



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

2024
Year of
Prayer

18th August 2024 [Cycle B Year 2]
Twentieth Sunday
Proverbs 9:1-6 | Psalm 33
Ephesians 5: 15-20 | John 6: 51-58



The readings for this Sunday tell us of the nourishment that comes from heaven and of our need to draw everlasting life from our relationship with Jesus – as well as pursuing wise and Spirit-filled paths in life.

The first reading for this Sunday, from the Book of Proverbs, esteems the gift of Wisdom, which is a gift of the Holy Spirit.

The Psalm, which continues from last week, asks us to taste and see that the Lord is good, making a direct connection to Our Lord's teaching in today's Gospel.

St Paul (Second Reading) encourages the early Christians to live with awareness and intelligence, and not to be thoughtless. He advises them to discern and recognise the will of the Lord in their own times, and to live lives filled with the Holy Spirit. This message continues to be very relevant to us in the present.

In the Gospel, Jesus instructs those around Him to eat 'living bread', not an inanimate substance such as manna. The body of Christ has life-giving power, because He is divine; the life of the Son is the life of the Father. In this teaching, He was explicit that we must eat his body and drink his blood. Many of his disciples could not accept this and left him there and then. We express our faith in this teaching every time we receive the Holy Eucharist.

Help with Holy Communion

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion play an important role in our parish life, assisting in the distribution of the Body and Blood of our Lord. This will often be during Mass but may also involve taking Holy Communion to those in the parish community who are housebound due to health, age or disability. More people are needed to serve in this very special ministry. The next commissioning is at St George's Cathedral on 12th October. Please speak to Fr Anthony for more information.

Help with floral decorations in our church

Would you like to join our team of persons who create wonderful flower arrangements in our church? If so, please contact Yumna via the parish office.

Our Sacramental Programme 2024/5:

- Monday 23 Sept Catechists Meeting
- Tuesday 24 Sept First Holy Communion parents meeting
- Thursday 26 Sept Confirmation parents meeting
- Monday 30 Sept First Holy Communion classes begin
- Monday 7 Oct Confirmation classes begin

No CTIC at the Carshalton Eco Fair on August 26th

Churches Together in Carshalton will not have a stall at the Eco Fair this year. The Methodist Church will be there.

Mass Intentions and Diary for the week

Friday 16	9.30am	Mass
Saturday 17	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am	Legion of Mary
	5.15pm	Devotions to Our Lady
	6pm	Vigil Mass, Christopher Sarangapani RIP
Sunday 18	9am	Mass, People of the Parish (YMG)
20th Sunday	11am	Mass, Lloyd Alexis (100 years old) BT (CC)
(Psalm week 4)		
Monday 19	9.30am	Mass, Mr & Mrs Manuel RIP
Tuesday 20	9.30am	Mass
St Bernard		
Wednesday 21	9.30am	Mass
St Pius X	6pm	Youth Music Group Practice
	7.30pm	Central Choir Practice
Thursday 22	9.30am	Mass, Peter Ryan RIP
Our Lady, Mother & Queen		
Friday 23	9.30am	Mass, Mrs Rani Wijenathan RIP
Saturday 24	9.30am	Mass
St Bartholomew	10.15am	Legion of Mary
	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 25	9am	Mass, People of the Parish
21st Sunday	11am	Mass, Heard Family TG (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: Bernadette Hide, Ted Hewson, Fr Henry, Neil Ockenden, Keith Ockenden, Maria Furtado, Tom O'Regan, Mary Ryan, Connie Harrington, Michael Begley, Elizabeth Margaret Cuffy, Annabelle Colairo, Paul Ford, Michael Colairo, Richard Neal, Paula Seradi, Maria Luisa Mappleby, Sheila Sharp, Michal Pacala, Michael Rowback, Kristine Harvey and Margaret Fox.

Anniversaries: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur this month. May they rest in the eternal peace of Christ. The Anniversaries are now listed on a poster in the meeting area and can also be found in the Documents section of our website, (in 8 Anniversaries).

End the British Government's cruel two-child benefit cap

The two-child benefit cap targets the poor and vulnerable. Please help mothers choose life and overturn the cruel and punitive two-child benefit cap. Sign the petition at:

<https://www.spuc.org.uk/end-benefit-cap>

Riots condemned by our Catholic hierarchy

Bishop Paul McAleenan, England and Wales's lead Catholic bishop for migrants and refugees, condemned the "appalling violence", especially "that directed at migrants". He rightly said this showed a "complete disregard of the values which underpin the civil life of our country".

