



St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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Committed to 'Churches Together in England'

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A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors



20th October 2024 [Cycle B Year 2]
Twenty-Ninth Sunday
Isaiah 53: 10-11 | Psalm 32: 4-5, 18-20
Hebrews 4: 14-16 | Mark 10: 35-45



As we contemplate Jesus as the Servant King, our readings today challenge us to consider themes of service and sacrifice. The First Reading comes from Isaiah's fourth song of the suffering servant. Although the servant is rejected because of the message he proclaims, and will suffer because of it, his sufferings will 'justify many'.

The Psalm encourages us to look with hope to the Lord always, especially in challenging times. We can trust in his merciful and loving help, for he is 'Our help and Our shield'. The Second Reading then reminds us that we can trust even more in finding mercy and grace in times of trouble, because Jesus shared in our humanity. Although he remained without sin, he knows all that human nature brings, including the temptations.

The Gospel brings us full circle as Jesus again speaks of the sacrifice that he, 'The Son of Man', will make. We see James and John approach Jesus seeking a share in his glory. He foretells the suffering that they, like him, will face, and reminds us all that, above all else, we must serve those in need.

Taken from St Beuno's Outreach

World Mission Sunday (20th October 2024)

This day is set aside for the Catholic Church throughout the world to publicly renew its commitment to the missionary movement, coordinated by the Pontifical Mission Societies, who are also known as Missio. The second collection will be for Missio.

Day of Retreat at Sacred Heart Church, SW19 4LU

For all Mass Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the SW London Area, on Saturday 19th October 11.00am-4.00pm. Register by email to:

wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk (Don't forget a packed lunch).

Our Racial and Cultural Inclusion Toolkit is now available

You can find this new booklet on our website at:

<https://www.stmargaretcarshaltonb.co.uk/documents>

and then select option '1 Ministries'.

Schools Competition: 'Jubilee: Pilgrims of Hope'

Columban Missionaries have launched their 2024/2025 Schools Media Competition, which has the title: 'Jubilee: Pilgrims of Hope'. Encouraging creativity and faith engagement with issues in the world today, this year's competition welcomes both written and image entries until 7 February 2025, with winners being announced on 10 March 2025. Young people are invited to highlight one community or group bringing hope in the world today. For more information see: www.columbancompetition.com/

Southwark Cathedral Choirs.

Video recordings of many beloved hymns have been released by the St George's Cathedral Choirs to promote the power of worship through music and song. Available at:

<https://tinyurl.com/nytphcv>

Mass Intentions and Diary for the week		
Friday 18	9.30am	Mass, Souls in Purgatory
<i>St Luke</i>		
Saturday 19	9.30am	Mass, Margaret Lester (RIP)
	10.15am	Legion of Mary
	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	Vigil Mass, People of the Parish
Sunday 20	8.40am	Rosary
<i>World Mission Sunday</i>	9am	Mass, Tanja Levine (RIP)
<i>(Psalm week 1)</i>	11am	Mass, Legion of Mary PI (CC)
Monday 21	9.30am	Mass
	6pm	Confirmation class
Tuesday 22	9.30am	Mass, D'Casta Family RIP
	7.30pm	"Secrets of Paul" course
Wednesday 23	9.30am	Mass
	6pm	Youth Music Group Practice
	7.30pm	Central Choir Practice
	8pm	Bible study via zoom
Thursday 24	9.30am	Mass, Mark Roffey (RIP)
	7.30pm	NO Folk Choir Practice
Friday 25	9.30am	Mass, Jorge Family RIP
Saturday 26	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am	Legion of Mary
	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 27	8.40am	Rosary
<i>30th Sunday</i>	9am	Mass, Peggie Mullahy (RIP)
		(FC)
	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: Anne Towner, Ted Hewson, Fr Henry, Neil Ockenden, Keith Ockenden, Maria Furtado, Tom O'Regan, Michael Begley, Elizabeth Margaret Cuffy, Annabelle Colairo, Paul Ford, Michael Colairo, Richard Neal, Paula Seradi, Maria Luisa Mappley, Sheila Sharp, Michal Pacala, Michael Rowback, Kristine Harvey and Margaret Fox.



Drawn in October 2024

1st Prize: £50 Winner number: 89

2nd Prize: £25 Winner number: 65

3rd Prize: £10 Winner number: 139

Quarterly Prize: £50 Winner number: 88



Pax Christi International has issued the following statement:

'What we are witnessing in the Holy Land, with ramifications across the Middle East, has its roots in over a century of conflict. Each escalation serves as clear evidence that war only breeds further hatred, division, and tension, providing no real solutions. The rising death toll, attacks on hospitals and schools, rampant hate speech and discrimination are undeniable proof that suffering only begets more suffering.'

