



St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors



12th February 2023 [Cycle A Year 1]

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time

Sirach 15:15-20 | Psalm 119

1 Corinthians 2:6-10 | Matthew 5: 17-37

First Reading: "Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him."

Responsorial Psalm: "Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!"

Second Reading: "Rather, we speak God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory, and which none of the rulers of this age knew; for, if they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory."

Gospel: "Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven."

The readings for the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time focus on the law and commandments. The first reading tells us to choose life by obeying God's commandments. The second reading reminds us that God's wisdom is far greater than our own. And in the gospel Jesus tells us he has come to fulfil the law, not to abolish it.

Taken from <https://young-catholics.com>

Sutton Deanery Day of Reflection, 4th March 2023

Sutton Deanery's Annual Day of Prayer and Reflection for special ministers, readers and parishioners will be held on Saturday 4th March at Holy Family Church, Sorrento Road, Sutton Green, SM1 1QG.

It will be led by Canon Gerard Bradley, who will talk on his role as Episcopal Vicar for South West London. There will also be updates on the work of CARITAS and 'Some Definite Service' from deanery members. The event will start with Mass at 10.30am and will finish at 1.30pm. All welcome. The Deanery Webpage can be found at: <http://suttondeanery.weebly.com/>

The Pope Video for February 2023: For Parishes

Francis' vision for parishes, is explained in his February video: Parishes should be close-knit communities, without bureaucracy, people-centred -a place where the gift of the sacraments can be found. They have to become once again schools of service and generosity, with their doors always open to those who are excluded. And to those included. To all. Parishes are not a club for the few, which give a certain kind of social belonging. Please, let us be daring. Let us all rethink the style of our parochial communities. Let us pray that parishes, placing communion - communion of people, ecclesial communion- at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, of fraternity and of welcoming the most in need". Watch the video at:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=f5uRUQDij-g



1st Prize £50 Winning Number 62

2nd Prize £25 Winning Number 92

3rd Prize £10 Winning Number 136

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them **but to fulfill them.**
Matthew 5:17

Mass Intentions and Diary for the week

Friday 10	9.30am	Mass
St Scholastica	10.15am	Funeral of Wendy Counsell
Saturday 11	9.30am	Fred & Nora Philips
World Day of the Sick	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	Theresa Otueje WB
Sunday 12	9am	Meshe Family (FC)
Sixth Sunday [Psalm Wk 2]	11am	Nwozuzu Family (CC)
Monday 13	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday 14	9.30am	Mass
Sts. Cyril, Monk, & Methdius		
Wednesday 15	9.30am	Luis Da Silva RIP
	6pm	Youth Choir Practice
	7pm	Central Choir Practice
	8pm	Bible Study
Thursday 16	9.30am	Mass
Friday 17	9.30am	Mass
Saturday 18	9.30am	Mass
	5.15am	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	Mass
Sunday 19	9am	Mass
Seventh Sunday	11am	Mass (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: Michael Colairo, Richard Neal, Catherine Roberts, Paula Seradi, Maria Luisa Mapple, Sheila Sharp, Michal Pacala, Hilda Gill, Michael Rowback, Max & Isabelle Mifsud, Kristine Harvey, Margaret Fox.



Feb 22: Ash Wednesday

March 3: World Day of Prayer

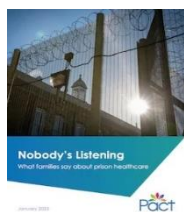
March 12: Fairtrade Fortnight

March 18: Caritas Inauguration Mass at St George's Cathedral

Ecumenical pilgrimage of peace to DR Congo & South Sudan

Pope Francis, the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby and Dr Iain Greenshields, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, have visited DR Congo and South Sudan. Some of the highlights have been:

- The Pope began his visit to DR Congo with a hard-hitting speech condemning the “economic colonialism” plundering the continent’s natural resources, and describing the conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo as a “forgotten genocide.”
- In Kinshasa's Cathedral of Our Lady of the Congo, Francis emphasized that priests, sisters, missionaries, and others called to religious service are called to be servants of the people, "to act as signs of Christ's presence, of His unconditional love, His reconciliation and forgiveness, and His compassionate concern for the needs of the poor."
- Francis, seated in his popemobile, entering Martyrs' Stadium in Kinshasa electrified an exuberant crowd of 65,000 young people, who waved and sang a welcome song.
- Having listened to survivors of violence, the Pope made a heartfelt appeal to all people, and especially those who are fomenting war in the Democratic Republic of Congo: "Listen to the cry of their blood, open your ears to the voice of God ... and to the voice of your conscience: put away your weapons, put an end to war! Enough! Stop getting rich at the cost of the poor, stop getting rich from resources and money stained with blood!"
- In Juba, South Sudan's capital city, Pope Francis issued a blunt appeal for peace and reminded those in power that their purpose is to serve the community.



