



St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors



2nd April 2023 [Cycle A Year 1]

Palm Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 50:4-7 | Psalm 22

Philippians 2:6-11 | Matthew 26:14-27:66

"All this has come to pass that the writings of the prophets may be fulfilled," Jesus says in today's Gospel (see Matthew 26:56). Indeed, we have reached the climax of the liturgical year, the highest peak of salvation history, when all that has been anticipated and promised is to be fulfilled. By the close of today's long Gospel, the work of our redemption will have been accomplished: the new covenant will be written in the blood of His broken body hanging on the Cross at the place called the Skull.

In His Passion, Jesus is "counted among the wicked," as Isaiah had foretold (see Isaiah 53:12). He is revealed definitively as the Suffering Servant the prophet announced, the long-awaited Messiah whose words of obedience and faith ring out in today's First Reading and Psalm. The taunts and torments we hear in these two readings punctuate the Gospel as Jesus is beaten and mocked (see Matthew 27:31), as His hands and feet are pierced, as enemies gamble for His clothes (see Matthew 27:35), and as His enemies dare Him to prove His divinity by saving Himself from suffering (see Matthew 27:39-44).

He remains faithful to God's will to the end. He does not turn back in His trial. He gives Himself freely to His torturers, confident that, as He speaks in today's First Reading, "The Lord God is My help . . . I shall not be put to shame." Destined to sin and death as children of Adam's disobedience, we have been set free for holiness and life by Christ's perfect obedience to the Father's will (see Romans 5:12-14, 17-19; Ephesians 2:2; 5:6). This is why God greatly exalted Him. This is why we have salvation in His name. Following His example of humble obedience in the trials and crosses of our lives, we know we will never be forsaken. We know, as the centurion realizes today, that truly this is the Son of God (see Matthew 27:54).

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



Mass Intentions and Diary for the week

Friday 31	9.30am	Chad Legere WB
Saturday 1	8am	Lenten Prayer Breakfast
	9.30am	Arputham, Joseph & Arullete RIP
	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady
Sunday 2	6pm	Pat & Tony Larsen RIP
	9am	Mrs Mathew RIP (YC)
Palm Sunday	11am	Vic Heard RIP (CC)
<i>[Psalm Wk 2]</i>		
Monday 3	9.30am	Gwen Soane WB
Tuesday 4	9.30am	Bernadette Senghore TG
	6.45pm	Lenten Reflection (PACT)
	7pm	Stations of the cross
Wednesday 5	9.30am	Richard Neal WB
	6pm	Youth Choir Practice
	7pm	Central Choir Practice
	8pm	Bible Study
Thursday 6	9.30am	NO Mass
	6pm	Folk Choir Practice
Friday 7	7.30pm	Mass of The Lord's Supper
	10.00am	Stations of the Cross for Children
	11.30am	Ecumenical Walk of Witness
Saturday 8	2.30pm	Start of Divine Mercy Novena
	3pm	Passion of the Lord
	2pm	Blessing of the Polish Easter Baskets
	5.15am	Devotion to Our Lady
Sunday 9	8pm	Rosemary & Martin London RIP
	9am	Peter & Estella Begley TG (FC)
	11am	Heard Family (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: Albie Shahpazov, Paul Ford, Michael Colairo, Richard Neal, Catherine Roberts, Paula Seradi, Maria Luisa Mapple, Sheila Sharp, Michal Pacala, Hilda Gill, Michael Rowback, Max & Isabelle Mifsud, Kristine Harvey, and Margaret Fox. Please also pray for those whose anniversaries occur this month.

Join us for Easter

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He gave Himself for us

Maundy Thursday April 6th

7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

He died for us

Good Friday April 7th

10am Stations of the Cross for children

11.30am Ecumenical Procession of Witness

(starting at Carshalton Methodist Church)

2.30pm Start of Divine Mercy Novena

3pm Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday April 8th

2pm Blessing of Polish Easter Baskets

8pm Easter Vigil Mass

He rose for us

Easter Sunday April 9th

Masses at 9am & 11am



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Archbishop issues a challenge for us

Archbishop John Wilson launched Caritas Southwark, the new social action organisation for the archdiocese. At the special Mass in St George's Cathedral, Archbishop Wilson challenged his parishes and schools to consider how they are serving those most at need in the community: "I ask every parish and school in our Archdiocese to take up a new outreach to people who face poverty, homelessness, isolation, and rejection. From small seeds, mighty trees can grow to provide shelter from the burning heat of pain and suffering. So, let us plant seeds of practical love.....Let us do something for our community, for those beyond the walls of our churches. Let us build partnerships and work collaboratively. Let us create opportunities to call forth the gifts and talents of the people of our Archdiocese, especially young people in our parishes and schools, in loving and humble service of others."

