



# St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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*A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors*



4th December 2022 [Cycle A Year 1]  
Second Sunday of Advent  
Isaiah 11:1-10 | Psalm 72  
Romans 15:4-9 | Matthew 3:1-12



“The kingdom of heaven is at hand,” John proclaims. And the Liturgy today paints us a vivid portrait of our new king and the shape of the kingdom He has come to bring.

The Lord whom John prepares the way for in today’s Gospel is the righteous king prophesied in today’s First Reading and Psalm. He is the king’s son, the son of David—a shoot from the root of Jesse, David’s father (see Ruth 4:17).

He will be the Messiah, anointed with the Holy Spirit (see 2 Samuel 23:1; 1 Kings 1:39; Psalm 2:2), endowed with the seven gifts of the Spirit—wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord.

He will rule with justice, saving the poor from the ruthless and wicked. His rule will be not only over Israel—but will extend from sea to sea, to the ends of the earth. He will be a light, a signal to all nations. And they will seek Him and pay Him homage. In Him, all the tribes of the earth will find blessing.

The covenant promise to Abraham (see Genesis 12:3), renewed in God’s oath to David (see Psalm 89:4,28), will be fulfilled in His dynasty. And His name will be blessed forever. In Christ, God confirms His oath to Israel’s patriarchs, Paul tells us in today’s Epistle. But no longer are God’s promises reserved solely for the children of Abraham. The Gentiles, too, will glorify God for His mercy. Once strangers, in Christ they will be included in “the covenants of promise” (see Ephesians 2:12).

John delivers this same message in the Gospel. Once God’s chosen people were hewn from the rock of Abraham (see Isaiah 51:1–2). Now, God will raise up living stones (see 1 Peter 2:5)—children of Abraham born not of flesh and blood but of the Spirit.

This is the meaning of the fiery baptism He brings—making us royal heirs of the kingdom of heaven, the Church.

*St Paul Centre for Biblical Theology, Steubenville, Ohio*

## Visit by Canon Victor Darlington

Canon Victor Darlington, Episcopal Vicar, visited St Margaret's and spoke at the 11.00 Mass last Sunday. He asked parishioners to volunteer to become involved in three areas of work for which he is responsible in the Archdiocese of Southwark. The first was to be a foundation governor of a Catholic school. The second was to take part in activity to promote racial equality and inclusion in parishes. The third was to become involved in the Caritas Social Action Network, a new body which will co-ordinate social action in the Archdiocese.

Several parishioners expressed an interest in one or more of these activities and gave Canon Victor their contact details. There will be an opportunity for other parishioners to express an interest after this weekend's Masses. We will collect details of those interested and forward them to Canon Victor.

## Mass Intentions and Diary for the week

<b>Friday 2</b> (First Friday)	9.30am	People of the Parish
	12.30pm	Mass for the Sick
	7pm	NO Whole Hearted Adoration
<b>Saturday 3</b> St Francis Xavier	9.30am	Fr Albert Tomei RIP
	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	Grace Singarajah's Family RIP
<b>Sunday 4</b> [Psalm Wk 2] 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	9am	Deceased members of the Fox and Ellis Family (YC)
	11am	Deceased Members of the O'Connor & Riney Families (CC)
	6pm	Whole Hearted Adoration
	7pm	Mass
<b>Monday 5</b>	9.30am	Filomena Da Silva RIP
	5pm	First Holy Communion Class
	6pm	Advent Adoration
	7pm	Mass
	<b>Tuesday 6</b>	9.30am
<b>Wednesday 7</b> St Ambrose	9.30am	Eileen Killick RIP
	7pm	Central Choir Practice
	8pm	Bible Study
<b>Thursday 8</b> Immaculate Conception	9.30am	Josephine Banks and Richard Hall WB
	6pm	Youth Choir Practice
	7.30pm	Folk Choir Practice
<b>Friday 9</b>	9.30am	Paul Coates RIP
<b>Saturday 10</b> St Francis Xavier	9.30am	
	10.15am	Coffee Club
	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	Collette Meade RIP
	<b>Sunday 11</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	9am
	11am	(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.

**Anniversaries:** Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur this month.

**Prayer requests:** Fr Luke, Wendy Counsell, Paula Seradi, Maria Luisa Mappleley, Sheila Sharp, Michal Pacala, Hilda Gill, Michael Rowback, Max & Isabelle Mifsud, Catherine Roberts, Kristine Harvey, Margaret Fox and Richard Neal.

## Advent Special!

For the four Mondays of Advent, we are having an additional hour of Adoration from 6pm to 7pm, followed by Mass. The first half hour (6 to 6.30pm), will be silent Adoration and there will then be a short Advent reflection beginning at 6.30pm. Mass will start at 7pm. On Monday 12th Dec, Mass will be followed by a Service of Reconciliation starting at around 7.30pm.



### A new Auxiliary Bishop to the Archdiocese of Southwark

On Monday 28 November 2022, it was announced that His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed Monsignor Philip Moger as an Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Southwark. A priest of the Diocese of Leeds for 40 years,

Bishop-elect Moger has, until now, been the Rector of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk.

