



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



17th March 2024 [Cycle B Year 2]

5th Sunday of Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34 | Psalm 50

Hebrews 5:7-9 | John 12:20-33



This Sunday's readings encourage us to stir from our own darkness and turn towards growth and transformation out of pain and suffering.

The prophet Jeremiah makes a great proclamation: 'See, the days are coming ... when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel'. God's eternal covenant of love and forgiveness is written deep within our hearts (First Reading).

It is because of this same promise, that Christ became human to share with us in our suffering, forever praying for us and with us (Second Reading). In Christ, all suffering and death are transfigured into growth and new life through his resurrection.

This Sunday's Psalm would have been familiar to Jesus as he prayed for us during his time on earth, earnestly encouraging us to turn from our sinful ways towards God's love and compassion.

In the Gospel, Jesus speaks of the personal suffering and death that he will soon be facing. He knows that he could ask his Father to save him from this fate, but instead he willingly makes a choice that leads to our salvation. Jesus invites us to follow his way of living. It is not an easy path to travel, but Christ is always with us, helping and sustaining us.

Let us pray for each other that through God's infinite grace, we will remain true to the law of love that is written deep within us.

Taken from St Beuno's Outreach

Holy Communion for the sick and housebound

After 9am Sunday Mass, Holy Communion is taken to two of our parishioners, Michael Colairo and Phyllis Cavey. If you know of anyone requiring Holy Communion at home, please contact Gerry McGinley or Fr Anthony.

St Margaret's Food Bank top 10 priority items in March:

- Small Jars of Coffee • Small Bags of Sugar (500g) • Tinned Meat such as Beef, Chicken, Ham • Jars of Jam • Tinned Tomatoes • Packet Custard requiring only water • Tinned Rice Pudding • Tin Openers
- Unisex Deodorant • J Cloths & Kitchen Sponge Scourers.



1st Prize £50 no. 134

2nd Prize £25 no. 13

3rd Prize £10 no. 89

Gift Aid Donors.

The new boxes of weekly envelopes are now available for collection in the meeting area. If you donate by Standing Order there are second collection envelopes for you too! Any queries, please contact Marian Thurley via the Parish Office or at:

carshaltonbeechesgac@rcaos.org.uk

Mass Intentions and Diary for the week

Friday 15	9.30am	Lucrecia Sabina DeSousa RIP
Saturday 16	9.30am	Mass
	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	The McGinley Family
Sunday 17 5th Sunday St Patrick (Psalm Week 1)	9am	Hugh & Brendan Hargreaves RIP (YMG)
	11am	Mass (CC)
Monday 18	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday 19	9.30am	Mass
	7pm	Stations of the Cross
Wednesday 20	9.30am	Mass
	6pm	Youth Music Group
	7.30pm	Practice
	8pm	Central Choir Practice Bible Study
Thursday 21	9.30am	Mass
	7.30pm	Folk Choir Practice
Friday 22	9.30am	Mass
Saturday 23	9.30am	Mary Lucy Manuel
	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	Mass
Sunday 24 Palm Sunday	9am	Mass (FC)
	11am	Hugh Hargreaves RIP (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.

Prayer requests: Michael Begley, Elizabeth Margaret Cuffy, Michelle Caley, Paul Ford, Michael Colairo, Richard Neal, Paula Seradi, Maria Luisa Mappley, Sheila Sharp, Michal Pacala, Michael Rowback, Kristine Harvey, and Margaret Fox.

Bishops support amendment to Victims and Prisoners Bill

The amendment to the Bill, currently at the Committee Stage in the House of Lords, requires the central collection and publication of data that shows the number of primary carers in the prison system, how many children they are responsible for, as well as the ages of those children. According to Catholic Bishop Richard Moth, and Anglican Bishop Rachel Treweek this will help society understand the "devastating consequences" that the imprisonment of a primary caregiver can have on a child.