The statement ends: 'Today, we pray for a just peace, in which we firmly believe. We also pray for decision-makers, faith leaders, and citizens to take a bold stand in favour of peace.' You can read the full declaration at: <https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/50803>

Growing roles for women in the Church

The subject of women and their role in the Catholic Church, was central to a conversation Pope Francis had with 150 Jesuits from Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands, during his recent Apostolic Visit. Responding to one Jesuit's question about "the difficulty of giving women a more just and adequate place in the Church," Pope Francis said: "I see women blessed with charisms, and I do not want to limit the discussion of women's role in the Church to the topic of ministry," The Pope stressed that at this point in time, he is trying "more and more to bring women into the Vatican with roles of higher and higher responsibility." "Things are changing," he said. "You can see and feel it." You can read the full transcript of the Pope's conversation with Jesuits during his visit to Brussels here: www.laciviltacattolica.com/do-not-be-afraid/

21 new cardinals announced including Tim Radcliffe

There has been a widespread welcome to the news that Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP, is now a Cardinal elect. After the consistory on 8th December, the Catholic Church in England and Wales will have four of its members in the College of Cardinals. He will join Cardinal Arthur Roche, Prefect of the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, the Archbishop of Westminster Cardinal Vincent Nichols and Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald, former Prefect of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue.

Pope's letter on the role of literature in formation

Pope Francis writes: "I had originally chosen to give this Letter a title referring to priestly formation. On further reflection, however, this subject also applies to the formation of all those engaged in pastoral work, indeed of all Christians. What I would like to address here is the value of reading novels and poems as part of one's path to personal maturity." You can read further at: <https://tinyurl.com/Ser9r9ry>

ACN Student Day at Buckfast Abbey 9th Nov 2024

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is holding a conference for students and young adults aged 16 and above to offer insight and training in the skills of advocacy. The day will consist of advocacy workshops, Mass for persecuted Christians in the Abbey, a private Abbey tour and an opportunity to socialise with other students. Reserve your place via email to: steve.riedlinger@acnuk.org

Fr Anthony recommends this week that parishioners read:

Proverbs Chapter 8 verses 1-12.

"Care and compassion towards those who are sick in mind, body and soul are central to what it means to follow Christ."

Bishop Paul Mason, Lead Bishop for Mental Health, in a statement for World Mental Health Day, (Thursday, 10th Oct)

Take action against assisted suicide

Cardinal Nichols asks Catholics to "have discussions with family, friends and colleagues. And pray." He adds: "Please remember: be careful what you wish for; the right to die can become a duty to die; being forgetful of God belittles our humanity." Read his pastoral letter at:

<https://tinyurl.com/y7s42dvr>

Baroness Hollins, President of the Catholic Union appeals for our help in opposing the 'Choice at the End of Life' Bill in two ways:

First, please write to your MP in your own words – not more than one page – sharing your own experiences and views. MPs will have a free vote and so will be interested to hear what you have to say."

"Second it seems to me essential that even if this bill is passed, doctors and nurses should not be turned into the providers of lethal injections or other deliberate forms of what will be euthanasia. It would quickly break their professional integrity and upend patient trust. It would be good also therefore if we could tell our MPs that even if they are minded to support the bill, deliberately ending a life is not a job for doctors, the NHS or private hospitals. And, even if they support the bill it needs to be amended to protect doctors and nurses by creating a new highly regulated profession outside the health and social care system. And the impact on vulnerable communities must be a matter of public record with regular reporting to Parliament."

Church in 2024 Survey

Please take a moment to respond to Church in 2024 Survey. It builds on the two surveys run during the Covid-19 pandemic in partnership with York St John University. The survey has several aims, namely to:

- listen to the opinions of clergy and churchgoers on long-standing issues that have been discussed for some time;
- explore in detail, beliefs about more recent issues such as climate change and living in a synodical manner; and
- assess how churches are coping since the end of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Church in 2024 Survey is seeking Catholic responses. Follow this link for more information: <https://tinyurl.com/5e5ej57b>

Attending church services will extend your life

American documentary maker Don Buettner has investigated regions in the world known for having the longest average lifespan. Researchers interviewed 263 centenarians — people who had lived to the age of 100 — and found all but five "belonged to some faith-based community." His conclusion is that attending Church regularly will lengthen your life more than diet or exercise. You can find out more at: <https://tinyurl.com/2uppyntnu>

Police called for 'suspicious youths' on church roof

Police were called to St Peter Mancroft Church in Norwich recently when a passerby misidentified the Bishop of Norwich, Rt Rev Graham Usher, and his colleagues as "suspicious youths" on the roof. Bishop Graham was visiting to celebrate the church's eco-friendly upgrades, including 48 solar panels, heat pumps, batteries, and LED lighting, as part of the Church of England's goal to achieve net zero by 2030.

Thanks, from PACT for the donations made last weekend