



St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

Committed to 'Churches Together in England'

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Sunday Masses: 6.00pm (Sat), 9am & 11am

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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 10.30-11.00am & 5.15 - 5.45pm & at call

A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors



30th October 2022 [Cycle C Year 2]

The Thirty-First Sunday

Wisdom 11:22-12:2 | Psalm 144

2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2 | Luke 19:1-10



Mass Intentions and Diary for the week

Friday 28	9.30am	People of the Parish
Saturday 29	9.30am	Maisie Arthur & Deceased Gallagher Family Members
	10.15am	Coffee Club
	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	Nicos Demetriades & Family (RIP)
Sunday 30 [Psalm Wk 3]	9am	Fr Frederick Rhead RIP (YC)
	11am	John Brien and the Daly Family RIP (CC)
Monday 31	9.30am	Richard Hall (WB)
	5pm	No First Holy Communion class
Tuesday 1	9.30am	Celestine & Clara Uche RIP
Wednesday 2	9.30am	Richard Neal (WB)
	7.30pm	Central Choir Practice
	8pm	Bible Study
Thursday 3	9.30am	Celestine & Clara Uche RIP
Friday 4	9.30am	
	12.30pm	Mass for the Sick
	7pm	Wholehearted Adoration
Saturday 5	9.30am	
	10.15am	Coffee Club
	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	
Sunday 6	9am	Canon George Telford RIP (FC)
	11am	Godfrey Barber RIP(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. They can be found in our website Documents.

Prayer requests: Wendy Counsell, Paula Seradi, Maria Luisa Mappley, Sheila Sharp, Michal Pacala, Hilda Gill, Michael Rowback, Max & Isabelle Mifsud, Catherine Roberts, Kristine Harvey, Margaret Fox and Richard Neal.

Our Lord is a lover of souls, the Liturgy shows us today. As we sing in today's Psalm, He is slow to anger and compassionate toward all that He has made. In His mercy, our First Reading tells us, He overlooks our sins and ignorance, giving us space that we might repent and not perish in our sinfulness (see Wisdom 12:10; 2 Peter 3:9). In Jesus, He has become the Savior of His children, coming Himself to save the lost (see Isaiah 63:8-9; Ezekiel 34:16). In the figure of Zacchaeus in today's Gospel, we have a portrait of a lost soul. He is a tax collector, by profession a "sinner" excluded from Israel's religious life. Not only that, he is a "chief tax collector." Worse still, he is a rich man who has apparently gained his living by fraud. But Zacchaeus' faith brings salvation to his house. He expresses his faith in his fervent desire to "see" Jesus, even humbling himself to climb a tree just to watch Him pass by. While those of loftier religious stature react to Jesus with grumbling, Zacchaeus receives Him with joy. Zacchaeus is not like the other rich men Jesus meets or tells stories about (see Luke 12:16-21; 16:19-31; 18:18-25). He repents, vowing to pay restitution to those he has cheated and to give half of his money to the poor. By his humility he is exalted, made worthy to welcome the Lord into his house. By his faith, he is justified, made a descendant of Abraham (see Romans 4:16-17). As He did last week, Jesus is again using a tax collector to show us the faith and humility we need to obtain salvation. We are also called to seek Jesus daily with repentant hearts. And we should make Paul's prayer in today's Epistle our own: that God might make us worthy of His calling, that by our lives we might give glory to the name of Jesus.

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St Margaret's Supper: Wednesday 16 November is the Feast of St Margaret of Scotland. We will celebrate St Margaret's Supper at 7.30 that evening at La Banca restaurant, Banstead Road, Carshalton. The cost is £25 per head. Full details and the menu are on the notice board in the meeting area. If you would like to go, please send your payment to the Parish Office with your name and choice from the menu.

World Youth Day 2023

Pope Francis has registered to attend the next World Youth Day which will be held in Lisbon, Portugal, in August 2023. He encouraged young people around the world to register for the international celebration of faith. For more information and to register for WYD 2023 visit: www.lisboa2023.org/en

Weekend Four: Planned Giving Drive

Thank you very much for your commitment to our parish. We have received your pledge forms. The Finance Committee and I have been hugely encouraged by the wonderful response to the 'Planned Giving' appeal, and I am writing to personally thank you for your support.

As Catholic stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord. It is through parishioners like you that the message of Christ will be spread throughout the community.

Your support enables our parish to remain a living church at the centre of this community, welcoming to all and reaching out to those in need, and enables us to provide ministry to the whole parish. It also allows us to plan ahead with confidence to the future. It is important that we pass this parish onto the next generation in good spiritual and financial health.

