



# 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*



5<sup>th</sup> November 2023 [Cycle A Year 1]

**Thirty First Sunday**

Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10 | Psalm 130

Thessalonians 2:7-9,13 | Matthew 23:1-12

*'Did not one God create us?'*

In our readings today, we hear how easy it is for human pride and laxity to diminish or even falsify God's message. Instead, let us follow the invitation to honour God in humility, sincerity and truth.

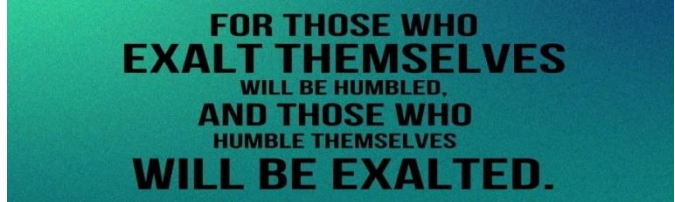
In the First Reading, the prophet Malachi does not mince his words. His message is hard-hitting: the priests are reproached for their spiritual negligence and failure to instruct the people properly, as well as for their half-hearted service of God.

Religious leaders are also criticised in the Gospel. Jesus castigates their hypocrisy: they are more concerned with drawing attention to themselves and exploiting their social position, rather than committing themselves to the message they preach. This type of self-aggrandisement and pride is the exact opposite of what the followers of Jesus should aspire to. Jesus himself is our role model: he teaches us that the route to leadership is through service of God in all things.

In contrast, the Second Reading presents Paul as a truly devoted pastor: enthusiastic, hard-working, full of love for his people; endlessly sharing the living word of God with this community.

To follow Christ is to serve him humbly; and humility, together with complete trust in God, is the theme of today's Psalm.

Let us pray this week: Lord God, you are both Father and Mother to us. We beg you: help us to be sincere and joyful in our practice of faith and prayer; to serve you in our daily lives; and to be even more alert and awake to your presence in nature all around us. We also pray with all our hearts for that peace which this world cannot give.



## Mass Intentions and Diary for the week

<b>Friday 3</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>John Barrie RIP</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 Borromeo</b>	<b>5.15pm</b>	<b>Devotion to Our Lady</b>
	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Denis Barter RIP</b>
<b>Sunday 5</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Mass (YC)</b>
<b>(Psalm Week 3)</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Noel McAllister RIP (CC)</b>
<b>Monday 6</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Canon George Telford RIP</b>
<b>Tuesday 7</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Annie Goodman RIP</b>
<b>Dedication of the Cathedral</b>	<b>7.45pm</b>	<b>The Sacraments in Scripture</b>
<b>Wednesday 8</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Noel McAllister RIP</b>
	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Youth Choir Practice</b>
	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Central Choir Practice</b>
	<b>8pm</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
<b>Thursday 9</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Folk Choir Practice</b>
<b>Friday 10</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>St Leo the Great</b>		
<b>Saturday 11</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Widows and Widowers</b>
<b>St Martin of Tours</b>	<b>5.15pm</b>	<b>Devotion to Our Lady</b>
	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Sunday 12</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Tom Doran RIP (FC)</b>
<b>32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Geoff Greene 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 Mapple, Sheila Sharp, Michal Pacala, Michael Rowback, Kristine Harvey, and Margaret Fox.

## Funeral of Michael Nolan

Former parishioner of St Margaret's, Michael Nolan died recently. His funeral will take place on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Details available at: <https://lodge.afuneralnotice.com/n/a7824e72>

## Legion of Mary

it is planned to start a Legion of Mary praesidium here at St Margaret's. There are flyers at the back of the church with full details.

## St Margaret's Supper

**PLACE:** Saint Martins Indian Restaurant

**WHEN:** Thursday 16th November 2023 from 7:30pm

**COST:** £22 per person

**RSVP BY:** Tuesday 14th November



Details of the menu and a sign up list are on the notice board in the meeting area of the church, or use this QR code:-

The second collection on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November will be for the Archbishops Appeal. You can find out how this money is spent at: <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/donate/archbishop-s-appeal-2023/>



Nov 16: St Margaret's Supper

Nov 22: Red Wednesday

Dec 3: First Sunday in Advent

### Mass for Widows and Widowers:

The 9.30 Mass on Saturday 11 November will be the annual Mass for widows and widowers. The Mass is not restricted to widows and widowers and all members of the parish are welcome to attend. There will be special prayers for widows, widowers and their deceased spouses. The Mass will be followed by refreshments in the meeting area. If you would like to attend but need transport, please contact Paul Cavadino on 07802 324118.

