



St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors



11th June 2023 [Cycle A Year 1]
Corpus Christi Sunday
Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16 | Psalm 147
1 Corinthians 10:16-17 | John 6:51-58

The Eucharist is given to us as a challenge and a promise. That's how Jesus presents it in today's Gospel. He doesn't make it easy for those who hear Him. They are repulsed and offended at His words. Even when they begin to quarrel, He insists on describing the eating and drinking of His flesh and blood in starkly literal terms. Four times in today's reading, Jesus uses a Greek word—trogein—that refers to a crude kind of eating, almost a gnawing or chewing (see John 6:54, 56, 57, 58).

He is testing their faith in His Word, as today's First Reading describes God testing Israel in the desert. The heavenly manna was not given to satisfy the Israelites' hunger, as Moses explains. It was given to show them that man does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

In today's Psalm, too, we see a connection between God's Word and the bread of life. We sing of God filling us with "finest wheat" and proclaiming His Word to the world.

In Jesus, "the living Father" has given us His Word come down from heaven, made flesh for the life of the world.

Yet, as the Israelites grumbled in the desert, many in today's Gospel cannot accept that Word. Even many of Jesus' own followers abandon Him after this discourse (see John 6:66). But His words are Spirit and life, the words of eternal life (see John 6:63, 67).

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

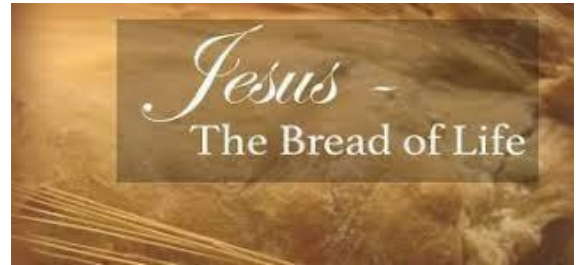
Corpus Christi procession:

This Sunday (11th June) there will be a Corpus Christi procession after the 11am Mass led by our First Communicants. Also, the feast of Corpus Christi is the day when Eucharistic Ministers renew their commitment to their ministry.

Deanery Pilgrimage to HMP High Down



The picture above is taken from last year's pilgrimage. PACT have organised another walk from St Margaret's church to High Down prison on Friday 16th June 2023. It will start after our 9.30am Mass. On arrival at the prison there will be a time of prayer outside the prison gates, then PACT staff and volunteers will welcome you into the Family Visitor Centre for refreshments and an opportunity to find out about PACT's work. There is no charge for this event but registration is appreciated to assist us in the organisation and catering. Please register at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parish-hmp-high-down-pilgrimage-tickets-624346165187>



Mass Intentions and Diary for the week

Friday 9 Sts Columba & Ephrem	9.30am	Stephen Smith BT
Saturday 10	9.30am 5.15pm 6pm	Pat Flood Jnr RIP Devotion to Our Lady Patrick & Katrina Reilly TG
Sunday 11 Corpus Christi (Psalm Wk 1)	9am 11am	Irma Foster RIP (FC) Jamal Abdulhad RIP (CC)
Monday 12	9.30am	People of the Parish
Tuesday 13 St Anthony of Padua	9.30am 7.30pm	Mary Chelvam Louis RIP Final Strength to Strength Session
Wednesday 14	9.30am 6pm 7pm 8pm	Pat & Freda Roche RIP Youth Choir Practice Central Choir Practice Bible Study
Thursday 15	9.30am 7.30pm	Authur & Alice Soane RIP Folk Choir Practice
Friday 16 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	9.30am	Gerald Soane PI
Saturday 17	9.30am 5.15pm 6pm	Michael & Laura Reilly TG Devotion to Our Lady James & Patrica Maughan TG
Sunday 18 Eleventh Sunday (Father's Day)	9am 11am	People of the Parish (YC) People of the Parish (CC)

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

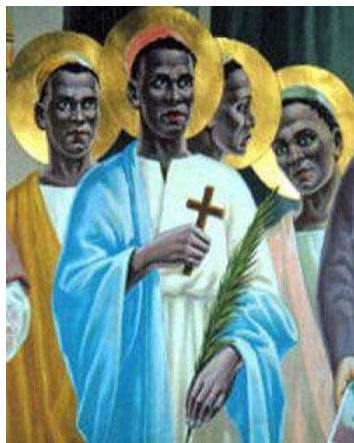
TG= Thanksgiving, WB= Wellbeing, BT= Birthday Thanksgiving, SI= Special Intention, RIP= Rest in Peace, GP= God's Protection and PI= Private Intention

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 Mappley, Sheila Sharp, Michal Pacala, Hilda Gill, Michael Rowback, Kristine Harvey, and Margaret Fox.

