



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



15th October 2023 [Cycle A Year 1]

Twenty Eighth Sunday

Isaiah 25:6-10 | Psalm 22

Philippians 4:12-14 | Matthew 22:1-14

'I have my banquet all prepared. Come to the wedding!'

As the end of the liturgical year gradually approaches, the readings begin to focus on the kingdom of heaven and the era beyond the end of time. This week, both the First Reading and the Gospel invite us to think of sharing in the great feast that God prepares for us.

Isaiah explains how the Lord is preparing a banquet to which everyone will be welcome. There will be no more suffering or death. (First Reading)

In contrast, the Gospel parable speaks of guests who are invited by the king to a great wedding feast, but fail to attend. As a result, the king gets his servants to ask everyone they can find, good and bad alike, to replace those who have made excuses.

The Psalm reminds us that the Lord will see to all our needs so that we shall not want.

In the Second Reading, Paul writes to the Christian community in Philippi. Despite imprisonment and a probable death sentence, Paul has achieved a calm and accepting attitude to life through total trust and faith in the Lord.

This week, we might want to reflect on the way we respond when the Lord invites us to join him, and how we treat his messengers. In turn, perhaps we might feel called to invite those who seem to have been left by the wayside ... good or bad.

Taken from St Beuno's Outreach

Volunteers' Sunday

This Sunday, 15 October, is Volunteers' Sunday at St Margaret's. We are blessed with a large number of parishioners who carry out voluntary work for the parish. This includes our Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Welcomers, Sacristans, catechists, flower arrangers, cleaners, Children's Liturgy leaders, PPC and Finance Committee members, office helpers, choir members, musicians, refreshments team, gardeners, members of the linen rota, slide preparers, projectionists, altar servers, website operator, Adoration co-ordinator, Repository organiser, Missio organiser and leaders of prayer, Bible study and Youth Ministry groups. Other parishioners help the parish in a myriad of other ways.

If you are not yet a volunteer, please think about how you could contribute to the life of the parish in one of our many voluntary roles. There is a role suitable for everybody, so please don't hold back – come forward and volunteer today.

Also please read the letter to St Margaret's parish from Canon Gerard Bradley on the topic of 'Volunteering' that is now displayed in our church's meeting area.



Mass Intentions and Diary for the week

Friday 13	9.30am	Living and Dead Members of the Bully family
Saturday 14	9.30am	Mass
	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	Jolanta, Andrew & Aurelija And family GP
Sunday 15 Volunteers Sunday (Psalm Wk 4)	8.40am	Rosary
	9am	Sean Ferguson (YC)
	11am	Mass (CC)
Monday 16	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday 17	9.30am	Mass
	7.45pm	'Let It Be' session 5
Wednesday 18 St Luke Evangelist	9.30am	Mass
	6pm	Youth Choir Practice
	7.30pm	Central Choir Practice
	8pm	Bible Study
Thursday 19	9.30am	John Studznsky BT
	7.30pm	Folk Choir Practice
Friday 20	9.30am	Mass
Saturday 21	9.30am	Mass
	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	Gerard Whelton RIP & deceased family members
Sunday 22 World Mission Sunday	8.40am	Rosary
	9am	Clare Cavadino RIP (FC)
	11am	Brian Gundry RIP (CC)

FC= Folk Choir, YC= Youth Choir, CC= Central Choir,

TG= Thanksgiving, WB= Wellbeing, BT= Birthday Thanksgiving, Sl= 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 Mapple, Sheila Sharp, Michal Pacala, Michael Rowback, Kristine Harvey, and Margaret Fox.

October Rosary:

October is the month of the Rosary. During October the Rosary is said after Mass each weekday and at 8.40am on Sunday mornings.

Laudate Deum

Pope Francis calls for “a broad change in the irresponsible lifestyle connected with the western model” in his latest apostolic exhortation on the climate crisis. The document encourages more rapid action to address environmental problems and lays out our obligations as Christians. Pope Francis shows how ecological challenges should not be seen simply as technical challenges and that there are many dangers in developments in technology not being restrained by a corresponding development of responsibility, conscience, and values. Action by civil society to promote change is encouraged. Cardinal Vincent Nichols’ comments include: “He asks each of us to contribute by efforts ‘to reduce pollution and waste, to consume with prudence’ and thereby help ‘to create a new culture’.