If you are not doing so already, I also encourage you to consider becoming more involved in parish life. We have many parish groups that I urge you to consider joining; a chance to share your gifts of time and talent. Please contact myself, or Clara, on the parish number 02086696483 or email carshaltonbeeches@rcaos.org.uk if you wish to find out more. Thank you again for taking this opportunity to grow in stewardship and thank you for returning to God some of the gifts He has given you.

Fr Anthony Uche.

Public Order Bill.

MPs voted by 297 votes to 110 in support of the amendment to the Public Order Bill to introduce 'buffer zones' around abortion clinics nationwide. The Public Order Bill, a Government Bill, will continue its passage through both Houses of Parliament. Bishop Sherrington, the Lead Bishop for Life Issues at the Bishops' Conference, expressed his dismay about the amendment stating that it raised larger concerns about freedom of religion, belief, expression and association. He vowed to continue to oppose the amendment Bill and continue to pray for and offer support to pregnant women and their unborn children.

New Director of Education for Southwark Diocese

Dr Simon Hughes, who played a prominent role in the dispute at the John Fisher School in Purley earlier this year, has left the post of director of education and schools commissioner for the Archdiocese of Southwark. The diocese's education commission has confirmed that Dr Hughes had retired in July, and that it has begun the recruitment process for a replacement. The Catholic Education Service lists 163 schools under the diocese's remit, across 14 local authorities. The Southwark education commission has appointed Angela Cox, the former director of education for the Diocese of Leeds, as an interim director pending the appointment of a permanent replacement for Dr Hughes.

PACT's Operation Elf.

When you are shopping for Christmas, you might like to buy an extra £15 gift card and send it to Prison Advice and Care Trust (PACT) for Operation Elf before 30 November. All donated gift cards are distributed to the Family Services teams in prisons across England and Wales. You can find out more at: https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/operation-elf?mc_cid=98a85dac02&mc_eid=bf68dd70c2

Statement from the Catholic Council for the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse on the Final Report of the Inquiry

The Panel of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse has published its final report after seven years of work. The Catholic Council welcomes this report, thanks the Inquiry for its work and will carefully study its contents and recommendations. In the work of safeguarding all who are members of, or come into contact with, the Roman Catholic Church in England and Wales, at no point will the Church stop on its journey of dedicated effort in making the life and work of the Church safe for all.

Before the publication of the case study report into the Roman Catholic Church in November 2020, the Church commissioned an independent review into its safeguarding work and structures which is in the process of being implemented.

Key to this progress is the voice of victims and survivors of abuse which has been an integral element in the development of this new agency. The Church remains committed to listening with humility to those who have been hurt by the actions of Church members so that their experiences will inform our work.

It is important for us to again offer an unreserved apology to all those who have been hurt by abuse in the Roman Catholic Church in England and Wales and to reaffirm our commitment to the continued refinement and improvement of our safeguarding work to protect all children and the vulnerable.

Craigmyle Lecture 2022, Monday 28 November at 18.30.

Baroness Hollins will deliver the annual Catholic Union Craigmyle Lecture on 'Keeping Children and Vulnerable Adults Safe – Insights from the Vatican' at the University of Notre Dame (1 Suffolk Street, London SW1Y 4HG). In person and live streamed. All welcome, free to attend and followed by a Drinks Reception. You can register with the Catholic Union office at info@catholicunion.org.uk or on 020 87491321.

Patriarch Kirill agrees war cannot be holy

His Holiness Patriarch Kirill, head of the Russian Orthodox Church, met with World Council of Churches acting general secretary Dr Ioan Sauca, in Moscow on 17 October 2022.

Fr Sauca explained "The reason for coming here is to see what we can do together to build bridges of peace and reconciliation and stop the bloodshed and the danger of nuclear conflagration." Then later, "I think it would be very helpful now to make the same statement, saying clearly to the world what you told us, here, today: stop the bloodshed, stop the killing, stop the destruction of infrastructure, look for peace and reconciliation." "The Patriarch stated that he does not think that any church or Christian can have a supporting position to wars and killings, and that churches "...are called to be peacemakers and to defend and protect life," he said. "War cannot be holy." But when one has to defend himself and his life or to give his life for the lives of the others, things look different, stated Patriarch Kirill. "We have so many examples in our Christian history, yet, as peacemakers we have to make all efforts to bring peace through dialogue and avoid any conflict or violence."

Patriarch Kirill added that the times in which we live today are very difficult - yet these difficulties do not come from the churches, "but from the political context, and this context constitutes an extreme danger today. Churches today must not add fuel to the fire. On the contrary, we must do everything within our power to put out the fire."

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