



# 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*

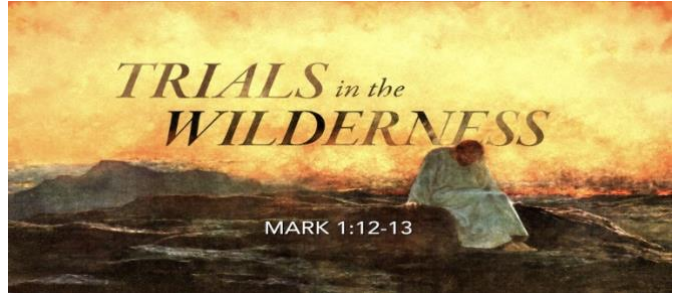
2024  
Year of  
Prayer

18<sup>th</sup> February 2024 [Cycle B Year 2]

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9:8-15 | Psalm 24

1 Peter 2:18-22 | Mark 1:12-15



We begin our Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday. This first Sunday of Lent now leads us immediately into Jesus's own journey into the desert in prayer, fasting, and to face temptation.

The **First Reading** reminds us of the journey of God's chosen people. Here God establishes his Covenant with Noah and all his descendants, and with the whole of creation. Never again will God destroy the earth with a flood. He leaves a bow in the sky to confirm this.

St Peter (**Second Reading**) links the few people Noah saved 'by water' to ourselves. We are saved through the baptism that Christ won for us by his death and resurrection.

The **Gospel** gives a short account of Jesus being tempted in the desert. He emerges ready to proclaim his message: 'The kingdom of God is close at hand'.

The **Psalm** reflects the message of hope that is contained in all the readings. The Lord's ways are faithfulness and love.

May we take heart from the scriptures as we begin our Lenten journey, ready to follow the Lord's ways, and eager to learn his paths.

*Taken from St Beuno's Outreach*

## New initiative to tackle modern slavery in East Anglia

A new initiative in the Diocese of East Anglia aims to combat modern slavery, seeking volunteers to raise awareness and take action. Cardinal Archbishop Vincent Nichols emphasizes the importance of awareness and action, highlighting the prevalence of slavery in the region. Volunteers are needed to spot signs of slavery and report them to the Modern Slavery Helpline, regardless of previous experience. Contact john\_simong@hotmail.com to get involved and help end slavery in the diocese.

## CAFOD Family Fast Day - Friday 23 February 2024

This Lent, CAFOD is asking particularly for our support for a project to help hard-working fishermen in Liberia with resources, tools and training to improve their catch and reduce the risk to their lives. (There are regular deaths in stormy weather.) This is only one of many CAFOD projects enabling workers to feed their families more securely. Please continue to pray for the welfare of our sisters and brothers around the world. Parishioners are asked to take home a Family Fast Day envelope this weekend (17/18 February), to fast on Friday 23rd and to return their donations in the second collection on 24/25 February. Alternatively you can donate online at [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)

## Easyfundraising

Raise big donations for St. Margaret of Scotland when you book travel. Sign up today <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

## Mass Intentions and Diary for the week

Friday 16	9.30am	Mass
Saturday 17	9.30am	Ned Delaney (RIP)
	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 18 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent (Psalm Week 1)	9am	Anne Doherty (RIP) (YMG)
	11am	Cajetan Mbachu (BT) (CC)
Monday 19	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday 20	9.30am	Mass
	7pm	Stations of the Cross
Wednesday 21	9.30am	Mass
	6pm	Youth Music Group Practice
	7.30pm	Central Choir Practice
	8pm	Bible Study
Thursday 22 St Peter's Chair	9.30am	Mass
	7.30pm	Folk Choir Practice
Friday 23	9.30am	Mass
Saturday 24	9.30am	Mass
	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	Mass
Sunday 25 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent	9am	Richard Cavadino (RIP) (FC)
	11am	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 every weekday Mass, until 11am on Tuesday through Thursday, and until 8pm on Friday.

**Prayer requests:** Peter Thompson, Michael Begley, 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.



14 February: Ash Wednesday

31 March: Easter Sunday

## 180 club winning numbers for the February draw

1st prize of £50: **15**, 2nd prize of £25:**63**, 3rd prize of £10:**132**  
The draw took place on Feb 4 after the 9am Mass.