The full text can be found at:

<https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/46800>

Archdiocesan Youth Day

A youth day for (10-16 year olds) will take place at St. George's Cathedral on Saturday 22nd April. The day will include a mixture of faith input, food, prayer and sport/crafts. Please see our website at <https://tinyurl.com/aprilyouthday> for further details and how to register. Please contact youth@rcaos.org.uk for further information.

Feast of the Annunciation

Below are some words of the Holy Father from a recent General Audience, regarding last Saturday's celebration of the Annunciation: "The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord will be celebrated on Saturday and our thoughts turn to March 25 of last year, when, in union with all the Bishops of the world, the Church and humanity were consecrated, especially Russia and the Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Let us never tire of entrusting the cause of peace to the Queen of Peace. I therefore wish to invite each believer and community, especially prayer groups, to renew the act of consecration to Our Lady every March 25, so that she, who is a Mother, may keep us all in unity and peace. And let us not forget, in these days, battered Ukraine, which is suffering so much."

Biblical roots of the Hail Mary

As Catholics we all know the Hail Mary prayer but some Christians do not know this prayer. In discussion with such Christians or anyone else, it may help to explain its Biblical derivation:

Hail Mary, full of Grace

Luke 1:28 (Hail, full of Grace)

The Lord is with You

Luke 1:28 (The Lord is with you)

Blessed are you among Women

Luke 1:41 (Blessed are you among women)

And Blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus

Luke 1:42 (and blessed is the fruit of your womb)

Holy Mary, Mother of God

Luke 1:43 (And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?)

Pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death

James 5:16 (Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects)

Community Outreach

As part of our ongoing plan, St Margaret's will be praying for the residents on East Drive (even numbers) during the month of April. Cards will be put through residents' letter boxes informing them of this.

Sir Harold Hood Memorial Lecture

The lecture this year will explore a Christian response to the justice system. Dr Chijioke Nwalozie (Senior Lecturer in Criminology at De Montfort University) is the guest lecturer. There will be an opportunity to hear from those with lived experiences of prison and a performance from the wonderful Soul Sanctuary Gospel Choir as well as an opportunity to talk further over a canape reception. This very special event will be held at Maria Fidelis Catholic School, Drummond Crescent, London NW1 1LY on the evening of Wednesday 24th May from 6pm – 8.30pm. More information at:

<https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/Event/sir-harold-hood-lecture-2023>

King Charles Coronation

Our Bishops' Conference requests that on Friday 5th May 2023 each parish celebrates a Mass for His Majesty the King to mark his Coronation. At the end of Mass (after the Prayer after Communion and before the Final Blessing) a special 'Prayer for the King' is to be said. (More details nearer the occasion).

St Cuthbert

The Tablet reports that St Cuthbert combined aristocratic origins with admirable ascetism. Apparently, the saint built for himself an oratory and circular cell. Attached to this was a "small shed...big enough for his daily requirements" – in other words, a latrine. This was flushed by the waves which crashed into the rocks beneath. Cuthbert asked the Lindisfarne monks to provide a wooden plank on which to rest his saintly backside." This they forgot to do and according to Bede, the next morning, "a piece of wood the correct length was thrown up by the tide under the site of the shed". This prompted the negligent Lindisfarne monks to "marvel at the sanctity of a man whom the very elements obeyed". This maybe the only miracle to involve a lavatory seat.

Becoming a Catholic

Whether you are coming to Christianity for the first time or seeking to enter full communion with the Catholic Church from a different tradition, our parish programme for adults wishing to become Catholics may be for you; to learn more please speak to Fr Anthony.



Last Wednesday was World Water Day! Water is essential for us all and in the UK we take access to it for granted. In Bethlehem the situation is very different and water availability in the Bethlehem Area has dramatically worsened within the last year. Access to water is becoming more restricted and made worse as many of the main pipelines have been damaged by conflict. Repairs often take months. As a result, currently access to water is granted once every three weeks and then only for two days. You can help by donating to the FHL water tank project at: <https://tinyurl.com/5n93xbps>

Southwark Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 18th-25th August.

Message from Bishop Paul: I warmly invite you to join us."

For details, please see:

<https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/southwark-ca>