



# St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

Fir Tree Grove, Carshalton, SM5 4NG

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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*



29<sup>th</sup> October 2023 [Cycle A Year 1]

Thirtieth Sunday

Exodus 22:1, 20-26 | Psalm 17

Thessalonians 1:5-10 | Matthew 22:34-40

*'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind'*

The readings for this week invite us to consider how to live as followers of Jesus in our communities and in our world.

In the First Reading, God speaks to the people of Israel about how they should treat the oppressed and down-trodden, in order to please God.

The Psalm reminds us that we can only live the lives that God wants by relying on him: he is our rock, our strength, our saviour, our mighty help.

St Paul writes to the Thessalonians that we should all be imitators of the Lord, in the joy of the Holy Spirit (Second Reading).

In the Gospel, Jesus asks us to express the love of God that fills our hearts, our souls and our minds, by treating others as we would want to be treated ourselves. We find in others the image of the God who is love.

This week, we pray for and with our sisters and brothers in so many parts of the world who yearn for peace and justice. We ask especially that God will help us to grow in love of him and of one another, and that we might more and more recognise Christ Jesus in our midst, especially in those who are suffering.

*Taken from St Beuno's Outreach*

*This Sunday is Harvest Sunday and you are encouraged to bring at least one item for the Food Bank. During October the Rosary is said after Mass each weekday and at 8.40am on Sunday mornings. Don't forget this weekend the clocks go back to GMT.*

## Pray, fast and do penance for peace

The Pope urges believers "to take only one part in this conflict, that of peace", and has invited everyone to a day of prayer, fasting, and penance for peace on Friday 27 October.

## Friends of the Holy Land (FHL)

As conflict rocks the Holy Land, FHL ask that we pray for an end to the destruction and violence. A large array of prayer resources is available at: <https://tinyurl.com/3zu3d8he>

## Ceasefire Petition

CAFOD, Christian Aid, Oxfam, Muslim Relief and Jewish Network for Palestine are among more than 300 charities from across the globe who have signed the #CeasefireNow petition, an open call for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire in the Gaza Strip and Israel to prevent a humanitarian catastrophe and further loss of innocent lives. You can sign the petition at: <https://tinyurl.com/4ns569wh>



## Mass Intentions and Diary for the week

<b>Friday 27</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Holy Land Peace</b>		
<b>Saturday 28</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mary McGinley RIP</b>
<b>Sts Simon &amp; Jude</b>	<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>Stanley Blackmore RIP</b>
	<b>5.15pm</b>	<b>Devotion to Our Lady</b>
	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Regina Emmanuel RIP</b>
<b>Sunday 29</b>	<b>8.40am</b>	<b>Rosary</b>
<b>Harvest Sunday</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Maisie Arthur &amp; deceased family members</b>
<b>(Psalm Week 2)</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Maciej Zwawiak RIP (CC)</b>
<b>Monday 30</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>John Brien RIP</b>
<b>Tuesday 31</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Clare Cavadino RIP</b>
<b>Wednesday 1</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Richard Neal WB</b>
<b>All Saints</b>	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Youth Choir Practice</b>
	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Thursday 2</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Fr Frederick Rhead RIP</b>
<b>All Souls</b>	<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>
	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Friday 3</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>First Friday</b>	<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>Mass for the Sick</b>
	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Wholehearted</b>
<b>Saturday 4</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>St Charles</b>	<b>5.15pm</b>	<b>Devotion to Our Lady</b>
<b>Borromeo</b>	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Sunday 5</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Mass (YC)</b>
<b>31<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Noel Mc Allister RIP (CC)</b>

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.

**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.

## WHOLEHEARTED

An evening of Adoration with contemporary music and prayer for young people and families, followed by a social gathering. Confessions available.

Every First Friday of the month, 7pm - 8.15pm, at

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Nov 11: Widows & Widowers Mass  
 Nov 16: St Margaret's Supper  
 Nov 22: Red Wednesday  
 Dec 3: First Sunday in Advent

### St Margaret's Supper 7.30 pm on Thursday 16 November

Saint Margaret's Supper will be held at Saint Martin's Indian Restaurant, 97 Banstead Road, Carshalton Beeches SM5 3NP. The cost is £22 per head. Bring your own drinks. The menu is:

Starters – a mix of onion bhaji, vegetable samosa and chicken tikka. (Vegetarians will receive a mix of the first two.)  
 Main course – chicken tikka masala, chicken dopiaza, vegetable curry, Bombay potatoes, pilau rice, garlic nan, plain nan.  
 If you would like to join us, please sign up in the meeting area of the church.

### New Liturgy Documents

You can find 3 new documents from our Liturgy Team within the '1 Ministries' documents section of our website at: <https://www.stmargaretcarshaltonb.co.uk/documents> The documents are 'Liturgical Events' for the coming year, 'Instructions for Eucharistic Ministers' and 'Instructions for Readers'.

