



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



Mass Intentions and Diary for the week

Friday 4 St Francis + Cafod fast day + First Friday	9.30am	Mass, World Peace (SI)
	12.30pm	Mass for the Sick, Bastiami Pillai Manuel (RIP)
	7pm	Wholehearted Choral Adoration
Saturday 5	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am	Legion of Mary
	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady
Sunday 6 27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalm week 3)	8.40am	Rosary
	9am	Mass, Kaiser (BT) (YMG)
	11am	Mass, Raj Family (SI) (CC)
Monday 7 Our Lady of the Rosary	9.30am	Mass, Mr & Mrs Aloysius (TG)
	5pm	FHC classes begin
Tuesday 8	9.30am	Mass
	7.30pm	"Secrets of Paul" course
Wednesday 9	9.30am	Mass
	6pm	Youth Music Group Practice
	7.30pm	Central Choir Practice
Thursday 10	8pm	Bible study via zoom
	9.30am	Mass
	7.30pm	Folk Choir Practice
Friday 11	9.30am	Mass, Ronald Killick (RIP)
Saturday 12	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am	Legion of Mary
	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 13 28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.40am	Rosary
	9am	Mass, Living & Dead members of the Bully Family (FC)
	11am	Mass, People of the Parish (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 weekday Masses, until 11am on Tuesday through Thursday, and until 8pm on Friday.

Please pray for: Bernadette Hide, Ted Hewson, Fr Henry, Neil Ockenden, Keith Ockenden, Maria Furtado, Tom O'Regan, Michael Begley, Elizabeth Margaret Cuffy, Annabelle Colairo, Paul Ford, Michael Colairo, Richard Neal, Paula Seradi, Maria Luisa Mappley, Sheila Sharp, Michal Pacala, Michael Rowback, Kristine Harvey and Margaret Fox.



6th October 2024 [Cycle B Year 2]
Twenty-Seventh Sunday
 Genesis 2: 18-24 | Psalm 127 (128)
 Hebrews 2: 9-11 | Mark 10: 2-16

In today's Gospel, the Pharisees try to trap Jesus with a trick question.

The "lawfulness" of divorce in Israel was never an issue. Moses had long ago allowed it (see [Deuteronomy 24:1-4](#)). But Jesus points His enemies back before Moses, to "the beginning," interpreting the text we hear in today's First Reading.

Divorce violates the order of creation, He says. Moses permitted it only as a concession to the people's "hardness of heart"—their inability to live by God's covenant Law. But Jesus comes to fulfill the Law, to reveal its true meaning and purpose, and to give people the grace to keep God's commands.

Marriage, He reveals, is a sacrament, a divine, life-giving sign. Through the union of husband and wife, God intended to bestow His blessings on the human family—making it fruitful, multiplying it until it filled the earth (see [Genesis 1:28](#)).

That's why today's Gospel moves so easily from a debate about marriage to Jesus' blessing of children. Children are blessings the Father bestows on couples who walk in His ways, as we sing in today's Psalm.

Marriage also is a sign of God's new covenant. As today's Epistle hints, Jesus is the new Adam—made a little lower than the angels, born of a human family (see [Romans 5:14](#); [Psalm 8:5-7](#)). The Church is the new Eve, the "woman" born of Christ's pierced side as He hung in the sleep of death on the Cross (see [John 19:34](#); [Revelation 12:1-17](#)).

Through the union of Christ and the Church as "one flesh," God's plan for the world is fulfilled (see [Ephesians 5:21-32](#)). Eve was "mother of all the living" (see [Genesis 3:20](#)). And in Baptism, we are made sons and daughters of the Church, children of the Father, heirs of the eternal glory He intended for the human family in the beginning.

The challenge for us is to live as children of the kingdom, growing up ever more faithful in our love and devotion to the ways of Christ and the teachings of His Church.



Harvest Family Fun Day

On Sunday 13 October we are holding a Harvest Family Fun Day, starting at lunchtime, with food, drinks and games. Our Social Subcommittee is seeking volunteers to help and there is a sign-up list in the meeting area. Please support this event which will be great fun for all the family.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation meetings and classes

Tuesday 1st Oct, 6pm: First Holy Communion parents meeting

Thursday 3rd Oct, 6pm: Confirmation parents meeting

Monday 7 Oct, 5pm-6pm: First Holy Communion classes begin

Monday 14 Oct: 6pm-7pm: Confirmation classes begin

The Legion of Mary invites you

Dear friends in Christ, the Legion of Mary is extending a very special invitation to you and your family to come together in embracing the month of October as an opportunity to draw closer to Mary. Let us open our hearts to her guidance, entrust ourselves to her care, and bask in the grace and blessings that flow abundantly from her loving embrace. Please see the flyer in the church foyer.

