



St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors



23rd June 2024 [Cycle B Year 2]
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Job 38: 1,8-11 | Psalm 106: 23-26
2 Corinthians 5: 14-17 | Mark 4: 35-41



Today's readings provide an opportunity to focus on our trust in God with great courage and hope. Three of the texts demonstrate the Lord's power over the sea, and his care for us.

In the First Reading, the Lord responds to Job's complaints that he has been punished unjustly. God speaks of his divine power over his own creation.

God's control over nature is also echoed in the Gospel, as Jesus calms the storm. The disciples panic as the gale takes hold, awakening Jesus, who chides them for their lack of faith. They are filled with awe as Jesus stills the waves, asking: 'Who can this be?' The Psalmist tells of the sailors' fear as their frail boats are buffeted by the winds and waves, but they give thanks to the Lord for his loving care as he leads them to a safe haven.

St Paul expresses his gratitude for the overwhelming love of Christ, through whose life, death and resurrection we are offered a new creation. (Second Reading)

This week we might pray for an increasing awareness of the Lord's constant presence in our lives. We can express our gratitude for his love in the words of the psalm refrain: O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever.



This year's Summer Fair will take place from 12.00 to 3.00 on Saturday 6 July. We need donations of bottles, cakes, raffle items, books and good quality second hand items. Please leave your donations in the containers in the meeting area. If you can help by running a stall, by helping to set up the Fair or by helping to clear up afterwards, please indicate this on the sign-up list in the meeting area.

Legion of Mary Promises at 10.30am on Saturday 22nd June

This Saturday our parishioners Charlotte, Andrea and Anthony will each make their Promise to our Parish's Our Lady of Hope Praesidium of the Legion of Mary. It is a big day for our Parish so please come to support them at 10:30am (after the 9:30am Mass) to pray together and celebrate this wonderful day. Please also join them for refreshments after the Legion of Mary meeting at around 12pm.

Gas network upgrade in Fir Tree Grove

SGN will be replacing the old metal gas mains and services with new plastic pipes. This project will begin between the 17th June and the 1st July 2024, and it should be finished in around 3 weeks.

Mass Intentions and Diary for the week

Friday 21	9.30am	Mass
Saturday 22	9.30am	Mass, Casandra Obiwulu RIP
Sts John Fisher & Thomas More	10.30am	Legion of Mary Promises
	5.15pm	Devotions to Our Lady
	6pm	Vigil Mass, Victor De Lima RIP
Sunday 23	9am	Mass (FC) People of the Parish
Twelfth Sunday (Psalm week 4)	11am	Mass, Bernard & Bernadette & Sean Moran RIP (CC)
Monday 24	9.30am	Mass
Nativity of St John the Baptist		
Tuesday 25	9.30am	Mass
	7.30pm	Bible Study in the church
	7.45pm	Sacraments in Scripture
Wednesday 26	9.30am	Mass
	6pm	Youth Music Group Practice
	7.30pm	Central Choir Practice
	8pm	Bible Study by zoom
Thursday 27	9.30am	Mass
	7.30pm	Folk Choir Practice
Friday 28	9.30am	Mass
Saturday 29	9.30am	Mass, Fionan Roggers RIP
	10am	Legion of Mary
	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	Vigil Mass, Hilary Wood RIP
Sunday 30	9am	Mass, People of the Parish
Sts Peter & Paul	11am	Mass, Brian Dixson RIP (CC)

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.



Have you spotted this?

There has been some fine artwork added to the 'Welcome' and statue of Our Lady in the front porch of our church. Thanks are due to Paul Daly who created this attractive addition.

Pope Francis and the General Election

"Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor, and for enabling them to be fully a part of society". -Pope Francis

General Election - A prayer for voters

*Lord, Father of our human family,
you created all human beings equal in dignity:
pour forth into our hearts a fraternal spirit
and inspire in us a dream of renewed encounter,
dialogue, justice and peace.*

*Move us to create healthier societies
and a more dignified world,*

a world without hunger, poverty, violence and war. Amen

Issues for Catholics in the General Election

There are many issues of interest to Catholic voters. The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales highlight seven:

1. Criminal Justice,
2. Domestic poverty, family life and taxation,
3. Education,
4. Environment,
5. International relations, human rights and peacebuilding,
6. Life Issues &
7. Migration

Cardinal Vincent Nichols is asking voters to be active rather than passive, to engage with politicians on the key issues. "You want to know what your candidate will think and say on your behalf when that candidate gets into Parliament," says the Cardinal. "How do we seek to construct a society in which families can flourish? That's the bedrock". Watch his message here:

