



St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

Fir Tree Grove, Carshalton, SM5 4NG

Parochial Administrator: Fr Anthony Uche, JCD

Committed to 'Churches Together in England'

Sunday Masses: 6.00pm (Sat), 9am & 11am
 Weekday Masses: 9.30am (& 9.30am Sat)
 Holy Days of Obligation: 9.30am & 7.30pm
 Sacrament of Reconciliation:

tel: 0208 669 6483
 mobile: 0737 635 0370
 email: carshaltonbeeches@rcaos.org.uk
 web: www.stmargaretcarshaltonb.co.uk
 Safeguarding Officer: Andrea Fernandes
 email: carshaltonbeechesg3a@safeguardrcaos.org.uk

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

A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors



6th August 2023 [Cycle A Year 1]

Eighteenth Sunday

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 | Psalm 97

2 Peter 1:16-19 | Matthews 17:1-9

High on the holy mountain in today's Gospel, the true identity of Jesus is fully revealed in His transfiguration.

Standing between Moses and the prophet Elijah, Jesus is the bridge that joins the Law of Moses to the prophets and psalms (see Luke 24:24-27). As Moses did, Jesus climbs a mountain with three named friends and beholds God's glory in a cloud (see Exodus 24:1, 9, 15). As Elijah did, He hears God's voice on the mountain (see 1 Kings 19:8-19).

Elijah was prophesied to return as the herald of the Messiah and the Lord's new covenant (see Malachi 3:1, 23-24). Jesus is revealed today as that Messiah. By His death and resurrection, which He intimates today to the Apostles, He makes a new covenant with all creation.

The majestic voice declares Jesus to be God's own beloved Son, in whom the Father is well pleased (see Psalm 2:7). God here gives us a glimpse of His inner life. In the cloud of the Holy Spirit, the Father reveals His love for the Son, and invites us to share in that love as His beloved sons and daughters.

Shadowed by the clouds of heaven, His clothes dazzling white, Jesus is the Son of Man whom Daniel foresees being enthroned in today's First Reading.

He is the king, the Lord of all the earth, as we sing in today's Psalm. But is He truly the Lord of our hearts and minds?

The last word God speaks from heaven today is a command— "Listen to Him" (see Deuteronomy 18:15-19). The Word of the Lord should be like a lamp shining in the darkness of our days, as Peter tells us in today's Second Reading.

How well are we listening? Do we attend to His word each day? Let us today rededicate ourselves to listening. Let us hear Him as the word of life, the bright morning star of divine life waiting to arise in our hearts (see Revelation 2:28; 22:16).

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

Celebrating 60 years of marriage

At the 11.00 Mass this Sunday Pauline and Gerald Soane will be celebrating 60 years of happy marriage. Their eldest son Fr Andrew will be concelebrating. They invite you to join them after Mass for a glass of Prosecco etc. Congratulations to both of them.

Schools out for Summer!

Wishing everyone a very happy holiday season.



Mass Intentions and Diary for the week

Friday 4 <i>St John Vianney</i>	9.30am 12.30pm 7pm	Philip Howard TG Mass for the Sick Wholehearted Choral Adoration
Saturday 5	9.30am 5.15pm 6pm	Mass Devotion to Our Lady Mass
Sunday 6 <i>Transfiguration of the Lord (Psalm Wk 2)</i>	9am 11am	Ned Delaney RIP Gerald & Pauline Soane TG (CC)
Monday 7	9.30am	John Studznsky BT
Tuesday 8 <i>St Dominic</i>	9.30am	People of the Parish
Wednesday 9	9.30am 6pm 7.30pm	Mass Youth Choir Practice Central Choir Practice
Thursday 10	9.30am	Lloyd Alexis BT
Friday 11 <i>St Clare</i>	9.30am	Mass
Saturday 12	9.30am 5.15pm 6pm	Mass Devotion to Our Lady Mass
Sunday 13 <i>Nineteenth</i>	9am 11am	Mass (YC) Mass (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.



