



# 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*



7th July 2024 [Cycle B Year 2]  
**Fourteenth Sunday**  
Ezekiel 2: 2-5 | Psalm 122 (123)  
2 Corinthians 12: 7-10 | Mark 6:1-6

Today's readings encourage us to place our whole trust in God's grace, for God's power is at its strongest even when we are most weak.

In the Gospel, Jesus has left Capernaum, the scene of many 'mighty deeds,' and headed for the home where he grew up. Once in Nazareth there is a change of mood. While his listeners are impressed by stories about him, they can't get over the fact that Jesus is one of their own, another worker, just like each of them, with sawdust in his hair and dirt under his fingernails.

The First Reading hints at the defiant and obstinate spirit of the townsfolk. Perhaps Jesus sees himself as Ezekiel's 'Son of man' when he says in today's Gospel that a prophet is despised in his own country. As Ezekiel writes, 'Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know that there is a prophet among them'.

The Second Reading encourages us to rely on God when things seem to be a struggle. St Paul, faced with failure and his own weakness, clearly heard from God that it was exactly through such weakness that God's strength would be known.

The antidote to pride, scorn, and contempt is mercy (Psalm), and we receive it when we abandon ourselves to God. As 'slave to the master' or as 'servant to the mistress' (as the psalmist puts it), let's keep our eyes firmly fixed on our Lord, this week, till he shows us his mercy.

*Taken from St Beuno's Outreach*



### Last minute donations needed for Summer Fair!

We urgently need more donated items for this weekend's Summer Fair, which takes place from 12.00 to 3.00 on Saturday. Please bring along donations of bottles, cakes, raffle prizes, books and good quality second-hand items. And please come along to support the event and the efforts of our hard-working Social Sub-Committee.

**New Parishioners: A warm welcome to Andy Carey and family** who have recently joined our parish. We are delighted to receive you into the St Margaret's parish community.

### Spot the difference!

A Statue of St Margaret of Scotland now graces the front of our church. Thanks to the generosity of some parishioners.



### Mass Intentions and Diary for the week

<b>Friday 05</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<i>First Friday</i>	<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>Mass for the Sick</b>
	<b>7pm</b>	Wholehearted Choral Adoration
<b>Saturday 06</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass, People of the Parish</b>
	<b>11am</b>	Legion of Mary
	<b>12pm</b>	<b>Our Summer Fair</b>
	<b>5.15pm</b>	Devotions to Our Lady
	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Vigil Mass, Hilary Wood RIP</b>
<b>Sunday 07</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Mass, Robert Robinson RIP (YMG)</b>
<i>Fourteenth Sunday</i>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Mass, Martin Moran RIP (CC)</b>
<i>(Psalm week 2)</i>		
<b>Monday 08</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday 09</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass, Margaret Lester RIP</b>
	<b>7.30pm</b>	Bible Study in the church
	<b>7.45pm</b>	Sacraments in Scripture
<b>Wednesday 10</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
	<b>6pm</b>	Youth Music Group Practice
	<b>7.30pm</b>	Central Choir Practice
	<b>8pm</b>	Bible Study by zoom
<b>Thursday 11</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Friday 12</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass, Leopaul &amp; Catherine Southall RIP (Foundation Mass)</b>
<b>Saturday 13</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass, Father Tom Hiney</b>
		Success of Priestly Ordination
	<b>10am</b>	Legion of Mary
	<b>5.15pm</b>	Devotion to Our Lady
	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sunday 14</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Mass, People of the Parish (FC)</b>
<i>Fifteenth Sunday</i>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Mass (CC)</b>

FC= Folk Choir, YMG= Youth Music Group, CC= Central Choir,

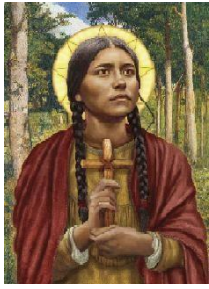
TG= Thanksgiving, WB= Wellbeing, BT= Birthday Thanksgiving, SI= Special Intention, RIP= Rest in Peace, GP= God's Protection and PI= Private Intention

**NOTE: Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration follows weekday Masses, until 11am on Tuesday through Thursday, and until 8pm on Friday.**

**Please pray for:** Fr Henry, Neil Ockenden, Keith Ockenden, Maria Furtado, Douglas Barber, Tom O'Regan, Mary Ryan, Connie Harrington, Michael Begley, Elizabeth Margaret Cuffy, Michelle Caley, Paul Ford, Michael Colairo, Richard Neal, Paula Seradi, Maria Luisa Mappley, Sheila Sharp, Michal Pacala, Michael Rowback, Kristine Harvey and Margaret Fox.

### Please welcome Fr Francis Ikhianosime to our Parish

A church historian who will be with us for the months of July and September.



