



St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors



21st May 2023 [Cycle A Year 1]

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:12-14, | Psalm 26

1 Peter 4:13-16 | John 17:1-11

Jesus has been taken up into heaven as we begin today's First Reading. His disciples—including the Apostles and Mary—return to the upper room where He celebrated the Last Supper (see Luke 22:12). There, they devote themselves with one accord to prayer, awaiting the Spirit that He promised would come upon them (see Acts 1:8). The unity of the early Church at Jerusalem is a sign of the oneness that Christ prays for in today's Gospel. The Church is to be a communion on earth that mirrors the glorious union of Father, Son, and Spirit in the Trinity.

Jesus has proclaimed God's name to His brethren (see Hebrews 2:12; Psalm 22:23). The prophets had foretold this revelation: a new covenant by which all flesh would have knowledge of the Lord (see Jeremiah 31:33-34; Habakkuk 2:14). By the new covenant made in His blood and remembered in every Eucharist we know God as our Father. This is the eternal life Jesus promises. And this is the light and salvation we sing of in today's Psalm. As God made light to shine out of darkness when the world began, He has enlightened us in Baptism, making us new creations (see 2 Corinthians 5:17), giving us knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ (see Hebrews 10:32; 2 Corinthians 4:6).

Our new life is a gift of "the Spirit of glory," we hear in today's Epistle (see John 7:38-39). Made one in His name, we are given a new name—"Christians"—a name used only here and in two other places in the Bible (see Acts 11:16; 26:28). We are to glorify God, though we will be insulted and suffer because of this name. But as we share in His sufferings, we know we will overcome (see Revelation 3:12) and rejoice when His glory is once more revealed. And we will dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of our lives.

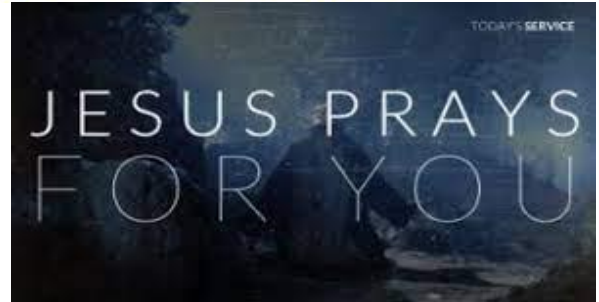
Reflection from St Paul Centre for Biblical Theology, Steubenville, Ohio

Pentecost Sunday (28 May)



On Pentecost Sunday the 9.00 and 11.00 Masses will involve a liturgical celebration of the cultural and racial diversity of our parish. The 11.00 Mass will be followed by a multi-cultural celebration and parish social event. This will be a bring and share event. Please bring your own drinks. There is a sign-up

list in the meeting area for those willing to bring food (nut free) and to help with the event. Parishioners are encouraged to wear national dress and to bring national flags to decorate the celebration. The Pentecost Novena will run from Friday 19 May to Saturday 27 May. It will begin at 8pm except on Tuesday 23rd May when it will begin at 7.30pm and Saturday 27th when it will be after the Vigil Mass, at about 7pm.



Mass Intentions and Diary for the week

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| Friday 19 St Dunstan | 9.30am | John Studznsky BT |
| Saturday 20 St Bernardine of Sienna | 9.30am 5.15pm 6pm | Angela Onwueme Adebesei TG Devotion to Our Lady Charlie & Tina McDonagh TG |
| Sunday 21 7th Sunday of Easter (World Communications Day) <i>[Psalm Wk3]</i> | 9am 11am | Cherise Furtado TG (YC) Angela O Adebesei TG (CC) |
| Monday 22 Saint Rita of Cascia | 9.30am | Angela O Adebesei TG |
| Tuesday 23 | 9.30am 8pm | Angela O Adebesei TG Strength to Strength Session |
| Wednesday 24 | 9.30am 6pm 7pm 8pm | Angela O Adebesei TG Youth Choir Practice Central Choir Practice Bible Study |
| Thursday 25 St Bede the Venerable | 9.30am 7.30pm | Angela O Adebesei TG Folk Choir Practice |
| Friday 26 St Philip Neri | 9.30am | Peter & Margaret-Rita Maughan TG |
| Saturday 27 St Augustine | 9.30am 5.15pm 6pm | Paul & Martina Mongan TG Devotion to Our Lady Johnbradle & Angel Maughan TG |
| Sunday 28 Pentecost Sunday | 9am 11am | Joakim Wahlquist WB (FC) Michael Mundorr Senghore 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.

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

World Communications Day Sunday 21 May

The theme for the 2023 World Day of Social Communications, chosen by Pope Francis is 'Speaking with the Heart'. "It is the heart that spurred us to go, to see and to listen, and it is the heart that moves us towards an open and welcoming way of communicating."