## Catholic and Church of England Bishops meet in Norwich

Forty-two bishops from the Catholic Church in England and Wales and the Church of England gathered in Norwich from 30-31 January for their biannual joint meeting., hosted by the Anglican Bishop of Norwich. The meeting began with prayer at the Catholic Cathedral of St John the Baptist and included a visit to the shrine of Julian of Norwich. Sessions covered topics such as the Coronation of King Charles III, the Synodal journey in the Catholic Church, and a lecture on John Henry Newman. This meeting aimed to foster spiritual communion and joint witness and mission initiatives in the country.



## Pope Francis: Lent is a time of conversion and freedom

Pope Francis emphasizes freedom in his Lenten message, urging against indifference. He calls for a concrete journey of grace, where Lent becomes a time of conversion and struggle, urging prayer and assistance to others. Ending on a hopeful note, he invites believers to embrace creativity and courage, seeing the world as at the beginning of a new chapter in history.

## St Margaret's feature now online

Patrick Kinsella, the Southwark Archdiocesan Communications Director, visited St Margaret's last month at the suggestion of Canon Victor Darlington, Chair of the Archdiocese's Commission for Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion. Patrick asked us to arrange interviews with people who recently arrived in the parish about the welcome they experienced; with the St Margaret's Youth Music Group; and with members of the parish's Racial and Cultural Inclusion Group.

The results of Patrick's filming are now on the Archdiocese of Southwark's YouTube channel. To view the film, go to the YouTube home page and enter "Saints of Southwark" or go to <https://rcaos.org.uk/mission/saints-of-southwark/>

## Caritas Southwark - 1 year anniversary

Caritas Southwark will celebrate its 1 Year Anniversary on March 16, 2024, with a Mass at St George's Cathedral at 12:30pm, followed by Talks and Discussions at the Amigo Hall on the "Journey so far" and the "Way forward." All parish communities, schools, organizations, and individuals are invited to participate. Archbishop John Wilson will lead the Mass, and Raymond Friel, CEO of Caritas Social Network England and Wales, will speak.

## World day of prayer 2024

### 'I beg you, bear with one another in love' Ephesians 4:2

There will be a service for everyone on Friday 1 March at 10.30am St Paul's church, Mollison Drive, Wallington, SM6 9HG or 7.30pm at All Saints Church, High Street, Carshalton, SM5 3AG. For further information, visit [wwdp.org.uk](http://wwdp.org.uk)

## Booking opens for Flame 2025

Flame, the UK's largest Catholic youth gathering, returns in March 2025. Group bookings open January 31, 2024, with a £10 deposit per person. The theme for Flame 2025 is "Unstoppable – Fan the Flame of Hope!", focusing on God's unstoppable love and mission. Scheduled for March 15, 2025, coinciding with the Jubilee year declared by Pope Francis, Flame aims to inspire young people to embrace faith and determination. Special guests include One Hope Project and Adenike Adewale. For more information check out [cymfed.org.uk/flame](http://cymfed.org.uk/flame)



## Pope Francis asks that the terminally ill and their families be cared for and assisted

Pope Francis urges prayers for the terminally ill and their families in February 2024, emphasizing the importance of care even when a cure is not possible. He highlights the need for medical, psychological, and spiritual assistance, as well as support from family members. The Pope stresses the significance of palliative care in providing comfort and closeness to those suffering.

## Podcast: At the Foot of the Cross

This podcast focuses on dialogue and Christian unity, coinciding with events like the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and a joint meeting of Church of England and Catholic Bishops in Norwich. Canon Christopher Thomas shares insights on the significance of these events and the nature of unity among Christian confessions. This can be listened to on: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/podcast/christian-unity-episode-19/>

## Grant received for Toilet refurbishment

St Margaret of Scotland RC has won a National Lottery Community Fund worth 20,000GBP. Toilet refurbishments will commence after the Lenten period.



## Marriage & Family Life Southwark

There are a number of forthcoming Southwark diocesan MFL events:

**For the bereaved:** "Grief In Loss: Hope In Christ" offers a weekend retreat for the bereaved from March 22-24 at Aylesford Priory in Kent. It provides a quiet space for reflection and acceptance, with residential costs ranging from £210 to £230. Contact 01622 717 272 to determine suitability.

**Marriage preparation courses:** Southwark Diocese offers marriage preparation courses on multiple dates and at various venues, including St George's Cathedral on April 27, June 15, and July 27, Purley on October 19, and online on November 23.

**The annual Marriage Mass:** This will be held on July 13 at 3pm at St George's Cathedral. Couples celebrating special anniversaries and wishing to receive a personal invitation from Archbishop John can email [mflsw@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflsw@rcaos.org.uk).