Nobody's Listening

Pact, the Prison Advice and Care Trust, spoke to families caught up in the criminal justice system, inviting them to share their experience of trying to support loved ones in prison. The report can be found at: <https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/nobodys-listening>
The key findings of the report are:

- Prisoners' mental and physical health are at historically low levels following Covid
- Families too often 'locked out' of the system, unable to support their loved-ones who are unwell
- A more proactive role for families would save lives, as well as relieving pressure on the NHS and reducing reoffending

75th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi's assassination

The Tablet recalls that one of Gandhi's favourite texts was the Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5.1–12). "Everything you need about Christian morality could be its sub-title, and how to interpret the Sermon is a subject of wide disagreement. It comes down to the Law: The Old Law spoke of external actions, the New Law speaks of the sources of actions within. The focus of this central text of the Christian gospels is on virtue and character rather than rules and precepts. Over time, obedience more than spirituality or holiness came to be associated with Christian morality. But for St Thomas Aquinas, morality was about human flourishing – “who we are” rather than “what we do”. Through moral maturity we become free “to be” rather than “to do” and we arrive at that point by growing in virtue. The New Law guides us to freedom, and is

Freedom. The life counted as happy is one of trusting abandon, one lived with confidence and security far in excess of what fortune, possessions or praise can offer. How happy are the poor in spirit.”

Prosecution for Praying.

The charges against Isabel Vaughan-Spruce for praying in the vicinity of an abortion facility have been dropped but the CPS have said that the charges may be reinstated at a later date. More information from: https://adf.uk/praying-volunteer-seeks-verdict/?mc_cid=d6a4ad0415&mc_eid=bf68dd70c2

You can also hear Isabel Vaughan-Spruce speak at 7pm Monday 13th Feb and learn about the Life-Saving Peaceful Prayerful Outreach that is 40 Days for Life as we prepare for a 40 Days for Life Campaign in Brixton. For more details contact Gabriella on 07745-711064 or The Good Counsel Network on 020-7723-1740. The venue is: Parish Hall, Our Lady of the Rosary, 364 Brixton Road, London, SW9 0TH.

Help Afghan families reunite

The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) and a coalition of charities are backing a letter to the Prime Minister about the government's failure to deliver on promises that were made to reunite Afghan families who were evacuated to the UK. Nearly a year and a half on, families are being kept apart because no process has been put in place for their reunification under the Afghan Citizen Resettlement Scheme.

Religion by Age and Sex.

The Office of National Statistics has broken down details from the 2021 Census regarding religion by age and sex in England and Wales. The average age of people in England and Wales identifying as Christian is now above 50, while the majority of young adults say that they had no religion. Nearly three in 10 who identify as Christian are 65 and over, up from just over two in 10 a decade ago. The median age of people identifying as Christian was 51 at the 2021 census, up from 45 in 2011.

Call to decriminalise homosexuality

Before departing for Africa, Pope Francis made a call for the decriminalisation of homosexuality in an interview with Nicole Winfield of the Associated Press. Francis wrote to Fr James Martin to clarify that he had not intended to imply that being gay was a sin, but had been restating the Church's teaching that sexual acts must always take place within marriage, adding, “Of course, one must also consider the circumstances, which may decrease or eliminate fault”.

Care Professionals Networking Breakfast

Lavender Oaks Care Home, (at 4 Metcalf Avenue, Carshalton SM5 4AQ), is holding a number of events that include a breakfast on Friday 3rd March, 8.00am. The invitation states:

“We would like to invite local and neighbouring professionals who are connected to the care industry to join us for a continental breakfast at our monthly professionals networking group. Booking is required. Please RSVP to Louise Wood on 020 3957 5200 or by email at CSM.Lavender@Porthaven.co.uk .”

