



St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors



25th June 2023 [Cycle A Year 1]
Twelfth Sunday
Jeremiah 20:10-13, | Psalm 69
Romans 5:12-15 | Matthew 10:26-33



Our commitment to Christ will be put to the test.

We will hear whispered warnings and denunciations, as Jeremiah does in today's First Reading. Even so-called friends will try to trap and trip us up. For His sake we will bear insults and be made outcasts—even in our own homes, we hear in today's Psalm. As Jeremiah tells us, we must expect that God will challenge our faith in Him, and probe our minds and hearts, to test the depths of our love.

"Do not be afraid," Jesus assures us three times in today's Gospel. Though He may permit us to suffer for our faith, our Father will never forget or abandon us. As Jesus assures us today, everything unfolds in His providence, under His watchful gaze—even the falling of the tiniest sparrow to the ground. Each one of us is precious to Him. Steadfast in this faith, we must resist the tactics of Satan. He is the enemy who seeks the ruin of our soul in Gehenna, or hell. We are to seek God, as the Psalmist says. Zeal for the Lord's house, for the heavenly kingdom of the Father, should consume us, as it consumed Jesus (see John 2:17). As Jesus bore the insults of those who blasphemed God, so should we (see Romans 15:3).

By the gracious gift of Himself, Jesus bore the transgressions of the world, Paul tells us in today's Epistle. In rising from the dead, He has shown us that God rescues the life of the poor, that He does not spurn His own when they are in distress.

In His great mercy, He will turn toward us, as well. He will deliver us from the power of the wicked.

That is why we proclaim His name from the housetops, as Jesus tells us. That is why we sing praise and offer thanksgiving in every Eucharist. We are confident in Jesus' promise—that we who declare our faith in Him before others will be remembered before our heavenly Father.

Reflection from St Paul Centre for Biblical Theology, Steubenville, Ohio

Our Confirmation Candidates this year

The following will be Confirmed on Sunday July 9th at 11am: Leo Membrino, Henry Lacey, Tom Carrigan and Esosa Omonbude.

Our Parish Family Barbecue



We will be holding a family barbecue on Sunday 16th July after the 11am mass. Please bring a salad and drinks and join us for a lunchtime of bbq food, music and games in the garden.

Mass Intentions and Diary for the week

Friday 23	9.30am	Johnpaul & Marie Maughan TG
Saturday 24	9.30am	Lara Maria Westcott & Nicholas Newman TG
The Nativity of St John The Baptist	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	Pamela Murray RIP
Sunday 25	9am	Yu Siu Wah WB (FC)
Twelfth Sunday	11am	Rev Giovanni Giampietro RIP (CC)
(Psalm Wk 4)		
Monday 26	9.30am	People of the Parish
Tuesday 27	9.30am	Joaquim Alves RIP
Wednesday 28	9.30am	Seamus & Margaret Maughan TG
	6pm	Youth Choir Practice
	7pm	Central Choir Practice
	8pm	Bible Study
Thursday 29	9.30am	Johnpaul & Anne Maughan TG
Sts Peter and Paul	6.30pm	Folk Choir Practice
	7.30pm	Richard & Helene Mongan TG
Friday 30	9.30am	James & Geraldine Mongan TG
Saturday 1	9.30am	Bernie & Lisa Mongan TG
	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	Pamela Murray RIP
Sunday 2	9am	Arron & Una Mongan TG
Thirteenth Sunday	11am	(YC)
		Michael Jina Maher TG (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.

Prayer requests: Elizabeth Margaret Cuffy, Michelle Caley, Paul Ford, Michael Colairo, Richard Neal, Catherine Roberts, Paula Seradi, Maria Luisa Mappley, Sheila Sharp, Michal Pacala, Michael Rowback, Kristine Harvey, and Margaret Fox.