Therese Hopkins's Funeral Service will take place here at St Margaret's on Monday 26th June 2023 @ 10am. This will be followed by the Committal at Croydon Crematorium, West Chapel @ 11.30am.

Saint of the Month: Saint Charles Lwanga



Saint Charles Lwanga was a Ugandan convert to the Catholic faith who was martyred with a group of companions in 1886. He served in the court of King Mwanga II of Buganda, who insisted that Christian converts should abandon their new faith. Charles Lwanga was in charge of the royal pages and he often protected the boys in his charge from improper advances by the King (who

was a paedophile). On 25 May 1886 the King interrogated members of his court to see whether they would renounce Christianity. Led by Charles Lwanga, the royal pages declared their fidelity to their faith, upon which the King condemned them to death. Charles was burned to death together with 12 other Catholic men and boys and nine Anglicans. Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions were canonised by Pope Paul VI in 1964. Their feast day is celebrated on 3 June.

Home Office Vigil during Refugee Week

On Monday 19th June 2023 between 12-1.30pm, a prayer vigil will be held outside the Home Office in Marsham St, SW1P 4DF. There will be prayers for those who have died trying to reach the UK, the many victims of current wars, asylum seekers in detention centres, those who are homeless and those who struggle to inject welcome and humanity into our legislation. In addition, there will be a reflection by Bishop Paul McAleenan.

Cathedral Mass in celebration of marriage

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th or any later wedding anniversary this year, you are invited to renew your marriage vows at a Mass to be celebrated at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, at 3pm on September 23rd. Close family members can attend with you. In order to receive a personal invitation from Archbishop John, either give your details to your parish priest or email them to:

mflsw@rcaos.org.uk

The details needed are full names, address, phone number, anniversary being celebrated and parish. The deadline is July 31.

Illegal Migration Bill impact on children

Lord David Alton of Liverpool gave a powerful speech in the House of Lords this week, particularly expressing his concerns over the impact of the Illegal Migration Bill on children, which would make it impossible for refugees arriving in the UK by boat to claim asylum. He points out that one in five are unaccompanied children - already traumatised by war - who desperately need care and support. You can read Lord Alton's speech at: <https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/47310>

Jubilee Year 2025

2025 will be a Jubilee Year. As part of the preparation for the Jubilee, Pope Francis has invited the Church to reflect on the Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council in 2023 and for 2024 to be a Year of Prayer. More explanation to follow in a future newsletter.

Christian Unity

The Anglican Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, described Pope Francis's ministry as "a blessing to the world and to the whole Church" during his visit to Rome last week. Besides an audience with Francis, Cottrell addressed a conference in the city's Anglican Centre, in which he regretted that Christian unity had "become things that we talk about, we write papers about, we have conferences about, we have conversations about rather than seeing something that we must do".

Family Global Compact

In welcoming the innovative Family Global Compact last week, Pope Francis said "It is in the family that many of God's dreams for the human community are realized." In his message, the Pope calls on everyone to help the family and stop its decline due to uncertainty, individualism, and consumerism, or a future where individuals only look out for themselves. "We cannot be indifferent to the future of the family as a community of life and love, a unique and indissoluble covenant between a man and a woman, a place where generations meet, a source of hope for society." You can find out more at:

<https://tinyurl.com/93523zp5>

CARJ Webinar Series

The Catholic Association for Racial Justice is organising a series of webinars between May and August 2023 on "The Struggle for Racial Justice". The aim is to reflect on the history of the past 75 years and to discern the best ways forward for society and the Church to bring about a more just and equal society. The webinars are free but advance registration is required. For more information, see the CARJ website at www.carj.org.uk

St Francis of Assisi at the National Gallery



St Francis was canonised in 1228, two years after his death in 1226, there are more depictions of Francis than any other non-Biblical saint. Over 20,000 representations of him occur, within a century of his death. The St Francis of Assisi exhibition is on at the National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, until 31 July. Admission is free. See National Gallery website for opening times:

www.nationalgallery.org.uk/

Day for Life – weekend of 17/18 June 2023

This year, the *Day for Life* will be marked on the same day across the three episcopal conferences of England & Wales, Scotland, and Ireland. Please pray that this will be a tremendous witness to the gospel of life across these islands. The 2023 *Day for Life* will seek to highlight the trauma caused by abortion, with the theme "Listen to Her". [The message](#) is an invitation to listen to the voice and story of a young Catholic woman who, after suffering the trauma of an abortion, found healing.

The Holy Father's [own words in 2016](#) underline the gravity of abortion, but remind us, too, that nothing is beyond the mercy of God. A Novena of Prayer will be available on the CBCEW website which will lead up to the *Day for Life*. All resources, including the full message, may be accessed here:

www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life