



# 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*



3rd November 2024 [Cycle B Year 2]  
Thirty-First Sunday  
Deuteronomy 6: 2-6 | Psalm 17(18): 2-4  
Hebrews 7: 23-28 | Mark 12: 28-34

Love is the only law we are to live by. And love is the fulfilment of the Law that God reveals through Moses in today's First Reading (see Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 5:43-48).

The unity of God—the truth that He is one God, Father, Son, and Spirit—means that we must love Him with one love, a love that serves Him with all our hearts and minds, souls and strength.

We love Him because He has loved us first. We love our neighbour because we can't love the God we haven't seen unless we love those made in His image and likeness, whom we have seen (see 1 John 4:19-21).

And we are called to imitate the love that Christ showed us in laying His life down on the Cross (see 1 John 3:16). As we hear in today's Epistle, by His perfect sacrifice on the Cross, He once and for all makes it possible for us to approach God.

There is no greater love than to lay down your life (see John 15:13). This is perhaps why Jesus tells the scribe in today's Gospel that he is not far from the kingdom of God.

The scribe recognizes that the burnt offerings and sacrifices of the old Law were meant to teach Israel that it is love that God desires (see Hosea 6:6). The animals offered in sacrifice were symbols of the self-sacrifice, the total gift of ourselves, that God truly desires.

We are called today to examine our hearts. Do we have other loves that get in the way of our love for God? Do we love others as Jesus has loved us (see John 13:34-35)? Do we love our enemies and pray for those who oppose and persecute us (see Matthew 5:44)?

Let us tell the Lord, we love Him, as we do in today's Psalm. And let us take His Word to heart, that we might prosper and have life eternal in His kingdom, the heavenly homeland flowing with milk and honey.

*Reflection from St Paul Center for Biblical Theology*

*Join us* Please register at: <https://forms.office.com/e/W8mLNP7Z42>

or scan this:

**St Margaret's Feast Day Dinner**  
THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER  
7:00 PM AT CASA PONTE  
Bridge House, Beeches Ave, Carshalton SM5 3LG

## Mass Intentions and Diary for the week

|                                  |         |   |
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| <b>Friday 01</b>                 | 9.30am  | Mass, Gina Doherty RIP                              |
| <b>All Saints</b>                | 12.30pm | Mass for the sick                                   |
| <b>First Friday</b>              | 7pm     | Wholehearted Choral Adoration                       |
|                                  | 7.30pm  | Mass  |
| <b>Saturday 02</b>               | 9.30am  | Mass, Frank Duff & Departed Legionaries RIP         |
| <b>All Souls</b>                 | 10.15am | Legion of Mary                                      |
|                                  | 12.30pm | Mass  |
|                                  | 5.15pm  | Devotion to Our Lady                                |
|                                  | 6pm     | Vigil Mass, Maurice O'Connor WB                     |
| <b>Sunday 03</b>                 | 9am     | Mass, People of the Parish (YMG)                    |
| <b>31st Sunday</b>               | 11am    | Mass, Rosalie & Stephen Myatt WB (CC)               |
| <b>Psalm week 3</b>              |         |   |
| <b>Monday 04</b>                 | 9.30am  | Mass, Mary McGintey RIP                             |
| <b>St Charles</b>                | 5pm     | First Holy Communion class                          |
| <b>Borromeo</b>                  | 6pm     | Confirmation class                                  |
| <b>Tuesday 05</b>                | 9.30am  | Mass  |
|                                  | 7.30pm  | "Secrets of Paul" course                            |
| <b>Wednesday 06</b>              | 9.30am  | Mass, Canon George Telford RIP                      |
|                                  | 6pm     | Youth Music Group Practice                          |
|                                  | 7.30pm  | Central Choir Practice                              |
|                                  | 8pm     | Bible study via zoom                                |
| <b>Thursday 07</b>               | 9.30am  | Mass  |
|                                  | 7.30pm  | Folk Choir Practice                                 |
| <b>Friday 08</b>                 | 9.30am  | Mass  |
| <b>Saturday 09</b>               | 9.30am  | Mass  |
| <b>Dedication of the Lateran</b> | 10.15am | Legion of Mary                                      |
| <b>Basilica</b>                  | 5.15pm  | Devotion to Our Lady                                |
|                                  | 6pm     | Vigil Mass, Deceased members of the Da Silva Family |
| <b>Sunday 10</b>                 | 9am     | Mass, People of the Parish (FC)                     |
| <b>32nd Sunday</b>               | 11am    | Mass, Ann Delaney RIP (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: Anne Towner, Ted Hewson, Fr Henry, Neil Ockenden, Keith Ockenden, Maria Furtado, Tom O'Regan, 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.

**Community Outreach:** During the month of November, St Margaret's will be praying for residents on Warnham Court Road - odd numbers 1 to 53. Cards will be put through residents' letterboxes informing them of this.

