



St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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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



1st September 2024 [Cycle B Year 2]
Twenty-Second Sunday
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 | Psalm 14: 2-5
James 1: 17-18 | Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15



Mass Intentions and Diary for the week

Friday 30	9.30am	Mass, Chimdiuto Chukwuemeka GP	
Saturday 31	9.30am	Mass, Chukwumemerie Chukwuemeka GP	
	10.15am	Legion of Mary	
	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady	
	6pm	Vigil Mass, Joyce Taylor RIP	
Sunday 01 22 nd Sunday (Psalm week 2)	9am	Mass, Italo De Martin RIP (YMG)	
	11am	Mass, Vic Heard RIP (CC)	
Monday 02	9.30am	Mass, Chukwubundum Chukwuemeka GP	
Tuesday 03 St Gregory	9.30am	Mass, People of God	
	Wednesday 04	9.30am	Mass, Akachukwu Chukwuemeka GP
		6pm	Youth Music Group Practice
Thursday 05	7.30pm	Central Choir Practice	
	9.30am	Mass	
	7.30pm	Folk Choir Practice	
Friday 06 First Friday	9.30am	Mass	
	12.30pm	Mass for the Sick	
	7pm	Whole-hearted choral adoration	
Saturday 07	9.30am	Mass	
	10.15am	Legion of Mary	
	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady	
	6pm	Vigil Mass	
Sunday 08 23 rd Sunday Education Sunday	9am	Mass, People of the Parish (FC)	
	11am	Mass, Adrian Paul DeSousa 90th Birthday (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: Bernadette Hide, Ted Hewson, Fr Henry, Neil Ockenden, Keith Ockenden, Maria Furtado, Tom O'Regan, Mary Ryan, Connie Harrington, 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.

Today's Gospel casts Jesus in a prophetic light as one having authority to interpret God's law.

Jesus' quotation from Isaiah today is ironic (see Isaiah 29:13). In observing the law, the Pharisees honour God by ensuring that nothing unclean passes their lips. In this, however, they've turned the law inside out, making it a matter of simply performing certain external actions.

The gift of the law, which we hear God giving to Israel in today's First Reading, is fulfilled in Jesus' Gospel, which shows us the law's true meaning and purpose (see Matthew 5:17).

The law, fulfilled in the Gospel, is meant to form our hearts, to make us pure, able to live in the Lord's presence. The law was given that we might live and enter into the inheritance promised to us—the kingdom of God, eternal life.

Israel, by its observance of the law, was meant to be an example to surrounding nations. As James tells us in today's Epistle, the Gospel was given to us that we might have new birth by the Word of truth. By living the Word we've received, we're to be examples of God's wisdom to those around us, the "first fruits" of a new humanity.

This means we must be "doers" of the Word, not merely hearers of it. As we sing in today's Psalm and hear again in today's Epistle, we must work for justice, taking care of our brothers and sisters and living by the truth God has placed in our hearts.

The Word given to us is a perfect gift. We should not add to it through vain and needless devotions. Nor should we subtract from it by picking and choosing which of His laws to honour.

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

Community Outreach

During the month of September, St Margaret's will be praying for residents in Sussex Road (odd numbers 1- 65). Cards will be put through residents' letterboxes informing them of this.

Our Renewal Prayer Group's Pilgrimage to Corinth next year (Friday 25th April - Friday 2nd May 2025)

Spend a week on the 'Saronic Gulf' looking east towards Athens right by the southern entrance to the Corinth Canal. Just a few metres from here is Kenchraei harbour where St Paul would have sailed from Athens on his way to stay with the believers in Corinth from 50 - 52AD. More information in the flyer available at: <https://tinyurl.com/mwcr7x6>

Help with floral decorations in our church

Would you like to join our team of persons who create wonderful flower arrangements in our church? If so, please contact Yumna via the parish office.

Learn about God's extraordinary plan for your marriage



If you are considering marriage, join the Conjugal Love Project that is commencing here at St Margaret's on Friday 20th September at 8pm. Subsequently there will be monthly meetings which are following the Catechesis of John Paul II on the theology of the body.

If you have a prayer that you would like to see in this newsletter, please send an email with the prayer to:

carshaltonbeechesppc@rcaos.org.uk

CAFOD: Statement on escalating violence in Gaza and West Bank

"CAFOD is deeply appalled by the catastrophic loss of over 40,000 lives in Gaza, predominantly women and children, in the ongoing conflict between Israel and Hamas. As hopes for an imminent ceasefire fade, this tragic toll underscores the urgent need for peace. We demand an immediate, permanent ceasefire to halt further loss of life, allow critical aid to reach those in desperate need, and secure the safe return of hostages."

"The escalating violence in the West Bank, including deadly attacks on Palestinian villages, is equally alarming and must be addressed alongside the situation in Gaza. This violence against civilians violates basic human rights and exacerbates the crisis.... The situation is dire, with food, water, shelter, and sanitation needs at critical levels."

