



# 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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Saturdays 10.30-11.00am & 5.15 - 5.45pm & at call

*A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors*



13th August 2023 [Cycle A Year 1]

**Nineteenth Sunday**

1 Kings 19:9, 11-13 | Psalm 85

Romans 9:1-5 | Matthews 14:22-33



How do we find God in the storms and struggles of our lives, in the trials we encounter in trying to do His will?

God commands Elijah in today's First Reading to stand on the mountain and await His passing by. And in the Gospel, Jesus makes the disciples set out across the waters to meet Him.

In each case, the Lord makes Himself present amid frightening tumult—heavy winds and high waves, fire and earthquakes. Elijah hides his face. Perhaps he remembers Moses, who met God on the same mountain, also amid fire, thunder, and smoke (see Deuteronomy 4:10–15; Exodus 19:17–19). God told Moses no one could see His face and live, and He sheltered Moses in the hollow of a rock, as He shelters Elijah in a cave (see Exodus 33:18–23).

The disciples, likewise, are too terrified to look on the face of God. Today's Gospel is a revelation of Jesus' divine identity. Only God treads across the crest of the sea (see Job 9:8) and rules the raging waters (see Psalm 89:9–10). And the words of assurance that Jesus speaks—"It is I"—are those God used to identify Himself to Moses (see Exodus 3:14; Isaiah 43:10).

Even Peter is to overcome by fear to imitate his Lord. His fears, Jesus tells him, are a sign of his lack of faith. And so it often is with us. Our fears make us doubt, make it hard to see His glory dwelling in our midst. Yet, we should know, as we sing in today's Psalm, that His salvation is near to those who hope in Him. By faith we should know, as Paul asserts in today's Epistle, that we are heirs to the promises made to His children, Israel. We must trust that He whispers to us in the trials of our lives—that He who has called us to walk along the way of His steps—save us whenever we begin to sink.

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

**Congratulations** to Gerald and Pauline Soane who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. We thank them for sharing that day with us. We continue to pray for them and their family.



They express their sincere gratitude to Fr Anthony and parishioners for their many acts of kindness when they celebrated their Diamond Wedding at the Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday.

## Mass Intentions and Diary for the week

<b>Friday 11</b> <i>St Clare</i>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Saturday 12</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>5.15pm</b> <b>6pm</b>	<b>Mass</b> Devotion to Our Lady <b>Mass</b>
<b>Sunday 13</b> <i>Nineteenth Sunday</i> <i>(Psalm Wk 3)</i>	<b>9am</b> <b>11am</b>	<b>Mass (YC)</b> <b>Kathleen &amp; Thomas Moran</b> RIP (CC)
<b>Monday 14</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Zygmunt Godyn</b> RIP
<b>Tuesday 15</b> <i>The Assumption of</i> <i>The Blessed Virgin</i> <i>Mary</i>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Wednesday 16</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>6pm</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Mass</b> Youth Choir Practice Central Choir Practice
<b>Thursday 17</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Christopher Savangapani</b> RIP
<b>Friday 18</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Saturday 19</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>5.15pm</b> <b>6pm</b>	<b>Mass</b> Devotion to Our Lady <b>Mass</b>
<b>Sunday 20</b> <i>Twentieth</i>	<b>9am</b> <b>11am</b>	<b>Mass</b> <b>Pearl Alexis</b> RIP (CC)

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

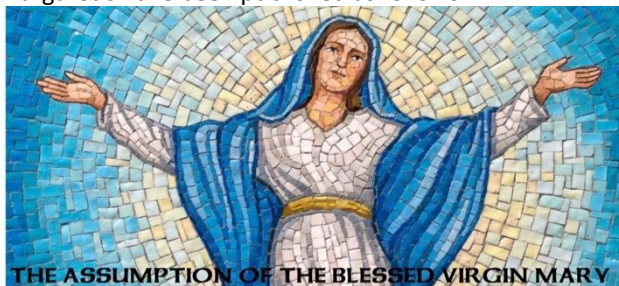
TG= Thanksgiving, WB= Wellbeing, BT= Birthday Thanksgiving, SI= Special Intention, RIP= Rest in Peace, GP= God's Protection and PI= Private Intention

**NOTE: Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration follows every weekday Mass, until 11am from Tuesday to Thursday, and until 8pm on Friday.**

**Prayer requests:** 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.

## Plans for Assumption

Plans for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary here in St Margaret's have been published as follows:



### Monday 14 August:

6.30pm	Procession to the Grotto & Rosary
7pm	Vespers & a talk on the Assumption
7.30pm	Vigil Mass for the Solemnity