You can read Laudate Deum at: www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum.html

Saint of the Month – Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque

Born in Burgundy in 1647, Saint Margaret Mary showed intense love for the Blessed Sacrament from early childhood. As a child she was confined to bed for four years with rheumatic fever. She was restored to health after making a vow to the Blessed



Virgin Mary to consecrate herself to the religious life. As a young woman she experienced a vision of the scourged Jesus Christ, who showed her the love he had for her in his heart. She determined to fulfil her childhood vow and entered the Visitation Convent at Paray-le-Monial at the age of 23, making her final profession in 1672. At the convent Saint Margaret Mary received a series of visions of the Sacred

Heart. These revealed the features of a devotion which included the reception of Holy Communion on the First Friday of every month, a weekly Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and celebration of the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Saint Margaret Mary was beatified in 1864 and canonised by Pope Benedict XV in 1920. Her feast day is celebrated on 16 October.

St Margaret’s foodbank priorities

October’s 10 priority items are: 500g Packets of Cereal, Tinned Meat Meals (we have plenty of Hot Dogs thank you!), Packet & Tinned Potatoes, Tins of Tuna, Jars of Pasta Sauce, Small Bottles of Squash, Hot Chocolate Drink requiring only water, Tinned & Packet Custard, Unisex Deodorant and Shampoo.

‘Mercy Killings’

The Times reports that the Crown Prosecution Service has called for clemency over mercy killing cases. Fears have been expressed that prosecutors have therefore opened the door to legalising mercy killings of the terminally ill by introducing guidance on when those assisting death should escape charges.

‘Biodiversity Matters’

Columbans have launched their annual Schools Competition. The competition is aimed at students aged between 13-18 years old in Catholic schools who are invited to explore Biodiversity – the richness of life forms on Earth and which humanity relies on for health, food and well-being. It is looking for pieces of writing and images that demonstrate an awareness and understanding of the issue of Biodiversity and highlight people, communities and/or organisations trying to build a sustainable future. More information at: <https://www.columbancompetition.com/>

World Mission Sunday

Sunday 22 October is World Mission Sunday, which is co-ordinated by Missio, the pope’s charity for world mission. Parishioners are asked to take Missio envelopes home this weekend and return them on 22 October when the second collection will be for Missio. This collection is vital to the spread of the Gospel in impoverished and remote areas overseas. The funds raised build chapels, schools, orphanages, clinics and dispensaries requested by the local community. Support from Missio transforms lives and creates a hub from which the Church can flourish and grow. You can also donate online at:

<https://missio.org.uk/wmsdonate/>

Harvest Sunday

The Harvest Sunday food bank collection will be on Sunday 29th October. Please bring an item to the food bank in the meeting area before, so that it can be added to our Sanctuary Display.

The Synod

Here is an extract from the ‘instrumentum laboris’ document provided to attendees of the Bishops Synod in Rome:

“As a Church committed to listening, a synodal Church desires to be humble, and knows that it must ask forgiveness and has much to learn. Some reports noted that the synodal path is necessarily a penitential one, recognising that we have not always lived the constitutive synodal dimension of the ecclesial community. The face of the Church today bears the signs of serious crises of mistrust and lack of credibility. In many contexts, crises related to sexual abuse, and abuse of power, money and conscience have pushed the Church to a demanding examination of conscience so that “moved by the Holy Spirit” the Church “may never cease to renew herself”, in a journey of repentance and conversion that opens paths of reconciliation, healing and justice.”

Our Archbishop, John Wilson stated prior to his departure for Rome, his desire to gather all parish synod delegates together, once he returns.

Racial and cultural inclusion.

Canon Victor Darlington is interviewed in the Tablet. You can read the interview at: <https://tinyurl.com/2ta2h3dk>

Catholic Youth Ministry Internships

Castlerigg Manor (The Lancaster Diocese Retreat Centre) is looking for young Catholics aged 18-25 to join their internship programme. The scheme lasts for one or two years and gives participants wide ranging experience, skills, training, and qualifications. For more information contact:

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