### Community Outreach

As part of our ongoing plan, St Margaret's will be praying for the residents on Beeches Avenue (numbers 10 to 70) during the month of November. Cards will be put through residents' letterboxes informing them of this.

### The Sacraments in Scripture

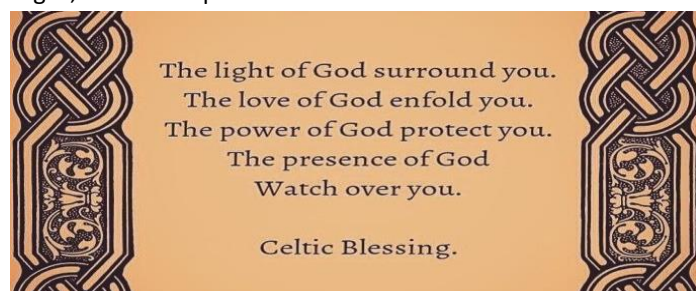
The Renewal Prayer Group invites all parishioners and friends to a 6-week in-depth look into the sacraments and scripture, through lectio divina. This new course starts Tuesday 7th November. All are welcome, join us from 8pm until 9.30pm (refreshments from 7.45pm) at the church. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Impact of imprisonment for families and children

The prison population is at an all-time high – 88,225 people are in prison – and the prison population has grown by 80% in the last three decades. PACT's new research demonstrates how prisoners' families are facing their own hidden sentence of financial hardship and emotional strain. You can read the report entitled 'Serving a hidden sentence' at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2023/10/PACT-serving-a-hidden-sentence-report.pdf>

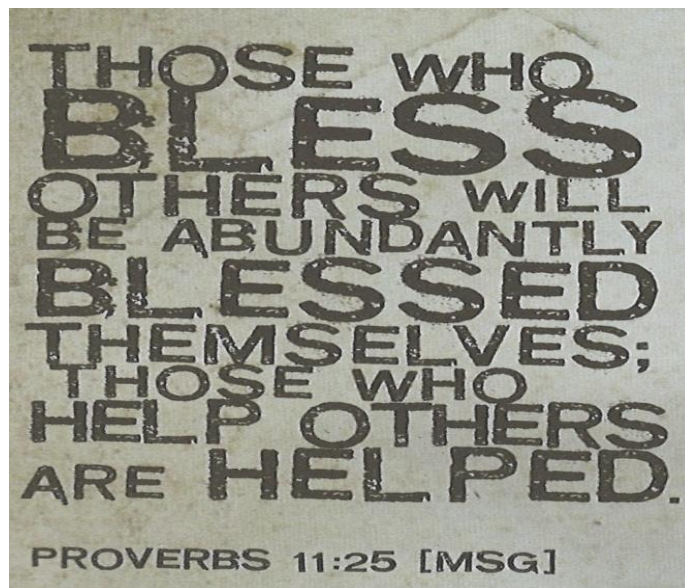
### Nicaragua

Twelve Roman Catholic priests who had been held as political prisoners have been released and forced into exile. The 12 priests had been arbitrarily detained on various charges and for varying lengths of time, but were released following negotiations between the Vatican and the Nicaraguan government. Bishop of Matagalpa, Rolando Álvarez Lagos, remains in prison.



### What is the church saying about immigration?

Come to hear about the bishop's teaching document – 'Love the Stranger', a response to current issues of the treatment refugees and migrants. Remaining date: Saturday 4 November 10.30am – 12pm at Holy Family Church Hall Sutton Green.



### Growing in Faith Together

This new online course has been developed in collaboration with the Southwark Marriage and Family Life team, the diocesan Agency for Evangelisation and Sycamore, a programme about the Catholic faith by Fr Stephen Wang. 'Growing in Faith Together' consists of four one-hour-long sessions via Zoom and is a wonderful opportunity for married couples to enrich their friendship and love and engaged couples who have completed their marriage preparation course and want to continue exploring their faith together. The course runs on Tuesday evenings from 8-9pm beginning October 24 and continuing on the 31st and November 7 and 14. To register click on this link: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/together>

**Christmas at St Margaret's**  
*Come and celebrate the birth of Jesus with us*

Monday 11 December - Reconciliation Service after 7.30pm Mass  
 Sunday 17 December - Carol Service at 4pm  
 Sunday 24 December **Christmas Eve** - Sunday Masses at 9am and 11am  
 Christmas Eve Children's Mass at 6pm  
 Midnight Mass at 11.30pm preceded by carols from 11pm  
 Monday 25 December **Christmas Day** - Masses at 9am and 10.30am  
 Tuesday 26 December **Feast of St Stephen** - Altar Servers' Mass at 10am  
 Sunday 31 December **New Year's Eve** - Masses at 9am, 11am and 11.30pm  
 Monday 1 January 2024 **New Year's Day** - Mass at 9.30am

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