



St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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Committed to 'Churches Together in England'

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A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors



12th May 2024 [Cycle B Year 2]

7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1: 15-17 | Psalm 102

1 John 4: 11-16 | John 17: 11-19



On this Sunday, which comes between the Ascension and Pentecost, we continue to follow the development of the infant Church and return to St John's theme of God's love for us.

In the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, the disciples come together to discern and pray, so as to choose an apostle to replace Judas. The lot falls to Matthias. The Psalm is a hymn of praise and describes the love of God that covers the whole universe.

The Second Reading emphasises that God's love for us is the reason and example for our love for each other. As long as we do this, God will live in us, and will share his Spirit with us.

In the Gospel, taken from Jesus's priestly prayer to the Father, Jesus prays that the disciples will remain true to his name. As the Father sent Jesus into the world, so he now sends his followers. May they be united in faith and love. The readings lead us to contemplate the love and unity within the Trinity, a fitting preparation this week as we look towards Pentecost.

Taken from St Beuno's Outreach



Pentecost Sunday

Sunday 19 May is Pentecost Sunday. Our Pentecost liturgy will be a multi-cultural celebration with prayers and hymns in different languages. After the 11.00 Mass we will hold our annual multi-cultural Pentecost social event. This will be a bring-and-share event with food from different countries. (Bring your own drinks.) Parishioners are encouraged to wear national dress and bring their national flags. There is a sign-up list with a QR code in the meeting area. Please sign up if you would like to attend the event. Also please indicate if you can make a main course or dessert or help to set up the event or clear away afterwards.

Pentecost Sunday is always a wonderful celebration of the togetherness of our parish and the strength of our diversity. In the fortnight leading up to Pentecost a map of the world will be displayed in the meeting area. Parishioners are asked to insert a pin in their country of origin (or their family's country of origin) to reinforce the message of Pentecost. In preparation for Pentecost the Renewal Prayer Group will organise a Pentecost Novena at 7pm each evening from Saturday 11th to Saturday 18th May and 7.30pm on Friday 10th and Friday 17th May.

The Theme of World Communications Day (12th May)

is 'Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart'

The subject of the Pope's Video for May is "For the formation of men and women religious, and seminarians". You can watch this at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=ixn0OUw2p1l

Mass Intentions and Diary for the week

Friday 10	9.30am	Martin Delaney (RIP)
	6pm	Legion of Mary
	7.30pm	Pentecost Novena
Saturday 11	9am	Called to Serve Seminar
	9.30am	Mass
	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 12 7 th of Easter (Psalm Week 3)	7pm	Pentecost Novena
	9am	Carla Doran RIP (FC)
	11am	Vic Heard RIP (CC)
Monday 13	7pm	Pentecost Novena
	9.30am	Margaret Lester RIP
	7pm	Pentecost Novena
Tuesday 14 St Matthias	7pm	Pentecost Novena
	9.30am	Mass
	7.30pm	Bible Study in the church
Wednesday 15	7pm	Pentecost Novena
	9.30am	Edmund & Indira Louis TG
	6pm	Youth Music Group Practice
	7.30pm	Central Choir Practice
Thursday 16	8pm	Bible Study by zoom
	7pm	Pentecost Novena
	9.30am	Mass
Friday 17	7.30pm	Folk Choir Practice
	7.30pm	Pentecost Novena
	9.30am	Mass
Saturday 18	7.30pm	Pentecost Novena
	9am	Called to Serve Seminar
	9.30am	Mass
	10am	Legion of Mary
	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 19 Pentecost	7pm	Pentecost Novena
	9am	Mass (YMG)
	11am	Raphaella Aguilar RIP (CC) then <i>Pentecost Celebration</i>

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: Tom O'Regan, Mary Ryan, Peter Ryan, Connie Harrington, Fr Henry, Michael Begley, Elizabeth Margaret Cuffy, Michelle Caley, Paul Ford, Michael Colairo, Richard Neal, Paula Seradi, Maria Luisa Mappley, Sheila Sharp, Michal Pacala, Michael Rowback, Kristine Harvey, Margaret Fox and Douglas Barber.

'Called to Serve: Following Mary's Pathway'

This seminar in our parish will take place this Saturday 11th May from 9am to 2pm. It will be led by Sr. Harriet Thomas. With a wealth of knowledge and a compassionate approach, Sr Harriet aims to be a guiding presence, bringing clarity and purpose to the journeys of those she serves, all to the glory of God.

St Margaret's Foodbank

Our Top 10 priority items for May are: Cartons of Long-Life Whole Milk, Jars of Jam & Honey, Hot Chocolate requiring only water, Tinned Tuna Fish (most popular with children), Tinned Vegetarian Meals, Toddler Microwave Meals for 10 months+, Tins of Rice Pudding, Tins of Dessert Fruit, Unisex Shampoo in liquid or bar form & Washing Powder Tablets. We are so grateful for everyone's continued generosity.