**Please pray for the lately dead:** Peggie Mullahy, (mother of Helen Mullahy) and Lai Pui, (father of Lawrence Lai).

### **'Dilexit nos', on the human and divine love of Jesus Christ**

The Pope's fourth encyclical, *Dilexit nos*, was published last Thursday. It can be found on our website in the Documents section 2 (*Encyclicals etc.*) at:

<https://www.stmargaretcarshaltonb.co.uk/documents>

Francis writes. "Living as we do in an age of superficiality, rushing frenetically from one thing to another without really knowing why, and ending up as insatiable consumers and slaves to the mechanisms of a market unconcerned about the deeper meaning of our lives, all of us need to recover the importance of the heart."

Here are some extracts from *Dilexit nos*:

'The heart of Christ, as the symbol of the deepest and most personal source of his love for us, is the very core of the initial preaching of the Gospel. It stands at the origin of our faith, as the wellspring that refreshes and enlivens our Christian beliefs.'

'It is essential to realize that our relationship to the Person of Jesus Christ is one of friendship and adoration, drawn by the love represented under the image of his heart. We venerate that image, yet our worship is directed solely to the living Christ, in his divinity and his plenary humanity, so that we may be embraced by his human and divine love.'

The Pope ends: 'I ask our Lord Jesus Christ to grant that his Sacred Heart may continue to pour forth the streams of living water that can heal the hurt we have caused, strengthen our ability to love and serve others, and inspire us to journey together towards a just, solidary and fraternal world'.

### **Father of Liberation Theology - Gustavo Gutierrez RIP**

Peruvian Dominican priest Gustavo Gutiérrez died on 22 October aged 96. Liberation theology is a movement in Christian theology, which attempts to address the problems of poverty and social injustice as well as spiritual matters. The Church in Latin America became vocal about the challenges facing the poor. In the 1950s, 60% of the population in Peru lived in poverty. Gutiérrez's vision posed foundational questions that lay behind the re-discovery of the Church's "preferential option for the poor". The pastoral concern and spirituality that Gutiérrez embodied has entered the bloodstream of the global Church and added to the interest of social justice. Liberation theology was criticised by the Holy See under St John Paul II for encompassing elements of Marxism. Purged of those elements, some expressions of it can be seen in the more recent "theology of the people", which influences the teachings of Pope Francis.



### **November 16 is the Feast Day of St. Margaret of Scotland**

*Patron Saint of Scotland*

*A very pious Christian, and was described being a strong noble character who served the poor, and spent much of her time in prayer, devotional reading & ecclesiastical embroidery*

### **DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal**



CAFOD is one of the 15 UK charities that underpin the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC).

You can donate to the DEC Appeal that is helping those most in need. Your donation will help local aid workers to give urgent,

practical help to families in Lebanon and Gaza, the West Bank and Israel, and quickly respond to other emergencies around the world. Here is the link: <https://tinyurl.com/2k396hnn>

### **Red Wednesday: 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

Red Wednesday is a campaign organised by Aid to the Church In Need (ACN). It seeks to draw to public attention the plight of persecuted religious minorities and especially Catholics at risk of harm. Along with CAFOD and Missio, these three causes put our Catholic community at the forefront of the struggle for human rights, for a thriving church that serves and for social justice, equity and development.

Around the world each year Christian, and other religious or belief minorities, face subtle, sustained and extreme human rights abuses. The Catholic community in over sixty countries is at the forefront of being on the receiving end of such persecution ranging from exclusions from employment to legislative restrictions to blocked access to health and housing. The combined effects drive up poverty and mean generations of girls do not have the chance to flourish as they deserve.

This is why on 20<sup>th</sup> November we want to urge you to light up your church red, or put up a red banner, or the next weekend maybe print your parish newsletter in red and talk about these persecuted communities at Mass. You won't be alone because universities, government buildings, community associations and more will be supporting 'Red Wednesday'.

### **The Mary's Meals Prayer**

*Our Father, give us this day our daily bread and forgive us for the times when we take more than our share of the bread that belongs to all.*

*Let us help You fill the starving with good things, not with scraps from our table.*

*Teach us how to share what is not ours to keep. Clothe us with Your love that we may complete each good work You created us to do.*

*Place in our hearts Your compassion for each starving child and use our little acts of love so that they starve no more.*

*Amen.*

### **Safeguarding:**

If any parishioner suffers, or is aware of, any incidents of abuse within the parish, these should be reported to the parish Safeguarding Officer, Andrea Fernandes. This applies to any kind of abuse - whether it be physical abuse, sexual abuse, verbal abuse, financial abuse, bullying or racial abuse or discrimination. All reports will be treated in strict confidence and any necessary support will be provided. The confidential email address for reporting is:

[carshaltonbeeches3@safeguardcaos.org.uk](mailto:carshaltonbeeches3@safeguardcaos.org.uk)

*"Take care of your body as if you were going to live forever; and take care of your soul as if you were going to die tomorrow."*

*St Augustine, (354-430)*