"We call on the UK government and world leaders to support these humanitarian efforts and pursue lasting peace. As Pope Francis has said, 'War is always a defeat for humanity.' The UK must urgently leverage its diplomatic influence to demand a ceasefire and ensure accountability in line with international law." To support CAFOD's Israel Palestine emergency appeal see:

<https://cafod.org.uk/?form=israelipalestiniacrisis>

Compensation for wrongful arrest over silent prayer

Police have paid £13,000 in compensation to a Catholic woman who was wrongfully arrested for praying silently outside an abortion clinic. West Midlands Police conceded claims of two wrongful arrests of Isabel Vaughan-Spruce, along with false imprisonments, assault and battery in relation to an intrusive search, a breach of her human rights and to the onerous bail conditions they imposed on her. Ms Vaughan-Spruce said: "Silent prayer is not a crime. Nobody should be arrested merely for the thoughts they have in their heads."

Nicaragua to tax Churches on offerings and donations

Nicaragua's parliament has approved new tax measures that will require Churches and religious organizations of all denominations to pay taxes on offerings received from the faithful.

Pope Francis urges Debt cancellation for Jubilee Year

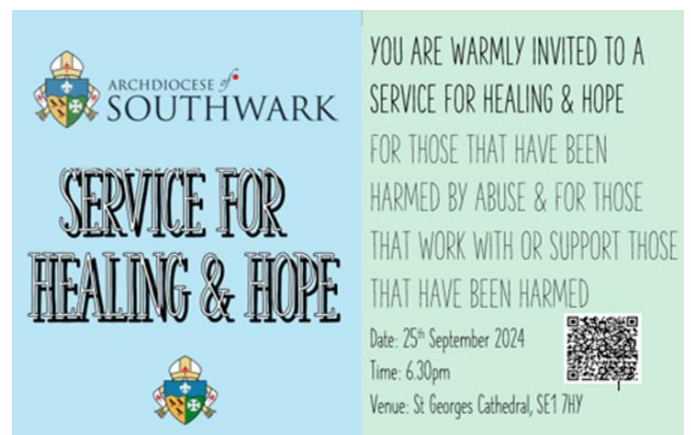
Pope Francis has said that it would be fitting to celebrate the Jubilee Year in 2025 by cancelling all or most of the debts of world's poorest countries. He appealed for "a new international financial architecture that is courageous and creative" and noted that debt cancellation during a Jubilee Year is a biblical tradition.

Advert: a good quality GRACO travel cot, in good condition, offered for free. Contact Paula on 07939903066.

Season of creation begins today (September 1)



Pope Francis has made all of God's creation a cornerstone of his papacy, chiefly through the encyclical *Laudato Si*. Here is an extract from that encyclical, in which the Pope writes about St Francis, who "helps us to see that an integral ecology calls for openness to categories which transcend the language of mathematics and biology, and take us to the heart of what it is to be human... If we approach nature and the environment without this openness to awe and wonder, if we no longer speak the language of fraternity and beauty in our relationship with the world, our attitude will be that of masters, consumers, ruthless exploiters, unable to set limits on their immediate needs. By contrast, if we feel intimately united with all that exists, then sobriety and care will well up spontaneously. The poverty and austerity of Saint Francis were no mere veneer of asceticism, but something much more radical: a refusal to turn reality into an object simply to be used and controlled."



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SERVICE FOR HEALING & HOPE

FOR THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN HARMED BY ABUSE & FOR THOSE THAT WORK WITH OR SUPPORT THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN HARMED

Date: 25th September 2024
Time: 6.30pm
Venue: St. George's Cathedral, SE1 7HY

The service will be led by Archbishop John Wilson on the 25th Sept at 6.30pm at St George's Cathedral. The objective is to strengthen our commitment to ensure that every parish and Church event is a safe place for all and to support the Catholic Church to continue to grow and develop a compassionate and caring response to those that have been harmed.

Assisted Dying to reduce pressure on the NHS?

A new British public poll shows too many 'complicating factors' to safely implement assisted suicide. The poll, commissioned by the think tank Living & Dying Well (LDW) has been released ahead of an attempt to change the law on Assisted Dying. The Daily Telegraph has suggested the economic challenges that the NHS is facing could also become an additional pressure on the elderly to seek an early death.

West Bank faces water supply problems

Friends of the Holy Land (FHL) reports that Israel has announced its intention to reduce water supply by 50% to the West Bank. These areas already have to live with poor sanitation and water scarcity. A further reduction like this will lead to severe water poverty.

Access to water in Bethlehem is becoming more and more restricted and as a result, it is not unusual that running water is only available once every three weeks and then only for two days. FHL has a short video on a Bethlehem water project:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7YmDR_KGREM&t=3s

"The US uses more electricity for air-conditioning than the whole of Africa uses for everything."

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