### 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.

### 'Letter to the People of God'

As the proceedings of the first session of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops draws to a close, the Synod has issued a 'Letter to the People of God'. Here are two extracts:

'Our assembly took place in the context of a world in crisis, whose wounds and scandalous inequalities resonated painfully in our hearts, infusing our work with a particular gravity, especially since some of us come from countries where war rages. We prayed for the victims of deadly violence, without forgetting all those who have been forced by misery and corruption to take the dangerous road of migration. We assured our solidarity and commitment alongside the women and men all over the world who are working to build justice and peace.'

'The Church also needs to listen to the laity, women and men, all called to holiness by virtue of their baptismal vocation: to the testimony of catechists, who in many situations are the first proclaimers of the Gospel; to the simplicity and vivacity of children, the enthusiasm of youth, to their questions, and their pleas; to the dreams, the wisdom and the memory of elderly people. The Church needs to listen to families, to their educational concerns, to the Christian witness they offer in today's world. She needs to welcome the voice of those who want to be involved in lay ministries and to participate in discernment and decision-making structures.'

You can read the full letter at:

<https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/48335> .

### Synod ended on Saturday

Premier Christian News has a short commentary at: <https://tinyurl.com/5cu8anin> The second session is set to take place in October 2024.

**Saying Goodbye  
Remembrance  
Service – London**

**METHODIST CENTRAL HALL**

**26 NOVEMBER , 2023 - 3.30PM**

A SERVICE FOR ANYONE WHO HAS LOST A BABY IN PREGNANCY, AT BIRTH OR IN EARLY YEARS, WHETHER THE LOSS WAS YESTERDAY OR 80 YEARS AGO. THIS EVENT IS ALSO FOR THOSE GRIEVING THAT THEY HAVE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO CONCEIVE.



### Y-Pray? Fellowship Morning

World Day of Prayer is a Women led, Global Ecumenical Movement of Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action.

Come and join women from other churches for Worship, Creative Prayer, Coffee and Cake on Saturday 4th November 2023, 9.30am -11.30am, at Wallington Baptist Church, Queens Road/Parkgate Road, Wallington, SM6 0AG. Please use the Parkgate Road entrance for registration of £5 per person. To reserve your place please contact Jan Stone. [janandgeoffstone@gmail.com](mailto:janandgeoffstone@gmail.com) or phone 07802527336 or 020 8669 9766.

### Prayers offered to Our Lady for peace in the Holy Land

On the Feast Day of Our Lady Queen of Palestine, (25<sup>th</sup> October), a special Mass was held at St George's Cathedral in Southwark, for peace in the Holy Land.



The new Tryptic of Our Lady Queen of Palestine in St George's Cathedral, Southwark

### New Catholic Listeners website

Catholic Listeners, the telephone helpline for people who want to know more about the faith, has launched a new website. It includes links to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, scripture and Church documents. Go to [www.catholiclisteners.com](http://www.catholiclisteners.com)

### Doeme addresses Parliament on the power of the Rosary.

The Tablet reports that Nigerian Bishop of Maiduguri, Oliver Dashe Doeme told a group of British MPs and peers that when the 200,000 Catholics in his diocese began to pray the Rosary for peace, Boko Haram's violence in north-eastern Nigeria began to dwindle. His testimony tied in with a new campaign from the charity Aid to the Church in Need to ask Catholics, whether as individuals, in parishes or schools to pray 100,000 decades of the Rosary for peace in Africa.

### Isle of Man Cathedral

Saint Mary of the Isle Church, Douglas, Isle of Man will be elevated to cathedral status on Friday 3 November. As a 'co-cathedral' to the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, 80 miles away across the Irish Sea, it will be the first Catholic co-cathedral in the British Isles.

### Ruskin Community Cinema

'The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry' film will be shown on Saturday 11 November at 3.00 pm and 7.30 pm.

### Abortion Act

27 October 2023 marked 56 years since the Abortion Act received Royal Assent in 1967. Since then, a staggering 10,256,050 unborn babies have lost their lives to abortion across England, Wales and Scotland. Right To Life UK has published an article about this anniversary, which you can read on this link: [www.righttolife.org.uk/56years](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/56years)

### Universe Catholic Weekly

You can take a look at the new digital edition of The Catholic Universe at: <https://tinyurl.com/5n8p5vri>

**Pray not for Arab or Jew, for Palestinian or Israeli, but pray rather for ourselves, that we might not divide them in our prayers but keep them both together in our hearts.**

(A prayer from the ecumenical prayer vigil for peace in Gaza)