### Saint of the Month – Saint Kateri Tekawitha

Saint Kateri Tekawitha (known as the Lily of the Mohawks) is the first Native American saint. She was born in 1656 in a Mohawk village in present day New York state. Her parents died when she was four as a result of a smallpox outbreak which left Kateri's face scarred and her eyesight impaired. She was adopted by an uncle and aunt. At the age of 11 she met Jesuit missionaries and formed a wish to become a Christian. As a result, she was beaten and threatened by her adoptive family and was stoned and threatened by other villagers. When she was 18 Kateri fled to a Jesuit mission in Canada where she joined a settlement of other Native American converts. She was baptised in 1676. Kateri then spent the remainder of her life in prayer, work and penance while praying for the conversion and forgiveness of her family. In 1679 she consecrated herself to Jesus, taking a vow of perpetual virginity. Following a deterioration in her health, she died in 1680. She reportedly appeared to three people after her death. Kateri Tekawitha was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1980 and canonised by Pope Benedict XVI in 2012. Her feast day is celebrated on 14<sup>th</sup> July.

### Apostleship of the Sea (Stella Maris)

We will be taking the annual collection for the Church's international mission to seafarers at all Masses on 20th/21st July. From its inception in Glasgow in 1920 the AoS grew to cover every port in the UK and from there to over 300 ports worldwide, served by over 200 Port Chaplains. Adopted by the Holy See as a pontifical charity in 2020, its title was changed to Stella Maris. Seafarers mostly work for up to nine months at a time on poor wages, with no leave, with little or no time to go ashore, and on ships that typically spend a matter of hours in each port of call. They miss major family events; births of children, deaths of loved ones and important family celebrations and suffer the terrible distress of absence at times of family sickness or tragedy; and for the majority who are Catholic, the solace of regular attendance at Mass and the Sacraments. The AoS network of chaplains provides greatly valued spiritual and practical support and comfort wherever ships dock. Parishioners are asked to be generous; Gift Aid envelopes will be made available from this coming weekend.

### Renewing our call to Christian Unity

The Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity has released a landmark document, calling for a renewed emphasis on the ministry of the Pope as a unifying figure for all Christians. The dicastery released a new study document entitled "The Bishop of Rome. Primacy and Synodality in the Ecumenical Dialogues and in the Responses to the Encyclical, *Ut Unum Sint*." The document reflects upon the progress made over the past three decades in ecumenism since the release of St John Paul II's encyclical *Ut Unum Sint* which called on the Church to reflect upon how the pope as bishop of Rome could exercise his ministry "as a service of love recognized by all concerned". Although the intended audience is scholars and ecumenists, the 130-page study document can be read at: <https://tinyurl.com/mwemc45z>

### Invitation to watch Wimbledon ladies singles semi-finals

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July in the Lavender Oaks cinema, with strawberries and cream and a glass of Pimm's or prosecco! To reserve your complimentary space or to find out more email: [csm.lavender@porthaven.co.uk](mailto:csm.lavender@porthaven.co.uk)



### Lest we forget the homeless

In March 2024, 4,118 people were found to be sleeping rough on the streets of London according to the CHAIN report. The Passage charity founded in 1980, offers a wide range of services that help to prevent and end homelessness. Its vision is a society where everyone has a place to call home. The Passage takes its values and ethos from the teachings and example of St. Vincent De Paul, a Christian and social reformer who co-founded the Daughters of Charity in 1633. Vincent believed in action rather than words and in hands-on service to vulnerable people. You can find out more at: <https://passage.org.uk/>

If you are concerned about someone who is sleeping rough, and want to connect them with support services, use this link: <https://thestreetlink.org.uk/>

### Urgent government action needed for adult social care

The Daughters of Charity of St Vincent de Paul Services (DCS) has published a report highlighting the severe challenges facing the adult social care sector in England. The report is timely, given the recent manifesto announcements by the major parties on adult social care. Based on the findings from the DCS's 2023 survey of 205 social care providers, the report analyses the challenges with recruitment, retention, and funding within the sector and outlines the policy solutions needed to tackle them. You can read the report at: <https://tinyurl.com/4fu6ryw4>

### Cardinal Vincent Nichols on the Cost-of-Living Crisis

"I know that parishes will continue to do everything possible, including innovative ways of providing further material help and pastoral support. I also urge all Catholics to give whatever time and financial resources they can to charitable endeavours that support those who are affected by the current crisis."

### Pregnant women enduring 'catastrophic conditions' in Gaza

Harrowing testimonies from mothers in war-torn Gaza, released by Christian Aid, reveal the catastrophic conditions they are enduring while pregnant and giving birth. Aid workers recorded the testimony of 34 women and girls aged between 17 and 38 during January and February this year. You can read the horrifying details at: <https://tinyurl.com/yhz7yduh>

### Vatican City to go 'green' and ecologically sustainable.

Pope Francis has announced measures to transition Vatican City to using solar energy as its main source of electricity, as outlined in his latest motu proprio titled *Fratello Sole*, or "Brother Sun." The Holy Father has tasked the relevant Vatican governing bodies to collaborate with Italian authorities and build an "agrivoltaic system," which would use land in Santa Maria di Galeria, an extra-territory of Vatican City situated outside of Rome, for farming and solar energy production. In "Brother Sun," the Holy Father expressed his desire to "contribute to efforts of all states" to abide by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement, to combat the challenges of climate change on our "common home."

*Taken from the Catholic News Agency*

"A man of conscience is one who never acquires tolerance, well-being, success, public standing, and approval on the part of prevailing opinion, at the expense of truth."  
(Cardinal Ratzinger - as he then was, in 1991)