Award for St Margaret's

Fr Anthony submitted an application for a grant from the Archbishop's Appeal Fund. This year the fund aims to support Youth, Evangelisation and Social Outreach. In line with these objectives, our project "Fan the Gifts into Flame" will 'illuminate and empower our volunteers and parishioners to bear lasting fruits'. Thankfully the submission was well received and an amount of £3000 has been allocated to our project. Fr Anthony has appointed Adrianna Furtado as project manager. A project team is working to define in detail what is to be delivered."



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

Plans for Assumption

Plans for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary here in St Margaret's will be published shortly. These will include additional Masses for both August 14th and 15th and a number of other services and events. Full details will be contained in printed flyers which will be available at this weekend's Masses.

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 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 18th.

Remembering Hiroshima & Nagasaki

6 & 9 August

Pope Francis:

*'a world without nuclear weapons
is possible and necessary'*

Find local events at www.paxchristi.org.uk/events



Oppenheimer Film

The Catholic Herald reports: With the release of the film 'Oppenheimer' and the anniversary next month of the nuclear holocaust perpetrated on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, it's worth recalling authoritative criticism of such actions. The Vatican II document 'Gaudium et Spes', reaffirming earlier teaching, prominently condemned such acts, stating, "Any act of war aimed indiscriminately at the destruction of entire cities or of extensive areas along with their population is a crime against God and man himself, and merits unequivocal and unhesitating condemnation".

You can watch the official trailer to the new film here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=bK6ldnjE3Y0

[Note there is also a poignant documentary currently available on the BBC iPlayer entitled 'The Trials of Oppenheimer'.]

Wonersh Seminary remembered

On 20th July 2023, Archbishop John Wilson presided over Solemn Vespers of St John in Saint George's Cathedral, Southwark, marking the final liturgy in honour of the venerable institution of St John's Seminary in Wonersh which formally closed in 2021.

Pope's prayer intentions for August

This month Pope Francis focuses on the upcoming World Youth Day in Lisbon. In his message he invites young people to set aside fear and embark on a joyful journey to bear witness to Christ in our world. In the video Pope Francis responds to questions from several young people from around the world, from the Philippines, Brazil, and the Ivory Coast. You can watch the video here:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=zWw66s-V2k&t=52s

Justice and Peace

Southwark Justice and Peace Commission Autumn Assembly will take place on Saturday 23rd September 2023 at St Edmund Catholic Church, Beckenham. Mass at 10am followed by a programme entitled 'The Right to Stay: Free to Choose'. Entrance free. Lunch provided. Everyone welcome. Keynote speaker Bishop Paul McAleenan. To reserve a place email: justiceandpeace@rcaos.org

Freedom of Speech

Professor Arif Ahmed has been appointed as the first Director for Freedom of Speech and Academic Freedom at the Office for Students. His role was created as part of the Government's Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Act that was passed earlier this year. The Catholic Union has wasted no time in writing to him to take action about "serious problems" experienced by Catholic staff and students at universities. The Catholic Union argues that universities need to be welcoming places for people of faith.

Christians killed in Manipur

More than 100 people, largely Christians, have been killed so far in India's north eastern state of Manipur. Archbishop Joseph Pamplany of Tellicherry, (part of India's Syro-Malabar Church which is in communion with Rome), has charged that the violence in Manipur amounts to "ethnic cleansing of Christians". He went on to challenge India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi to defend his claim during a recent meeting with US President Joe Biden that there is no religious discrimination in India.

CTIC stall at Eco-Fair

Christians Together in Carshalton (CTIC) will have a stall at the Eco-Fair that will be held on bank holiday Monday 28th August in Carshalton Park. The theme of the stall is not yet fixed but the intention is to link it with the aims of the fair. So, something like 'Climate Justice - Protecting God's Creation' might be chosen. If you would like to help, contact Theresa Fox via the parish office.

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC)

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children needs Volunteers to help with labelling and packing letters and other office duties at our HQ office in Kennington, London SE11 4AB. Suit all ages 16 and over. Lunch is provided and fares will be refunded. Please contact Elizabeth Foody on 02070917091 or lizfoody@spuc.org.uk.