Also, Cardinal Vincent Nichols joined other UK faith leaders to condemn riots across the country as "a stain on our national conscience".

Jesuit Refugee Service speaks out on wave of violent attacks

"Every one of us has a responsibility to challenge the disinformation and racist, divisive rhetoric fuelling this hostility. Too often, people fleeing danger and searching for a chance to rebuild their lives here have been dehumanised by politicians and others in a position of influence. But scenes of people coming together in the hours following rioting, to care for those affected and repair the physical damage, show the kind of society that we can and truly want to be."



Top three reasons Pope Francis celebrates sport:

- 1. Playing together unites us:** Pope Francis once said, "Sport has the power to unite people, regardless of their physical, economic or social abilities."
- 2. Sport can promote Christian values:** In his address to the Vatican City's sports association, Pope Francis said, "I encourage every one of you to see sport as a path of life that may help you to build a more united community and to promote the values of Christian life."
- 3. Sport can build bridges, break down barriers and foster peaceful relations.**

Pope Francis aims to encourage "a renewed love of reading."

Francis wishes "to propose a radical change of course" in the preparation of candidates for the priesthood. Literature can educate "the hearts and minds of pastors" to "the free and humble exercise of our use of reason" and to "a fruitful recognition of the variety of human languages," thus broadening human sensitivity and leading to greater spiritual openness.

Read the full text of Pope Francis's letter on the role of literature in formation here: <https://tinyurl.com/3n3p5266>

Foreseeable tragedy in Sudan

Cafod declares the famine in a Sudanese displacement camp is a direct result of an international failure to respond to warnings. "The international community has failed to prevent a foreseeable tragedy in Sudan," said Kayode Akintola, Cafod's Head of Region for Africa, in a statement last week. "If nothing changes, countless other communities across Sudan will starve to death amidst the world's indifference."

"Do all the good you can, to all the people you can, at all the times you can, by all the means you can, as long as ever you can, in all the ways you can."



The Season of Creation approaches

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to listen and care for our common home, the Oikos of God. The season's

"Celebration" begins September 1, the Feast of Creation, and ends October 4, the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations. This year we will unite around the theme "To hope and act with Creation" with the symbol "The first fruits of hope" (above), inspired by Romans 8:19-25. Ecumenical faith leaders from across the world have prepared a special invitation for you and your community to take part in this season which you can watch here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vLI5cT-56Yk>

Climate and environmental intercessions

We pray for the Church: that she may be a beacon of hope throughout the world, reminding us all of our responsibility to care for and protect God's precious gift of creation.

We pray for the world, our common home: that through God's grace we may hear its cry of the damage done and be moved to protect it for future generations to enjoy.

We pray for those people who are already facing droughts, floods and storms: that God may grant them strength and hope for the future as they work to adapt to the changing climate.

We pray for our parish and our local community: that through the grace of God we may hear the urgent cry of the earth and of the poor and be inspired to respond at this crucial time.

We pray for the world we live in: that God may open our eyes to recognise the goodness of all creation and help us to do what we can to restore and care for the wonderful gift that we have been given.

We pray for world leaders: that God may grant them wisdom to make just decisions which respect the earth and all that lives in it, especially those who are poorest and most vulnerable.

We pray for our local community: that through God's grace we may be good neighbours to each other and to the whole of creation, restoring and caring for all that God has made.



Fairtrade Fortnight Mon 9th to Sun 22nd September

This is the 30th anniversary of the Fairtrade Mark in the UK. Much has been achieved over the years and there are now around 5000 Fairtrade products available to buy. From 1994 to 2022, farmers have received £1.7 billion in Fairtrade premium payments to invest in their communities and businesses.

During Fairtrade Fortnight, there will be Fairtrade stalls on Fri 13th at Oru in Sutton High Street and on Sat 14th at All Saints, Carshalton. Buying Fairtrade helps to protect the UK's most loved food and drinks (such as tea, coffee and cocoa) and the livelihoods of millions of farmers who grow them and are faced with the severe impacts of the climate crisis - droughts, floods, extreme temperatures and unpredictable weather. Find out more at: <https://tinyurl.com/4aph7pcz> and <https://tinyurl.com/tkphwt33>

John Wesley (1703-1791)