



St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors



8 January 2023 [Cycle A Year 1]

The Baptism of The Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6, | Psalm 72

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 | Matthew 2:1-12



Mass Intentions and Diary for the week

Friday 6	9.30am	Mass
(First Friday)	12.30pm	Mass for the Sick
The Epiphany of The Lord	7pm	Whole Hearted Adoration
	7.30pm	Mass
Saturday 7	9.30am	Mass
St Raymond	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	Mass
Sunday 8	9am	Daniel Domingo BT FC
[Psalm Wk 1]	11am	Fiozinda & Jozef Kurowski (RIP)
The Baptism of The Lord		
Monday 9	9.30am	Adam Obi GP
Tuesday 10	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday 11	9.30am	Mass
	6pm	Youth Choir Practice
	7pm	Central Choir Practice
	8pm	Bible Study
Thursday 12	9.30am	Mass
	7.30pm	Folk Choir practice
Friday 13	9.30am	Mass
Saturday 14	9.30am	Mass
	5.15am	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	Mass
Sunday 15	9am	Tom Doran RIP YC
Peace Sunday	11am	Doreen Toliva TG CC

An "epiphany" is an appearance. In today's readings, with their rising stars, splendid lights, and mysteries revealed, the face of the Child born on Christmas day appears.

Herod, in today's Gospel, asks the chief priests and scribes where the Messiah is to be born. The answer Matthew puts on their lips says much more, combining two strands of Old Testament promise—one revealing the Messiah to be from the line of David (see 2 Samuel 2:5), the other predicting "a ruler of Israel" who will "shepherd his flock" and whose "greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth" (see Micah 5:1-3).

Those promises of Israel's king ruling the nations resound also in today's Psalm. The psalm celebrates David's son, Solomon. His kingdom, we sing, will stretch "to the ends of the earth," and the world's kings will pay him homage. That's the scene too in today's First Reading, as nations stream from the East, bearing "gold and frankincense" for Israel's king.

The Magi's pilgrimage in today's Gospel marks the fulfilment of God's promises. The Magi, probably Persian astrologers, are following the star that Balaam predicted would rise along with the ruler's staff over the house of Jacob (see Numbers 24:17). Laden with gold and spices, their journey evokes those made to Solomon by the Queen of Sheba and the "kings of the earth" (see 1 Kings 10:2, 25; 2 Chronicles 9:24). Interestingly, the only other places where frankincense and myrrh are mentioned together are in songs about Solomon (see Song of Songs 3:6; 4:6, 14).

One greater than Solomon is here (see Luke 11:31). He has come to reveal that all peoples are "co-heirs" of the royal family of Israel, as today's Epistle teaches.

His manifestation forces us to choose: will we follow the signs that lead to Him as the wise Magi did? Or will we be like those priests and scribes who let God's words of promise become dead letters on an ancient page?

St Paul Centre for Biblical Theology, Steubenville, Ohio



1st Prize £50 Winning Number 15
 2nd Prize £25 Winning Number 64
 3rd Prize £10 Winning Number 17
 Quarterly Prize £50
 Winning Number 117

Wendy Counsell's funeral is on Friday, February 10th 2023. Time (TBC).

Peace Sunday

January 15th is Peace Sunday. The second collection will be to support this movement.

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.

Anniversaries: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur this month.

Prayer requests: Michael Colairo, Richard Neal, Catherine Roberts, Paula Seradi, Maria Luisa Mappley, Sheila Sharp, Michal Pacala, Hilda Gill, Michael Rowback, Max & Isabelle Mifsud, Kristine Harvey, and Margaret Fox.

A big thank you from Fr Anthony

Fr Anthony would like to thank everyone for their Christmas cards and gifts that he has received, and especially for the generous offerings made on Christmas Day. God bless you.

Fr Anthony



Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI Requiescat in pace

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, who served as Supreme Pontiff from April 2005 to February 2013, has died aged 95.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols said: "I am deeply saddened to learn of the death of Pope Benedict. He will be remembered as one of the great theologians of the 20th century. I remember with particular affection the remarkable Papal Visit to these lands in 2010. We saw his courtesy, his gentleness, the perceptiveness of his mind and the openness of his welcome to everybody that he met. He was through and through a gentleman, through and through a scholar, through and through a pastor, through and through a man of God – close to the Lord and always his humble servant. Pope Benedict is very much in my heart and in my prayers. I give thanks to God for his ministry and leadership."

An obituary and much more can be found at:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/pope-benedict-xvi-requiescat-in-pace/>

Mary's Meals under pressure

Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow founded Mary's Meals 20 years ago. Interviewed in the Tablet, he says "For 20 years, we have been asking for help to reach the next child waiting for Mary's Meals – and God knows there are more children in urgent need of help than ever before, and we want to reach them as soon as possible. But first and foremost, I must ask for help to keep the promise we have made to more than 2.2 million children already receiving our meals. And I do this whilst being painfully aware that rising costs are not only putting strain on families in places like Turkana, but that people here in the UK may be facing financial challenges of their own. We want to reach that next child waiting as soon as possible, but first we must stay faithful to those already eating our meals today."

St Margaret's Food Collection

This month we are back to basics after Christmas. Here are the items most needed:

Long life whole milk for clients' children, tinned meat meals such as mince in gravy and chicken in sauce, along with jars of peanut butter, fish & meat paste, hot chocolate needing only water, 500g bags of sugar, savoury biscuits, tinned pulses and microwavable meals for toddlers. Non-food items especially needed at this time are unisex shampoo, toothpaste and toilet rolls.

The deadline for entries to the schools media competition is 10 February 2023. More information at:

<https://www.columbancompetition.com/>

What is Peace?

Peace is the resulting action on an agreement to end a war.

Peace is the mutual laying down of weapons.

Peace is the worldwide cessation of armament production.

Peace is the reconciliation between adversaries.

Peace is the change of hearts and minds of people who wage war.

Peace is the smile of the refugee housed following exile from home.

Peace is the satisfaction in the face of a hungry child just fed.

Peace is the return to boyhood of a child soldier.

Peace is the respect for women and their equal rights as human beings.

Peace is the just, merciful and compassionate use of power by the powerful.

Peace is the empowerment of disadvantaged and marginalised people.

Peace is the healing arrived at through truth and reconciliation commissions.

Peace is the mutual respect of people of all faiths and none.

Help us, Lord, to continue to strive for peace in all of its forms. Amen.

Parish Bulletin Notice

The church relies on people getting involved. Our church, our world needs you. Could your New Year's resolution be getting more involved in the life of our church? What aspects of church brings you life or joy? Could you give a bit of time to help those parts flourish?

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to give some time and join them in their mission. Could you help in our parish, bringing people together to help build a better world or by visiting local schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the diocese? Could you support local volunteers or share your office skills to help CAFOD keep costs low?

We believe that everybody has unique gifts and talents and we want to support you to use these gifts to serve the parish community and our brothers and sisters across the world.

Training and support are provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or get in touch with Celeste and Sarah: southwark@cafod.org.uk and let's transform the world in 2023 together!