



# St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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*A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors*



29th January 2023 [Cycle A Year 1]

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary time**

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13 | Psalm 146

1 Corinthians 1:26-31 | Matthew 5: 1-12a

**First Reading:** "They shall do no wrong and speak no lies; nor shall there be found in their mouths a deceitful tongue; they shall pasture and couch their flocks with none to disturb them."

**Responsorial Psalm:** "Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!"

**Second Reading:** "Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong, and God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who are something, so that no human being might boast before God."

**Gospel:** "Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

The readings for the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time tell us we must seek the Lord. The first reading gives us a road-map for discipleship. The psalm sings of God's faithfulness and kindness. The second reading reminds us that the world might consider our path as a foolish one. In the gospel, Jesus gives us the Beatitudes, which lay out what it means to follow Him. Consider if you are actively seeking God or if you are just waiting for something to happen. Here some themes for this week: Seeking God, Recognizing blessings and The Beatitudes. *Taken from <https://young-catholics.com>*

## The Sending: A Franciscan Benediction

*This is taken from Wednesday's Christian Unity Service and is attributed to the earliest followers of St Francis.*

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger, and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in the world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done to bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor. Amen

## Racial Justice Sunday (5<sup>th</sup> February)

Racial Justice Sunday is the day the church focuses on the need to oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour. The theme for Racial Justice Sunday this year is: "All are included in the mission of Christ and His Church. Let us walk together, pray together and work together."

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS,  
FOR THEY WILL BE  
CALLED CHILDREN  
OF GOD.

MATTHEW 5:9

## Mass Intentions and Diary for the week

<b>Friday 27</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Patrick Scanlon SI</b>
<b>Saturday 28</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Richard Hall RIP</b>
<b>St Thomas Aquinas</b>	<b>5.15pm</b>	Devotion to Our Lady
Holocaust	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Nelezinha De Lima RIP</b>
Memorial Day		
<b>Sunday 29</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Patrick Scanlon SI</b>
<b>Fourth Sunday</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Irma Foster RIP (CC)</b>
[Psalm Wk 4]		
<b>Monday 30</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Edmund Louis TG</b>
<b>Tuesday 31</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Fiozinda &amp; Jozef Kurowski RIP</b>
<b>St John Bosco</b>		
<b>Wednesday 1</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
	<b>6pm</b>	Youth Choir Practice
	<b>7pm</b>	Central Choir Practice
	<b>8pm</b>	Bible Study
<b>Thursday 2</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Fiozinda &amp; Jozef Kurowski RIP</b>
<b>Presentation of the Lord</b>		NO Folk Choir practice
<b>Friday 3</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Saturday 4</b>	<b>12.30am</b>	<b>Mass for the Sick</b>
	<b>5.15am</b>	Devotion to Our Lady
	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Sunday 5</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Fifth Sunday</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Mass (CC)</b>
<b>Racial Justice Sunday</b>		

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.

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

### Kathy Fairchild has died

Kathy Fairchild was a parishioner and dedicated churchgoer at St Margaret's during the 1990s-2000s. Her son Greg has informed us that she died peacefully at her home in Devon. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, may she rest in peace. Amen.

## Even more thanks

Marie Norbury of Pact writes to our parish:

"Pact's Operation Elf appeal enabled us to reach the mums and dads of almost 2,000 children. Those parents in prison were able to give their child a gift at Christmas - and your parish's generosity was a key part of strengthening those family bonds at what should be such a special time. We are immensely grateful for your support."



**Fairtrade Fortnight 2023** will take place from Monday 27th February to Sunday 12th March 2023. By choosing Fairtrade products you can help provide extra income, power, and support for those communities producing fairtrade products, as they work to build sustainable and prosperous futures.

## Traidcraft plc goes into Administration

After an exceptionally difficult few years, Traidcraft, one of the founders of the trade justice movement is closing its doors. 'Transform Trade', the charity arm of Traidcraft will continue its vital work supporting producers and fighting for trade justice and people-centred trade.

This is the right moment to acknowledge Anne Towner's significant contribution to Fairtrade and Traidcraft in particular. For so many years Anne has run a monthly stall at our church and at other Fairtrade events. Thank you Anne.

## Greater Recognition for Women

The Scottish Laity Network has called for renewal of Canon Law and greater recognition for women in a challenging response to the working document for the continental stage of the Synod. The network's response calls for prioritising reform of the current hierarchical structure of governance to a synodal form that recognises the "gifts bestowed on all the faithful".

*Taken from the Tablet*

## 'Health is not a luxury'

Addressing a delegation of Italian radiographers on Monday, Pope Francis praised the work of healthcare professionals and called on governments to ensure universal access to decent healthcare. "A world that discards the sick, which does not assist those who cannot afford treatment, is cynical and has no future," he said.

Looking ahead to the World Day of the Sick, to be observed on 11 February, Pope Francis said the occasion offers an opportunity to reflect on the experience of illness, which, he said, "is all the more appropriate today, indeed necessary, because often "the culture of efficiency and waste pushes us to deny it." He remarked that the culture of care operates in the opposite way, focusing on the Good Samaritan whose example we should follow, saying, "the parable of the Good Samaritan shows us how a community can be rebuilt by men and women who identify with the vulnerability of others, who reject the creation of a society of exclusion, and act instead as neighbours, lifting up and rehabilitating the fallen for the sake of the common good.

*Taken from ICN*

## Prayer for Migrants and Refugees



Bishop Paul McAleenan, our Lead Bishop for Migrants and Refugees, says that prayer for migrants and refugees is an opportunity for Catholics throughout the world to remember and pray for those who are displaced through war, poverty and persecution. It is also [important] to raise awareness of the fact that migration offers opportunities for many people. The World Day of Migrants and Refugees is celebrated in Catholic parishes on Sunday, 25 September 2022.

Let Us Prayer...

Lord, make us bearers of hope,  
so that where there is darkness, Your light may shine.  
And where there is discouragement, confidence in the future may be reborn.

Lord, make us instruments of Your justice,  
so that where there is exclusion, fraternity may flourish  
and where there is greed, a spirit of sharing may grow.

Lord, make us builders of Your kingdom  
together with migrants and refugees  
and with all who dwell on the peripheries.

Lord, let us learn how beautiful it is  
to live together as brothers and sisters. *Amen. Taken from  
CBCEW*

## Faith Witness for Safe Passage of refugees

*'I was a stranger and you welcomed me' Matthew 25*

A group of committed Christians meet on the third Monday of the month, 12.30-1.30pm at the Home Office in Marsham Street SW1, to hold a prayer vigil for refugees. Their objectives can be summarised: "We call on the UK government to create safe passage for refugees in recognition of their human dignity and for a straightforward process of asylum application." More information at: <https://www.lcrf.org.uk/>



## World Day for the Sick

Pope Francis invites "all of us to reflect on the fact that it is especially through the experience of vulnerability and illness that we can learn to walk together according to the style of God, which is closeness, compassion, and tenderness." Here are a few ideas on how to promote the World Day for the Sick:

Read and share Pope Francis's message that can be found at: <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/sick/documents/20230110-giornata-malato.html>

Watch and share the video: "An experience of accompanying a loved one through palliative care" that can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BRrAyiLiAoo>

Visit a loved one or stranger who is shut in, lonely or sick  
Offer gratitude to a healthcare professional or volunteer