Altar servers' training

Training sessions for new altar servers will be held at 5.00pm on 8th, 10th, 15th and 17th October. Any boy or girl who has made their First Holy Communion is eligible to become an altar server. If your son or daughter would like to take part, please contact Paul Cavadino on 07802 324118 or pc003f3813@blueyonder.co.uk



Saint of the Month – Saint Faustina Kowalska

Saint Faustina, a Polish religious sister, had visions of Jesus throughout her life which inspired the devotion of the Divine Mercy. At the age of 20 she became Sister Maria Faustina of the Blessed Sacrament. After completing the novitiate, she took her first vows as a nun in 1928. In a vision in 1931 Jesus asked her to paint His image with the words “Jesus, I trust in You”. He promised that the soul that

venerated the image would not perish. Jesus instructed that the image should be solemnly blessed on the Second Sunday of Easter, which should be known as the Feast of Mercy. Saint Faustina commissioned an artist to paint the image of Jesus as he appeared to her. Jesus revealed the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in a vision in 1935. Saint Faustina died in 1938 at the age of 33. Her body now rests in the Basilica of Divine Mercy in Krakow. She was canonised by Saint John Paul II in 2000. Her feast day is celebrated on 5 October.

Day of Retreat – Archdiocese of Southwark

Join Canon Gerard Bradley for an enriching day looking at the new Lectionary, Scripture in daily life and God’s Word in the life of the Church. Taking place at on Saturday 19th October at Sacred Heart Wimbledon, 11am – 4pm. Bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided. Register at: www.wimbeldon@rcaos.org.uk

St Philomena’s Catholic High School for Girls – Job Advert

St Philomena’s is seeing to appoint an Acting Catholic Social Justice Coordinator (Non-Teaching Position). Required for November 2024 until October 2025. Further details can be requested at recruitment@stphils.org.uk or by contacting the HR Officer on 020 8642 2025.

Daughters of Divine Love – Raffle tickets on sale this weekend

Daughters of Divine Love are an International Congregation founded in Nigeria in 1969. The aim of this raffle ticket sale is to raise money to help with the construction of a specialist school for children with special needs in our care in Nigeria. The raffle tickets will be drawn at their fourth Annual fundraising Dinner Dance at St Mary’s Catholic Church Croydon on Oct 12th 2024.

Family Fast Day

Friday 4 October is Family Fast Day. We are asked to fast and donate the money saved to Cafod, the Catholic Church’s official international aid agency, which provides practical help to people in poverty throughout the world. Family Fast Day envelopes are available in the meeting area. Please use them to return your donations in this Sunday’s second collection.

Community Outreach

During the month of October, St Margaret’s will be praying for residents on Diamond Jubilee Way. Cards will be put through residents’ letterboxes informing them of this.

Feast of St Jude – 26th, 27th & 28th October 2024

Our very special Feast of Saint Jude celebrations are taking place on 26, 27, 28 October 2024. The feast is the high point of the calendar in Faversham, and we welcome everyone who may have a devotion to the Apostle or would like to find out more. All of us come to celebrate this special time with God and with one another, in the company of the Carmelites. The program of activities during the feast includes regular celebrations of the Eucharist, blessings with the oil of Saint Jude, and other devotions. During the celebrations, there is a piety stall, a display of Carmelite books, and light refreshments available. Please contact the Shrine Office in advance so that we have an idea of numbers. You can contact us on shrineoffice@stjudeshrine.org.uk

A Day With Mary at Westminster Cathedral

A Day With Mary is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 12 October (9.45am to 5.00pm). Further information is available at <https://www adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/>

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies

The CCRS is a knowledge-based, internationally recognised qualification that provides participants with an understanding of the teachings of the Catholic faith. It enhances the understanding that education within the Church is a life-long process which leads to greater intimacy with Jesus Christ. This course presents the basic foundational teachings of the Catholic Church in a manner that is captivating, inspiring, and applicable. The CCRS is designed and intended to support the Archbishop’s vision of missionary parishes and schools by cultivating an evangelistic spirit. Participants will be equipped to make an informed and practical contribution to their chosen field of ministry within the Church. Please visit www.aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs for further information. Closing date for applicants this year is 4 November 2024.

Anniversaries: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur this month. May they rest in the eternal peace of Christ. The Anniversaries are now listed on a poster in the meeting area and can also be found in the Documents section of our website, (in 8 Anniversaries).

Missio Mass celebrated by Bishop Paul McAleenan

Fr Anthony Chantry MHM, Missio National Director, invites you, your Red Box holders, and all Missio supporters to Mass celebrated by Bishop Paul McAleenan. With Homily preached by Fr Philip Adede MHM. Saturday 5th October at 1pm. Church of the Holy Apostles, Winchester Street, Pimlico, London, SW1V 4NZ. Refreshments provided. Please RSVP by email: redbox@missio.org.uk