



# St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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*A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors*

2024  
Year of  
Prayer

11<sup>th</sup> February 2024 [Cycle B Year 2]  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 | Psalm 31  
1 Corinthians 10:31 -11:1 | Mark 1:40-45



The theme of today's readings is God's loving compassion and healing. We, too, are called to be loving, as well as pure and holy. Two of the readings speak of leprosy: a disease that can now be cured, but at the time was seen as a punishment for sin. The belief was that either the leper or one of their family had offended God in some way. The First Reading reveals the requirements imposed on lepers. They were to make themselves physically unattractive, so that people would know they were unclean, and to live apart, outside the city walls. They were thus sentenced to indefinite exile from their community and excluded from worship.

The leper we meet in the Gospel breaks the law because of his faith. He approaches Jesus, pleading to be made clean. We see Jesus's compassion, mercy, and healing power in curing him. The leper can be readmitted to his community once he has seen the priest, though conversely, Jesus now becomes the outcast.

In the Psalm we hear the joy of the psalmist who, in acknowledging and repenting of his sins, is confident of the Lord's forgiveness.

The Second Reading calls us to be witnesses to Christ's teaching in everything we do, whilst always being sensitive to others.

This week, I may like to pray for the courage, humility and faith of the leper in the Gospel, as I bring my own desires and needs to Jesus. I ask for the Spirit's guidance to be loving and helpful to others at all times.

*Taken from St Beuno's Outreach*

## Homily of Archbishop John Wilson Racial Justice Sunday Mass St George's Cathedral, 10am, Sunday 28 January 2024

Archbishop John Wilson, in his homily for Racial Justice Sunday Mass at St George's Cathedral, emphasizes the unacceptability of racism in our society and church. He calls on each baptized person to be a prophet, speaking God's truth with authority, and stresses the divine truth that every person, regardless of origin or skin colour, possesses an innate dignity that must be respected. The Archbishop expresses pride in the rich international and ethnically diverse nature of the Archdiocese, highlighting ongoing efforts to combat racism and promote inclusivity. He concludes by encouraging prophetic voices for justice and hope, envisioning a united human family.

## Clergy Support Fund Second Collection

Supporting our clergy is crucial, especially in their retirement. On February 17th and 18th, 2024, we'll hold the Clergy Support Fund second collection in the Archdiocese of Southwark. This fund assists retired priests during their old age or ill health after a lifetime of service to the Church. Your generous donation, given through the Clergy Support Fund envelope offered after Mass, is greatly appreciated.

## Mass Intentions and Diary for the week

Friday 9	9.30am	Johanna Anderson RIP
Saturday 10	9.30am	Louis Stenning RIP
	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	Mass People of the Parish
Sunday 11 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday (Psalm Week 2)	9am	Fred & Nosa Philips RIP   FC
	11am	Ernestia Mensha (WB)   CC
Monday 12	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday 13	9.30am	Mass Lily Lange (BT)
Wednesday 14 Ash Wednesday	9.30am	Mass
	6pm	Youth Music Group Practice
	7.30pm	Mass
Thursday 15	8pm	Central Choir Practice
	9.30am	Mass Luis Da Silva (RIP)
	Friday 16	9.30am
Saturday 17	9.30am	Mass
	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	Mass People of the Parish
Sunday 18 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent	9am	Anne Doherty (RIP)   YMG
	11am	Mass (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 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.

Coming  
Soon

14 February: Ash Wednesday

31 March: Easter Sunday

## St Margaret's RC Church celebrates with Lily Lange

Steven Smith's mother, Lily Lange, celebrates her 100th birthday on Tuesday, February 13th, 2024.

## Purley food Hub



The Purley Food Hub's February 2024 News Update reports a decline in meals provided in January compared to December but still emphasizes the gratitude for every food parcel delivered to clients. The Food List for February includes essential items for donation, and the update expresses thanks to all supporters, volunteers and organizations that have contributed to the Hub. It

highlights the generous donations received during January from various sources, including individuals, churches, schools, and stores. The update also features the experiences of a teenage volunteer, Freya, and acknowledges the support received from neighbours and local organizations. The closing section encourages continued support, shares information about collection points, and updates readers on the Food Stops at Purley and St Francis. The update ends with a note of appreciation and thanks for ongoing support.

### Visit to the Purley food hub.

Congregation members of St Margaret's RC Church including Adrianna, visited the Purley food bank at the United Reformed Church.



### Lent Ecumenical House Groups 2024.

The Churches Together in Carshalton (CTIC) Lenten Ecumenical Groups have been running for a number of years, bringing us together from different denominations to discuss faith and life and prepare for Easter. This year we will be using material from Embrace the Middle East "Healing And Hope In The One Household Of God". The groups begin in the week of 19th February and run for six weeks. There are Zoom and in-person options. If you would like to join one of the groups, please add your name to the sign-up list on the Noticeboard in the Meeting Area to the group of your choice by 13th February.

### Archdiocese of Southwark Pastoral Letter

John Wilson, Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark, calls for reflection on God's presence and discipleship responsibilities. It encourages sharing Jesus' and being "missionary disciples" collectively. Recognizing encounters with God through prayer,

sacraments, and love in others, the letter calls for a renewed commitment to holiness and mission. The Archbishop emphasizes the shared mission among all baptized individuals, irrespective of roles, to spread Christ's love in society. As Lent begins, he invites unity among clergy, laity, and consecrated individuals, fostering a joint commitment to proclaiming the Gospel.

### Saint of the Month – Saint Josephine Bakhita

Saint Josephine Bakhita was born in the Darfur region of Sudan in 1869. At the age of seven she was seized by slave traders. She was bought, sold and given away more than 12 times before being freed in 1889. She was left with the Canossian sisters, where she encountered Christianity for the first time. She entered the novitiate and spent the rest of her life in the Canossian convent in Schio, northern Italy. Saint Bakhita is the patron saint of Sudan and of survivors of human trafficking. Her feast day is celebrated on 8 February, which is the International Day of Prayer Against Human Trafficking.



### HCPT pilgrimage to Lourdes:

An HCPT pilgrimage to Lourdes holds a unique healing experience for those in need and offers rewarding opportunities for individuals providing practical, physical, and social support to the Group. Fr Luke's 2024 HCPT Group is embarking on a journey from 13th to 20th September, staying at the fully equipped Hosanna House catering to the needs of people with a disability. Assistance is being sought from able-bodied helpers to dedicate a week for various roles. It's a chance to discover the significant role played by people with a disability in leading the way to Christ. Nurses, in particular, are encouraged to join. For further details visit the HCPT website [www.hcpt.org.uk](http://www.hcpt.org.uk) under Summer Pilgrimages. You can also contact the Group leaders: Sandra Allen (07768080537), Manus Finnerty (020 8669 5265), or Father Luke (020 8642 3863).

### Farewell to Clara, Parish secretary

The church and parishioners celebrated the departure of Clara who has been the parish secretary for 2 years. We wish her all the best in her new role and are grateful for all her contributions for the Church. She will be dearly missed.