### Tuesday 15 August:

9.30am	Morning Mass
10.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
11am	Benediction
12.30pm	Mass for Children followed by refreshments
1.30pm	A Film: 'The Chosen'
6.30pm	Procession to the Grotto for Divine Mercy Prayer & Rosary
7pm	Vespers
7.30pm	Evening Mass

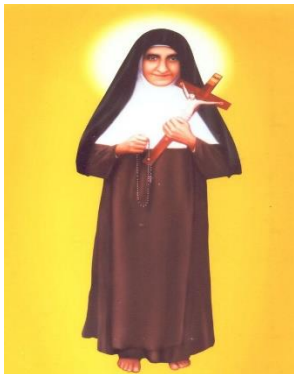
## Register your child for First Holy Communion

Parents can register their children in August for 2023/24 First Holy Communion programme. There is a registration form in the church entrance to complete. If your child has not been baptised at St Margaret's, you will also need to supply his/her baptismal certificate as well. A meeting for parents has been arranged for the evening of Monday September 18<sup>th</sup>.



- Sept 1: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
- Sept 16: Catechists Meeting
- Sept 18: First Holy Communion Parents Meeting
- Sept 19: 5-Week CaFE Course on Our Lady begins
- Sept 23: Our Late Summer Fair
- Sept 25: First Holy Communion classes begin
- Sept 25: Confirmation Parents Meeting
- Oct 2: Confirmation classes begin
- Oct 4: Saint Francis of Assisi
- Oct 7: The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

## Saint of the Month – Saint Euphrasia Eluvathingal



Saint Euphrasia Eluvathingal was born in 1877 in Kerala, India. She was a Carmelite nun who spent more than 50 years in her convent in Ollur, Kerala. Saint Euphrasia endeavoured to lead a life of constant prayer, penance and devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. She became known as the "Praying Mother". Miracles of healing have been attributed to her intercession. Many

thousands of people have visited Saint Euphrasia's tomb in Ollur to pray, ask for her intercession and give thanks for favours received. She was beatified in 2006 and canonised in 2014. Her feast day is celebrated on 30 August.

## World Youth Day

World Youth Day (WYD), the gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope Francis, took place on 1-6 August 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal. Pope Francis said its main objective was "to bring back to the centre of the faith and life of every young person the person of Christ, so that He becomes their constant source of inspiration and true light."

This year the theme was 'Rise Up': taking inspiration from the Gospel passage: "Mary arose and went with haste," (Luke 1:39) In this passage we see a dual mandate; firstly Mary rises up to share the good news of Jesus' imminent arrival rather than keeping the information to herself or hiding away, and secondly, she does so swiftly. In the modern day, as people of faith, we are called to evangelise, and spread the Good News without hesitation. Around fifty pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Southwark travelled with Archbishop John Wilson to Lisbon for World Youth Day. You can follow the events through this diary of a Catholic seminarian attending World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal

<https://www.thetablet.co.uk/blogs/1/2500/diary-of-a-catholic-seminarian-attending-world-youth-day-in-lisbon-portugal>

## The God Who Speaks

This resource is targeted for those who are curious about the Bible, 'The God Who Speaks'. Here you'll find great resources; events and ideas to help you deepen your faith and love of the Scriptures. 'Everyone should carry a small Bible or pocket edition of the Gospels and should find at least a few minutes every day to read the word of God.' (Pope Francis, 2014). This initiative focuses on celebrating, living and sharing God's word throughout all our dioceses. Visit The God Who Speaks website for more information.

## Gospel in Art: Feast of Saint Ignatius of Loyola

The feast of Saint Ignatius of Loyola was celebrated on the 31<sup>st</sup>



of July 2023. In contemplation of a public sculpture dedicated to Saint Ignatius, two artists from New York crafted this piece for Fairfield University. The sculpture portrays two identical figures of St. Ignatius, locked in an intense gaze. One sculpture is white, the other dark, symbolizing positive and negative aspects in the Examen practice, symbolizing the positive and negative aspects of the day.

Examen (or examination of conscience), is a prayer to help you see where God was active in your day, usually done for 15 to 20 minutes at the end of a day. The sculpture draws inspiration from Ignatius' Examen prayer, which entails five steps: being present, expressing gratitude, reviewing the day, reflecting on regrets, and seeking grace. This artwork pays homage to Saint Ignatius of Loyola.

## RIP

Death of Deacon Tom Coyle

It is with much sadness that we announce the death of Deacon Tom Coyle, who died in hospital in Chester on Friday 28th July 2023. Details regarding the funeral arrangements will be available soon in the <https://stswithuns.org.uk/event/dr-18022023> website. May he rest in peace and rise in glory