St Margaret's Promotes Racial and Cultural Inclusion

St Margaret of Scotland is one of three pilot hub parishes nominated by the Southwark Archdiocese Commission for Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion. St Margaret's has formed a group to promote this initiative, chaired by Paul Cavadino and Andrea Fernandes. The group has been meeting since February and has taken the following actions:

- Making announcements at Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses welcoming newcomers to the parish, inviting them to tea and coffee and asking parishioners to make new arrivals welcome.
- Displaying a welcome board in many different languages.
- Increasing the diversity of images in the church by obtaining additional pictures and statues of Black and Asian saints.
- Displaying images of Our Lady's apparitions in different parts of the world where she has appeared with features, skin colouring and dress appropriate to the local population.
- Obtaining prayer cards, books and other Repository items featuring a range of ethnically diverse images.
- Featuring a regular Saint of the Month in the parish Newsletter with plans to feature saints from a range of different countries in the course of each year.
- Increasing the diversity of the most visible church ministries (such as Readers and Eucharistic Ministers) so that they are more visibly reflective of our parish community.
- Ensure that Bidding Prayers regularly include prayers for communities in different parts of the world (Including, but not restricted to, those affected by emergency situations).
- Supporting the parish's annual multi-cultural celebration on Pentecost Sunday and planning future Masses featuring prayer and worship by particular national and ethnic groups.
- Ensuring that parishioners know that the parish's safeguarding procedures include the protection of parishioners from racial abuse or discrimination. (Any parishioner who experiences or witnesses racial abuse or discrimination should contact our Safeguarding Officer, Andrea Fernandes.)
- Contributing to plans for an Archdiocesan day seminar on promoting racial and cultural inclusion in October at which Andrea has been asked to speak about forming a parish group.

For further information contact Paul Cavadino or Andrea Fernandes.

Stabbings in Annecy

A Catholic pilgrim has been hailed as the 'backpack hero' for taking on a knife-wielding attacker who stabbed four young children and two adults in a playground in Annecy, Haute-Savoie, France. The attack took place on the morning of Thursday, 8th June. Video footage of several minutes' duration showed Henri d'Anselme chasing the man out of the park and using his backpack to try to disarm the knifeman before pursuing him. Anselme had embarked on a 'great pilgrimage' - the 'Way of the Cathedrals'. He had covered over 800 miles and visited 24 cathedrals by the time he reached Annecy. By way of reward, he asked President Macron if he could be present for the inauguration of Notre-Dame in Paris, that is due to re-open next year.



July 2: Second collection for Peter's Pence

July 9: This year's Confirmation

July 16: Our Parish Family BBQ

Sept 1: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Sept 23: Our Late Summer Fair

Deanery Pilgrimage to HMP High Down



The picture above shows pilgrims gathered outside St Margaret's church last Friday (16th June) before walking to High Down prison. Pilgrims came from Mitcham, Croydon, Sutton Green, Wallington, Banstead, Leatherhead, Sunningdale, Carshalton as well as, Carshalton Beeches. Prayers were said at the prison before PACT staff and volunteers welcomed pilgrims into the Family Visitor Centre for refreshments. A journalist from Radio Maria then conducted interviews to be broadcast later.

Catholic Young Writer Award 2023.

This project is open to young Catholics in Years 9-11 of secondary school in the UK and all pupils in those years in UK Catholic secondary schools. There is a cash prize of £60 for the best essay, plus books. Deadline for entries: July 10th 2023. To enter go to:

https://cuct.org/2023/06/catholic-young-writer-award-2023/?mc_cid=1f19990ef1&mc_eid=bf68dd70c2

Use your voice to speak out for our global family?

At CAFOD we really need your help to reach out to more parishes across the diocese. We are looking for volunteer speakers, so if you can spare one or two weekends a year to visit parishes in your area (or further afield) to speak at Mass about CAFOD's work and share stories of the communities we work with around the world please get in touch. Full training and support provided. Find out more about the volunteer speaker role and our other volunteering roles on our website or by contacting Celeste and Sarah at southwark@cafod.org.uk. We would love to hear from you!

Former Anglican Bishop to become a Catholic

The Rt Rev Richard Pain, a former Bishop of Monmouth, will be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church within the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham, on Sunday 2 July. He explained "I have much to be grateful for the experience gained over a lifetime as an Anglican. Yet the call to Catholicism seems natural and spiritual at the same time. To start afresh will be a welcome challenge and I come - as we all do - as a learner and a disciple. and I ask for your prayers."

Historic visit to Ukraine Welcome Centre on World Refugee Day 2023

On Tuesday 20 June 2023, Rt. Reverend Kenneth Nowakowski, Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy (Diocese) of the Holy Family in London welcomed US Secretary of State Anthony Blinken, UK Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs James Cleverly, and State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine Oleksandr Bankov to the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Holy Family in Exile and the Ukrainian Welcome Centre in the heart of London. The historic visit coincided with World Refugee Day designated by the United Nations to honour refugees around the globe.