A prayer for Communications

O God, whose word is truth and in whose light we see light, guide those who tell the story of our times through word and image. Make them seekers after truth and advocates of human dignity.

Grant discernment to all who rely on their labours, and, as we confront the pain and promise of this world, awaken in us a sense of wonder at your presence and of longing for your peace.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen

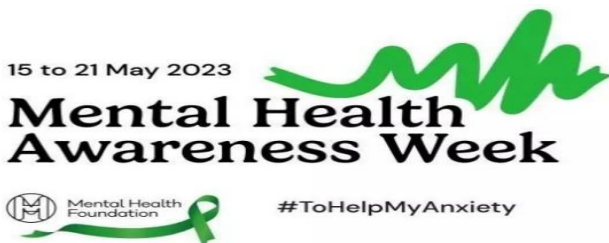


The new yearly membership for the '180 Club - St Margaret's' will start on 1 June 2023. The 180 Club is to raise funds by lottery for specific projects that arise from time to time at St

Margaret's. There's a monthly draw which takes place every first weekend of the month as well as two Jackpot draws and quarterly draws throughout the year.

The annual subscription for an individual number is £18 and you may apply for as many available numbers as you wish. An application form is available at the entrance to the church. You can return the form to St Margaret's presbytery, or send an email to Wendy, the Club Secretary, at:

Carshaltonbeeches180club@rcaos.org.uk. For existing members, you may renew the membership by bank transfer, standing order, cheque or cash. Please contact Wendy if you have any questions.



People living in poverty or experiencing financial stress are more likely to develop mental health problems. Due to the cost-of-living crisis, poverty and financial stress are on the rise. This year for Mental Health Awareness Week, the focus is on anxiety. Anxiety is a natural response to the uncertain world around us. It is estimated that in the current cost-of-living crisis, more than a third of adults feel anxious about their financial situation. You can read more at:

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/our-work>

Pilgrimage to HMP High Down After our 9.30am Mass on Friday 16th June 2023, there will be a pilgrimage to HMP High Down. Following a time of prayer outside the prison gates, PACT staff and volunteers will welcome you into the Family Visitor Centre for refreshments and an opportunity to find out about Pact's work. There is no charge for this event but registration is appreciated to assist us in the organisation and catering. Please register at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parish-hmp-high-down-pilgrimage-tickets-624346165187>

Vacant properties and the homeless

There has been a dramatic increase in homelessness in England in the past year. At the same time, the latest data shows there has been a huge rise in the number of empty properties. Campaign group Action on Empty Homes estimate that the proportion of long-term empty homes hit a record 248,633 in 2022, over 11,000 more than the previous year.

In London, some 34,327 properties are described as "long-term vacant", meaning that they had not been lived in for more than six months and were "substantially unfurnished", as of March 31, 2022. Shelter estimates that between April and September 2022, 5,712 people were sleeping rough in London, a 21% increase compared to the previous year. Can something be done to reconcile these appalling trends? Find out more from Action on Empty Homes at: www.actiononemptyhomes.org/.

Catholic-Coptic Dialogue

Pope Francis and the Coptic Orthodox Pope Tawadros II have released a jointly-written preface for a new book, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the historic 'Joint Christological Declaration' that continues to strengthen ties between the Catholic and Coptic Churches. The two Popes conclude their preface by expressing their hopes that the ecumenical journey between their two Churches might continue to bear fruit in response to Christ's prayer "that they may all be one".

Shireen Abu Akleh anniversary

On 11 May, it was a year since the Palestinian American Catholic journalist, Shireen Abu Akleh was killed by a sniper from the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) whilst reporting on a raid on Jenin Refugee Camp in the West Bank. Audrey Azouley, Director General of UNESCO, stated in response to Shireen's death, 'the killing of a clearly identified press worker in a conflict area is a violation of international law. I call on the relevant authorities to investigate this crime and bring those responsible to justice.' To date, no one has been held responsible.

Relationships and sex education (RSE)

Giving evidence to the Commons Women and Equalities Select Committee Lucy Emmerson, CEO of the Sex Education Forum, called for more investment and resources to give Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) the same status as other specialist subjects and the same dedicated teaching time. More information at: <https://tinyurl.com/y3maycme>

Coronation vestments

The Daily Mail reports that in the run-up to the event at Westminster Abbey on May 6th, Most Rev Justin Welby realised that the Church of England's historic formal clergy robes weren't good enough for the occasion. It was decided the only solution was to approach the Catholic Church and borrow from the wardrobe at Westminster Cathedral. A spokesman for the Roman Catholic Church told the Daily Mail they provided a set of ten vestments and 'were happy to support the C of E on such a special day.'

Wanted: Full-time Teacher for September 2023 at Laleham Lea Independent School in Purley. Please contact Mrs Strachan for an application pack at sbm@lalehamlea.co.uk or phone 0208 660 3351. Information about the school can be found at: www.lalehamlea.co.uk