On hearing news of the appointment Most Rev John Wilson, Archbishop of Southwark, said: "I am very grateful to His Holiness Pope Francis for appointing a new Auxiliary Bishop to the Archdiocese of Southwark. I offer to Bishop-elect Philip Moger the warmest of welcomes. He brings a vast array of experience to this new mission having served the Church as a priest for forty years. I know he will be such a great blessing to the people and communities in our Archdiocese, bringing gifts of joy, encouragement and personal warmth. He is a man of faith and prayer who loves Christ, his Church and his people.

"I very much look forward to working with him as we continue to shape our missionary Archdiocese in the service of the Gospel. I know that Bishop-elect Moger will embody generosity and compassion as, together, we seek to make Christ known, loved and served. I ask everyone in our parish and school communities to pray for him as he prepares for this new mission among and with us."

Following the news of his appointment, Bishop-elect Moger said: "As well as being very surprised, I am humbled indeed by the Holy Father appointing me to be an Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark. I accept this calling with a glad and open heart. I shall, of course, be sorry to leave England's National Shrine of Our Lady, in Walsingham, and my home Diocese of Leeds, but I look forward to moving even further south, getting to know the Archdiocese of Southwark and working with Archbishop John Wilson, Bishop Paul Hendricks, and the clergy, religious and lay faithful in South London and Kent.

"Throughout my priesthood, and the various missions entrusted to me, I have much to thank God for. In Walsingham, England's Nazareth, I learned much from the many faith-filled pilgrims who sought to be wrapped in Our Lady's mantle of prayer. I have much to learn once more, and I depend on Our Lady's prayers and yours. Our Lady of Walsingham, pray for us."

Bishop Marcus Stock, Bishop of Leeds said: "I pray that Bishop-elect Philip Moger will bring to his new episcopal ministry all the wisdom and skills he has demonstrated over the last forty years of his priestly ministry here in his home diocese.

*Taken from Independent Catholic News.*

### PACT's Operation Elf

So far St Margaret's parishioners have supplied 20 vouchers, worth £300, to PACT's Operation Elf. These vouchers will be donated to prisoners at HMP Downview, so that they can be passed on as Christmas gifts to their children.

*"This is true, Christianity may have its sacred places and buildings but it is never totally bound by them, for us the holy is everywhere more particularly in each of us wherever we are gathered in Jesus' name".*

*Canon Robin Gibbons*

**People, this is a Proclamation** (Part 1 this week, Part 2 next)  
[This is the rap carol written by Bernie Jacobs, that was performed at the Summer Concert this year]

Now here's a new way to start Christmas Day  
Showing our joy in a new musical way  
Instead of night's silent and all of those guys  
We've got a rap carol to spring a surprise.  
So, get yourself ready for our Christmas treat  
And give this old carol a real driving beat.  
The story we know of a newly born baby  
Born from the womb of a young virgin lady  
Started way back when the big angel came  
Called out to Mary, said Gabe was his name,  
Told her she's chosen by the Big Guy upstairs  
To bear the Saviour to clean up our cares  
To be the mother of his only son  
So, the fight for our souls can be fought and won.  
'Who me?' she said, with a slight girlish grin,  
'Yea you' he replied, 'conceived without sin.'  
'Ok she said if that's what He's saying  
Excuse me now, I'd better get praying.'  
When she told old Joseph that she was with child  
He wasn't too happy, was really quite riled,  
Didn't realise his part in this heavenly scheme  
Until he had an enlightening dream.  
When he knew he wasn't being played for a fool  
And who the babe was, he said OK, cool,  
I'll think of a name to call our kid  
Maybe Wayne or Gordon or perhaps even Sid?  
But no, he was told the boy who will save us  
You just get on down and name him as Jesus.

*Bernie Jacobs*

### Caritas International Management Sacked

Last week Pope Francis fired the entire leadership of Caritas International (CI). Following accusations of bullying and humiliation of employees, and appointed a commissioner to run it. CI is a Vatican-based confederation of 162 Catholic relief, development and social services organisations working in more than 200 countries. The sackings of the executive level of CI, which has more than a million staff and volunteers around the world, were announced in a papal decree released by the Vatican press office.

### Orthodox and Catholic Easter on the Same Day?

The Patriarch of Constantinople recently stated that conversations were underway between representatives of the Catholic and Orthodox Churches to come to an agreement on the date for Easter. The conversations are being held in the framework of the coming celebration of the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea (325 AD) which decided the current system for calculating the date of Easter.

### Home Office Vigils

Every month for 15 months, a small group of Christians has gathered outside the Home Office in London's West End to remember and pray for those who died the year before while trying to reach the UK and mainland Europe to seek sanctuary. You can join us and bear witness to the victims of that injustice. Join us, keep in touch, find out more. Contact [barbarakentish@talktalk.net](mailto:barbarakentish@talktalk.net) or [johanmaertens@hotmail.com](mailto:johanmaertens@hotmail.com)