Holy Communion to those in the parish community who are housebound due to health, age or disability. More people are needed to serve in this very special ministry. The next commissioning is at St George's Cathedral on 12th October. Please ask Fr Anthony for more information.

NHS childhood immunisation grant for St Margaret's

NHS South West London is funding community and voluntary organisations to run activities and events. The aim is to promote conversations about childhood illnesses – helping people make informed decisions about vaccines and provide feedback to the NHS.

Thank you for giving to Sea Sunday

Thank you for your generous gifts that will ensure that Stella Maris chaplains can continue to be a friend for seafarers and fishers in times of need. To find out more about how your support helps those who live and work at sea please visit:

www.stellamaris.org.uk

Thanks for supporting our recent Summer Fair

We raised £642.65 towards our various building and maintenance works in the church.

Friday 26	9.30am	Mass
Saturday 27	9.30am	Mass, Fr Frederick Rhead RIP
	10.15am	Legion of Mary
	5.15pm	Devotions to Our Lady
	6pm	Vigil Mass, Pat & Tony Larsen RIP
Sunday 28 Seventeenth Sunday (Psalm week 1)	9am	Mass, People of the Parish (FC)
	11am	(CC)
Monday 29 Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday 30	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday 31 St Ignatius Loyola	9.30am	Mass
	6pm	Youth Music Group Practice
	7.30pm	Central Choir Practice
Thursday 1 St Alphonsus de Liguori	9.30am	Mass (YMG)
Friday 2 First Friday	9.30am	Mass
	12.30pm	Mass for the Sick
	7pm	Whole-hearted choral adoration
Saturday 3	9.30am	Mass, Anthony Obadagboyi TG
	10.15am	Legion of Mary
	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 4 Eighteenth Sunday	9am	Mass (YMG)
	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: Fr Henry, Neil Ockenden, Keith Ockenden, Maria Furtado, Tom O'Regan, Mary Ryan, Connie Harrington, Michael Begley, Elizabeth Margaret Cuffy, Annabelle Colairo, Paul Ford, Michael Colairo, Richard Neal, Paula Seradi, Maria Luisa Mapple, Sheila Sharp, Michal Pacala, Michael Rowback, Kristine Harvey and Margaret Fox.

SVP response to the King's Speech

The St Vincent de Paul Society has responded to the King's Speech (17 July 2024) marking the opening of Parliament and the start of a new Government. Here is an extract:

"... we are encouraged to see the announcement of legislation which can address some of the most pressing issues facing our country, including homelessness, secure work, and regional inequalities. We welcome the commitment to ending no-fault evictions. This is an important step to provide more protection for renters, and address growing rates of homelessness across the country.

At the SVP we have long called for measures to tackle in-work poverty. We are therefore happy to see the Government's proposal to enhance employment rights and ban exploitative practices, including zero-hours contracts, by bringing forward the Employment Right's Bill. It is vital that this bill leads to real change that will improve the security of work and address the rise of in-work poverty." SVP response in full at:

<https://svp.org.uk/news/svps-response-kings-speech-wednesday-17th-july>

Safeguarding at St Margaret's

If any parishioner suffers, or is aware of, any incidents of abuse within the parish, these should be reported to the parish Safeguarding Officer, Andrea Fernandes. This applies to any kind of abuse - whether it be physical abuse, sexual abuse, verbal abuse, financial abuse, bullying, or racial abuse or discrimination. All reports will be treated in strict confidence and any necessary support will be provided. The confidential email address for reporting is carshaltonbeeches3a@safeguardrcaos.org.uk

'Red Wednesday' set for 20th November 2024

This year, Aid for the Church in Need (ACN) are focused on the children growing up in war, in conflict or with the threat of violence. In countries where Christians are persecuted, Christian children are collateral damage in the overall brutality. There are millions of internally displaced Christian children and families around the world. As an example, the diocese of Nouna, Burkina Faso has welcomed 30,000 displaced Christians, of whom 80% are school age.

At the end of July, ACN will make available the #RedWednesday resources that you can download to learn why this year's Red Wednesday is in support of young Christians. More explanation at: <https://tinyurl.com/3u25etwe>

BBC Radio 4's 'Thought for the Day' reflections

Within the Radio 4's 'Today programme', at around 7.40am each day, there are 2- or 3-minute reflections from a faith perspective on issues and people in the news. You can also listen to these thoughts for the day at: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/brand/p00szxv6>

Road closures around Oaks Park

Dead and dying Ash trees along the edge of Oaks Park will be cut down and removed. The work will start on the 29th July 2024 and roads may be closed from 9:00am to 16:00 on weekdays for a minimum of two weeks.

The Universe Catholic Weekly will be closing on 26 July.

Get this newsletter by email

If you would like to receive St Margaret's newsletters by email, then just send an email to: carshaltonbeechesppc@rcaos.org.uk On the other hand, if you would like to stop receiving our newsletter by email, similarly send an email to the same address.

World Day of Prayer for the care of creation: 1st Sept 2024

"Hope and Act with Creation" is the theme of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, to be held on 1 September 2024. The theme is drawn from Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans (8:19-25), where the Apostle explains what it means for us to live according to the Spirit and focuses on the sure hope of salvation that is born of faith, namely, newness of life in Christ. You can find Pope Francis's message at:

<https://tinyurl.com/5n8damk2>

The Divine Mercy Apostolate – Monday 26th August

Is holding a Celebration of St Faustina's Birthday at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday Monday 26 August 2024 from 10 am to 4:30 pm. The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on [07957594646](tel:07957594646) for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

Fr Luke's HCPT Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 13th -29th Sept 2024

The group will be staying at Hosanna House which is fully equipped to meet the needs of the disabled. More information is available at: www.hcpt.org.uk or contact the group leaders: sandra@sfernandes.com or manus.finnerty@hotmail.co.uk



Wallington Fire Station Open Day: 11am-4pm Sat. 27 July

19 Belmont Rd, Wallington SM6 8TE. For the latest info follow @LFBSTUTTON on X (formally Twitter).

Carshalton Lavender: 10am-5pm on Sat. 27 July & Sun 28 July

Oaks Way, Carshalton Beeches, SM5 4NQ. Pick your own. Buy tickets from www.carshaltonlavender.org

Sutton Ecology Centre Summer Holiday Activities:

- Wild Woods on 29 & 30 July
- Superworm on 19 & 20 August
- Pond Day on 27 & 29 August

Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/biodiversity-team-39157737773>

Sutton's Summer of Stories at Honeywood Museum, SM5 3NX

Runs from 25 July to 31 August, Thurs- Sat. Please check opening hours before visiting. Tickets £2 on arrival.

Nature Detective Days on Banstead Commons

- Banstead Heath 10am - 1pm on 25 July
- Banstead Heath 10am - 1pm on 8 August

Information and how to register (for free), from:

www.bansteadcopmmons.org.uk



"To experience fully God's joy and love, let go of unnecessary baggage which just weighs us down and hinders the journey. To be free, we need to go without the superfluous, in such a way that everyone has what they need to live with dignity and to contribute actively to the mission." Pope Francis in July 2024