<https://tinyurl.com/2vismbbs>

CSAN urges Catholics to register to vote

Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) are encouraging all Catholics to register to vote before 23:59 on the 18 June 2024 in preparation for the General Election. CSAN have launched a number of resources to help Catholics inform their conscience and navigate the political landscape at this time, find more at:

www.csan.org.uk/general-election-2024

General Election advice from the Jesuit Missions (JM)

JM offers resources that can help you fully engage with the General Election. These include requests for the new government, a youth guide to the election, what Catholic Social Teaching says on elections and tailored prayer resources. Visit:

<https://jesuitmissions.org.uk/general-election-2024-resources/>

CAFOD issues General Election Manifesto 2024

"We are living in an age of multiple global crises. From growing hunger levels and unprecedented rates of wealth inequality to runaway climate change, protracted conflicts and spiralling global debt levels, whoever wins the election will need to act urgently to tackle these interconnected crises". More at:

<https://tinyurl.com/5n7wnv8a>

The Catholic Union's guide for candidates and voters is at:

<https://shorturl.at/tqni7>

Marriage diminished to just one among many lifestyle choices

The Bishop of Shrewsbury, Mark Davies has called on voters in the General Election to lobby politicians on the importance of placing marriage at the heart of plans to renew society. Bishop Davies said that the "single most important factor" in the flourishing of children was the stability of the relationship of their parents.

"There is a need for authentically Christian politicians but, even more so, for lay faithful who witness to Christ and the Gospel in the civil and political community....it is up to the lay faithful to demonstrate concretely in...political life that the faith enables them to see reality in a new and profound way, and to transform it...Christian hope broadens the limited horizon of mankind..."

(Pope Benedict XVI in 2010)

Bishop McAleenan's reflection for Refugee Week

He offers a reflection on three themes - his recent visit to the Bibby Stockholm barge, the impact of the Rwanda Bill, and societal attitudes towards refugees and migrants. It includes: "The UK Government has a responsibility to ensure that we have an immigration system that upholds the dignity of human life. The Rwanda scheme does not do that." Bishop McAleenan concluded his reflection by calling for Catholics to pray for refugees and asylum seekers. The full text is at:

<https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/49968>

Laudato Si' invite you to help 'Restore Nature Now'

Join a peaceful, family-friendly march on Saturday June 22 to demand that all political parties commit to do the right thing for nature in the run up to the General Election. There will be an ecumenical service at Farm Street church at 11am followed by a walk to Parliament Square. Do come! Sign up at:

<https://christianclimateaction.org/2024/04/30/restore-nature-now-march-and-creation-cries-out-service/>

Extreme weather has already caused \$41bn damage in 2024

As the climate talks in Bonn continue with the aim of unblocking financial flows to lower-income countries hit by extreme weather, Christian Aid reports: "Rich countries, responsible for the lion's share of the greenhouse gases that are heating the atmosphere and fuelling extreme events, should recognise their historic responsibility and step up their funding to a Loss and Damage Fund to help other countries cope and recover from extreme weather." More information in:

<https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/49956>

Sharing in the gift of People with Disabilities

A Day of Celebration will be held at Aylesford Priory on 7th July, 12pm ending with Mass at 4pm. Bring a packed lunch and bring your friends.

Young Catholics Ball at Sacred Heart Church in Wimbledon

This is an event for young Catholics (18-40) on the 13th July, 7pm-11pm in the Upper Hall, Sacred Heart Church, Edge Hill, SW19 4LU Tickets cost £30 and can be bought from:

www.tinyurl.com/sacredheartball

National Day of Prayer and Fasting for Life before the Election

On Saturday 22nd June, the Eve of the Vigil of the Feast of St John the Baptist, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia.

Divine Mercy Retreat on Saturday 20 July 2024 from 1:30 pm

To be held at St Sebastian and St Pancras R.C. Church, 22 Hay Lane, Kingsbury NW9 0NG. Call Millie on 07957594646 for more information.

Ursuline High School Wimbledon – Open Events for Yr. 7 entry

Wednesday 25th September 2024, 6.00 - 8.30pm For Y5 & 6 students and parent/carers (Y4&5 in the current academic year). Monday 30th September – Friday 4th October 9.00am OR 11.00am. For Y6 students and parent/carers (Y5 in the current academic year) Sign up at:

www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk/admissions/open-events

The John Fisher School Purley- Open Evening Thurs 4th July

Headteacher's Talks: 5.15pm, 6.15pm & 7.15pm. Pre-register at: www.johnfisherschool.org