Staff become Catholic after new programme in schools

Recently, a special Mass was held at St Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls, where staff members from St Ursuline's High School, Wimbledon and St Philomena's were received into the Church. This resulted from an innovative evangelisation programme in our Archdiocese. The project, called 'Come and see' invites non-Catholic staff in schools to join a bespoke Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) programme, where they are supported within school to be received into the Church.

Teachers or staff members interested in joining the programme can get in contact with the Archdiocese of Southwark's Education Service via their website: or email on ecenquiries@rcaos.org.uk.

Saint of the Month - Saint Margaret Clitherow



Born in 1556, Saint Margaret Clitherow was an English Martyr known as the "Pearl of York". She converted to Catholicism in 1574. Although her husband was a member of the Anglican Church, he was supportive and paid her fines for failing to attend Established church services. Margaret was imprisoned three times for not attending church. She risked her life by harbouring and maintaining Catholic

priests (which was a capital offence). When Margaret's son went abroad to train for the priesthood, her house was searched and the priest hole was discovered. She was brought before York Assizes for the crime of harbouring priests. After refusing to plead, she was sentenced to death. Although Margaret was pregnant, she was executed by being crushed to death under a door loaded with rocks and stones. She was beatified in 1929 and canonised in 1970 as one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales.

Scrap the Cap 'Free Schools' Campaign

The Catholic Union reports that the Government is proposing to lift the faith-based admissions cap on new free schools subject to consultation. This would mean that new Catholic free schools could be established. This is well-earned recognition of and confidence in the success of our existing Catholic schools. There is a second Government proposal to allow new and existing special academies with a recognised faith ethos to apply to be designated as having a religious character. To support these proposals you can take part in the consultation at this link: <https://shorturl.at/jmEGM> the consultation closes on 20th June.

Abortion Law reforms to be debated on May 15th

Amendments have been proposed both from pro-Life and pro-Abortion MPs. Right To Life has asked that we email our MPs to oppose the abortion up-to-birth amendments, you can write to your MP using this easy-to-use tool: <https://tinyurl.com/5f9tv2ya>

'The Cross of the Moment' report

This new report is based on research led by Durham University's Centre for Catholic Studies. It is the first study of how the abuse crisis has impacted the whole Catholic community in England and Wales. Bishop Paul Mason, Lead Bishop for Safeguarding, commented: "I thank the authors of The Cross of the Moment and welcome it as a report that amplifies the voices of victims and survivors of abuse. The Church remains committed to listening with humility to them as their experiences will always inform our safeguarding work – something that lies at the heart of the Church's mission" You can read a summary of the report at: <https://tinyurl.com/msv96khy>

Official logo for Jubilee Year 2025: "Pilgrims of Hope."



The logo has four stylized figures to indicate all of humanity from the four corners of the earth and they are each embracing another, indicating the solidarity and brotherhood that must unite peoples. It should be noted that the first figure is clinging to the cross. The underlying waves are choppy to indicate that the pilgrimage of life is not always on calm waters.

CARJ 40th Anniversary Day - Saturday 25th May

The Catholic Association for Racial Justice (CARJ) offers a day of talks and discussions that includes lunch and a sung Mass. Talks will include 'Love the Stranger' by a member of Sutton Deanery Refugee Community Sponsorship Group and the launch of the 'Racial Justice Agenda for Change'. The event is free and will run from 10.30am – 3.30pm at Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, London SE1 7HY on Saturday 25th May.

Divine Mercy Recollection Day

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a First Saturday Divine Mercy Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, on Saturday 1st June 2024 from 11 am to 4:30 pm. The Recollection Day will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Pls call Millie on 07957594646 for more information.



Join us for an enriching day of faith development at the Formation Fayre 2024 on 8 June 2024 at Amigo Hall, St. George's Cathedral. This year, we are pleased to welcome Archbishop John Wilson as our keynote speaker. With the theme "Made for More," our event promises dynamic breakout sessions, times of prayer, and opportunities for spiritual reflection. Don't miss this chance to deepen your understanding of Catholicism and emerge renewed and empowered. Register now at <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/> and be part of this transformative event.

"Some parts of our human family...can be ..."hidden exiles" ... treated as foreign bodies in society. Many persons with disabilities "feel that they exist without belonging and without participating". ...Our concern should be not only to care for them but to ensure their "active participation in the civil and ecclesial community. That is a demanding and even tiring process, yet one that will gradually contribute to ...acknowledging each individual as a unique and unrepeatable person".

(Pope Francis, 2000)