



St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors



23rd July 2023 [Cycle A Year 1]

Sixteenth Sunday

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 | Psalm 86

Romans 8:26-27 | Matthews 13:24-43

God is always teaching His people, as we hear in today's First Reading.

And what does He want us to know? That He has care for all of us; that though He is a God of justice, even those who defy and disbelieve Him may hope for His mercy if they turn to Him in repentance.

This divine teaching continues in the three parables that Jesus tells in the Gospel today. Each describes the emergence of the kingdom of God from the seeds sown by His works and preaching. The kingdom's growth is hidden like the working of yeast in bread; it's improbable, unexpected, as in the way the tall mustard tree grows from the smallest of seeds.

Again, this week's readings sound a note of questioning: Why does God permit the evil to grow alongside the good? Why does He permit some to reject the Word of His kingdom?

Because, as we sing in today's Psalm, God is slow to anger and abounding in kindness. He is just, Jesus assures us—evildoers and those who cause others to sin will be thrown into the fiery furnace at the end of the age. But by His patience God is teaching us that above all He desires repentance and the gathering of all nations to worship Him and to glorify His name. Even though we don't know how to pray as we ought, the Spirit will intercede for us, Paul promises in today's Epistle. But first, we must turn and call upon Him. We must commit ourselves to letting the good seed of His Word bear fruit in our lives.

So, we should not be deceived or lose heart when we see weeds among the wheat—truth and holiness mixed with error, injustice, and sin.

For now, He makes His sun rise on the good and the bad (see Matthew 5:45). But the harvest draws near. Let's work so that we might be numbered among the righteous children—who will shine like the sun in the kingdom of the Father.

Reflection from St Paul Centre for Biblical Theology, Steubenville, Ohio



Mass Intentions and Diary for the week

Friday 21	9.30am	People of the Parish TG
Saturday 22	9.30am	Beni & Mary McDonagh TG
St Mary Magdalene	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	Rita Rasanayagam RIP
Sunday 23	9am	Mass (FC)
Sixteenth Sunday	11am	Mass (CC)
(Psalm Wk 3)		
Monday 24	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday 25	9.30am	Mass
St James, Apostle		
Wednesday 26	9.30am	Mass
St Joachim & Anne	6pm	Youth Choir Practice
	7.30pm	Central Choir Practice
	8pm	NO Bible Study
Thursday 27	9.30am	Fr Frederick Rhead RIP
	7.30pm	NO Folk Choir Practice
Friday 28	9.30am	Mass
Saturday 29	9.30am	Mass
Sts Mary, Martha & Lazarus	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	Mass
Sunday 30	9am	Mass (YC)
Seventeenth Sunday	11am	Mass (CC)

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: 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.



Sept 1: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Sept 16: Catechists Meeting

Sept 18: First Holy Communion Parents Meeting

Sept 23: Our Late Summer Fair

Sept 25: First Holy Communion classes begin

Sept 25: Confirmation Parents Meeting

Oct 2: Confirmation classes begin

Great BBQ on Sunday!

Thanks to Yumna and Serena, and everyone who helped make this a wonderful occasion.



[Photos thanks to Joana Yeboa-Acheampong]

End of Catechetical Year 2022/2023

4 children in our parish received the sacrament of Confirmation and 18 received their First Holy Communion. Thank you to the catechists who prepared them and the parents who brought them forward. Registration for First Holy Communion and Confirmation will commence in August/September 2023.

Our Archbishop to attend Synod



Archbishop of Southwark, John Wilson, and the Bishop of Leeds, Marcus Stock, have been chosen by their fellow bishops to attend the Synod in Rome this October. A third English bishop will also attend as one of the Pope's

personal nominees and this is Nicholas Hudson, a former rector of the English College in Rome who has been an auxiliary in Westminster since 2014. 363 voting members have now been selected for the Synod including cardinals, bishops, priests, religious and lay men and women. Out of the 364 members who can vote, which includes the pope, 54 are women – either lay or religious; the number of cardinals appointed as members also is 54. More than a quarter of all the voting members are not bishops.

A prayer for the World Day for Grandparents (July 23)

Heavenly Father, we pray for grandparents, all elderly people, ever grateful for their love and commitment: bless them in every way possible. Amen.

Bill set to incarcerate refugee children

The UK's top children's charities have joined refugee charities, faith leaders, medical bodies and others to call on the government to scrap plans to lock up refugee children as part of the Illegal Migration Bill. The 152 signatories to an open letter to the Prime Minister, include NSPCC, Save the Children, Barnardo's and The Children's Society. You can read the letter and list of signatories at: <https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/47564> Also, CAFOD urges every Catholic to write to their MP in opposition to the Illegal Migration Bill. If you wish to, here is the link: <https://tinyurl.com/5xem7rty>

Notre Dame Prize for Religious Liberty

Professor the Rt Hon (David) Lord Alton of Liverpool was awarded the 2023 Notre Dame Prize for Religious Liberty. He gave a most impressive speech at the Merchant Taylors' Hall in London on 13th July. The text of his speech can be found at:

<https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/47588> and you can watch the video made to celebrate the occasion at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=VqSWyRB1OoY

CAFOD concern for small-scale farmers

The freedom of farmers to choose what seeds they use is under threat as the World Bank supports new laws which push farmers towards using seeds sold by big agribusiness. This puts control of the world's seeds into the hands of a few giant corporations. If we want a sustainable food system, then we must stand with small farmers across the world as they fight for control over their seeds. Join us in demanding the World Bank end all policies that restrict farmers' freedoms to choose which seeds they use to grow food. If you would like to support this campaign, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/vc8c37h2>

Nicaragua: Bishop returned to prison after refusing forced exile

Catholic Bishop Álvarez Lagos was returned to La Modelo Tipitapa prison on 5th July after he rejected attempts to "persuade" him to leave Nicaragua. Bishop Álvarez Lagos was taken out of prison on 4th July. The bishop refused the offer to go to Rome and called on the government to grant his unconditional release and that of five other imprisoned priests, to unfreeze the bank accounts of Roman Catholic dioceses throughout the country, and to halt its targeting of religious groups and leaders.

GK Chesterton Pilgrimage

The 13th Annual GK Chesterton Pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 29th July. Bishop David Oakley of Northampton will preach at the Mass at 2.30pm at The Bridgettine Convent, Fulmer Common Road, Iver, SLO ONR. Please send any prayer requests to; CatholicGKCSociety@yahoo.co.uk or text them to 07795205114. Details of the many different ways in which you can be involved on the day, as well as printable GKC prayer cards can be found on our website, www.CatholicGKChestertonSociety.co.uk

St Augustine's Abbey at Chilworth

This is a Roman Catholic Benedictine monastery near Guildford that is open for public prayer 365 days a year, Daily Mass is at 9am, Sunday Mass at 10am, Divine Office is prayed seven times daily. The Abbey also runs its own shop with books, rosaries and other devotional items made by the monks. Honey, candles and creams made from beeswax. For more information and bookings see: www.chilworthbeneditines.com