Saint of the Month – Saint Patrick

Saint Patrick is the Patron Saint of Ireland. At the age of 16 he was captured by Irish raiders from his home in Britain (probably in Cumbria) and taken to Ireland. While enslaved, he worked as a shepherd and strengthened his relationship with God through prayer. After six years in slavery, he escaped and returned to his family. Following a vision, Saint Patrick later returned to spread Christianity in Ireland where he baptised many converts, ordained priests and inspired female converts to enter the religious life. He became the first Bishop of

Armagh and Primate of Ireland. He is said to have fasted for 40 days on the mountain at Croagh Patrick (Cruach Padraig). The site now attracts many pilgrims, particularly on the last Sunday in July. His body is said to be buried in Down Cathedral in Downpatrick, County Down. Legend credits St Patrick with banishing snakes from Ireland and teaching his listeners about the Holy Trinity by showing them a shamrock. His feast day is celebrated on 17 March.

An Invitation to sing at the Chrism Mass 2024

The Chrism Mass will take place on Wednesday 27th March, at St George's Cathedral (SE1 6HR). All music will be provided on the rehearsal day, with tea and coffee provided. No previous singing experience is necessary - all are welcome.

The rehearsal will take place on Saturday 23rd March in the Amigo Hall at St George's Cathedral. Rehearsal 10.30am-1pm (with break). Then on Wednesday 27th March, a second rehearsal will take place in the Cathedral 10-10.45am before the Service which begins at 11.30am ending around 2pm. To register please fill out the following form: <https://forms.gle/PmzxejSRCuCPdU17>

One hundred schools achieve 'LiveSimply' Award

The LiveSimply Award, recognises schools and parishes that pledge to live simply, sustainably and in solidarity with the world's poorest communities. This accomplishment is a testament to the commitment and dedication of over 30,000 pupils in primary and secondary schools across England and Wales. All Catholic schools and colleges within England and Wales are invited to join the LiveSimply movement. For more information see:

www.cafod.org.uk/livesimplyschoools

Film: Cabrini

You may have noticed the striking bronze of St Francesca Cabrini, popularly known as Mother Cabrini, in St George's Cathedral in Southwark. A sickly Italian nun, with a passion for the poor, she became one of the first American citizens to be canonised as a saint. When she arrived in America, she was told she only

had two years to live because of her damaged lungs. But she defied the doctors too and lived until she was 67! Her legacy remains today in a huge network of hospitals, schools and orphanages round the world. Watch the official trailer here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=uuFkt3w-7kl



Join us for Easter

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Monday March 25th
7.30pm Reconciliation Service

Maundy Thursday March 28th
7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday March 29th
10am Stations of the Cross for children
11.30am Ecumenical Procession of Witness
(from Carshalton Methodist Church)
2.30pm Start of Divine Mercy Novena
3pm Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday March 30th
2pm Blessing of Polish Easter Baskets
8pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday March 31st
Masses at 9am & 11am

www.stmargaretcarshaltonh.co.uk

The Passion of Jesus in Trafalgar Square (Good Friday)

On 29th March performances are at 12 noon and 3:15 pm. This is FREE for everyone and no tickets are required. In addition, the Soul Sanctuary Choir will be singing before the 12 noon performance. Do come and help us on the day - as a Roman Soldier or as an audience guide. If you would like to be a part of it, email: admin@wintershall.org.uk

or see: <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/passion-jesus>

Cathedral Mass celebrating your marriage

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th or any later wedding anniversary this year, you are invited to renew your marriage vows at a Mass to be celebrated at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, at 3pm on July 13. Close family members can attend with you. In order to receive a personal invitation from Archbishop John, email: mflsw@rcaos.org.uk with the following details: your full names, address, phone number, anniversary being celebrated and parish. The deadline for applying is May 31.

Making a new start

Beginning Experience is a residential weekend programme for widowed, separated and divorced people which helps participants with natural feelings of grief and loss. The weekend is led by trained volunteers who have experienced having to adjust to life as single people again. The next programme will be on April 12-14. For details phone 0208 647 4760 or email: besouthofengland@gmail.com

On Saturday 23rd March, the Vigil of Palm Sunday

Please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this country. Through God's grace we have seen thousands of mothers in our counselling centre continue their pregnancies in very difficult circumstances. Please help us to help save lives with your prayers, fasting and support. www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

Sutton Neighbourhood Watch

Help combat crime and antisocial behaviour. You are urged to join Sutton Neighbourhood Watch. This can be easily done at: www.SuttonNeighbourhoodWatch.co.uk/register/.

How to listen to Radio Maria:

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'The child deaths we feared are here, as malnutrition ravages the Gaza Strip.' UNICEF