



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



19th May 2024 [Cycle B Year 2]
Pentecost
Acts 2: 1-11 | Psalm 103
Galatians 5: 16-25 | John 15: 26-27



The ancient Pentecost commemoration of the revelation of God (through the giving of the Torah and the making of the covenant) was now celebrated by the early Christians as the revelation of God through the outpouring of the Spirit (First Reading).

In the Gospel, St John returns us to Jesus's words of farewell to his disciples. The 'Spirit of truth' is promised to us as it was to them. So today, we can say, this is our season in the Spirit.

The Second Reading shows St Paul's condemnation of self-indulgence amongst those belonging to the Church at Galatia. He tells them that only the consolations of the Spirit – 'love, joy, peace ... gentleness and self-control' – can unite their hearts to the freedom of the Gospel.

We can ask for the help of this same Spirit in the words of the Psalmist: 'Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.'

As we are called to witness to the fire of God (by bringing the light of the Son and the heat of the Spirit to all we meet), let's pray this line of St Paul every day this coming week:

'Since the Spirit is my life, let me be directed by the Spirit.'

Taken from St Beuno's Outreach

Pentecost Sunday

This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. Our Pentecost liturgy will be a multi-cultural celebration with prayers and hymns in different languages. After the 11.00 Mass we will hold our annual multi-cultural Pentecost social event. This will be a bring-and-share event with food from different countries. (Bring your own drinks.)



Parishioners are encouraged to wear national dress and bring their national flags. There is a sign-up list with a QR code in the meeting area. Please sign up if you would like to attend the event. Also please indicate if you can make a main course or dessert or help to set up the event or clear away afterwards.



'Called to Serve: Following Mary's Pathway'

Last Saturday Sr. Harriet Thomas (pictured) led members of our parish in an inspiring seminar that used Marian guidance on evangelisation and how we should serve our parish and the wider community.

Fr Anthony is arranging for her to visit us again later in the year.

Mass Intentions and Diary for the week

Friday 17	9.30am	Mass
	7.30pm	Pentecost Novena
Saturday 18	9.30am	Mass
	5.15pm	Legion of Mary
	6pm	Devotion to Our Lady
	7pm	People of the Parish Pentecost Novena
Sunday 19 Pentecost (Psalm week 3)	9am	Senghove Family WB (YMG)
	11am	Raphaela Aguilar RIP (CC) <i>Followed by our multi-cultural celebration</i>
	9.30am	Izuegbunam Family WB
Monday 20 Mary, Mother of the Church	9.30am	Okwuosa's Family WB
	7.30pm	Bible Study in the church
Wednesday 22	9.30am	Hilliams Family WB
	6pm	Youth Music Group Practice
	7.30pm	Central Choir Practice
	8pm	Bible Study by zoom
Thursday 23 Christ the eternal high priest	9.30am	Mass
	7.30pm	Folk Choir Practice
Friday 24	9.30am	Mass
Saturday 25	9.30am	Mass
	11am	Legion of Mary
	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 26 Holy Trinity	9am	Thomas Flannagan RIP (FC)
	11am	Flannagan Family WB (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: 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.

Fr Philip Amek MHM will make an appeal on behalf of Missio at all Masses on the weekend of 26th May.

Sadly, Peter Ryan died on Sunday 12th May.

May God rest his soul.



The winning numbers for May 2024

1st Prize: £50 Winning number: 47
2nd Prize: £25 Winning number: 21
3rd Prize: £10 Winning number: 33

Jackpot Prizes:

1st Prize: £200 Winning number: 90
2nd Prize: £100 Winning number: 136
3rd Prize: £50 Winning number: 55

Archbishop John Wilson at the London Migrant Workers' Mass

A few quotes from our Archbishop's sermon on May 6th:

"Now prayer is important. Our spiritual life is vital. But so is work. And the Catholic social tradition teaches that work is both a duty and a right. It's through work that we collaborate with God our creator. That we exercise an authentic stewardship over the earth's resources. That we provide for ourselves and our families and our communities and especially for the weakest and the poorest. It's through work that we recognise and harness the gifts and the talents given by God to each person. All different. All needed. It's through work that we grow in virtue. Not least patience and perseverance. It's through work that we grow in holiness, uniting our work to the great work of salvation in Christ."

"The contribution of migrant workers to the United Kingdom is immense. So much so - that we wonder how could we survive without them. But the decision to leave one's homeland - which many of you have taken - to leave one's family sometimes as well and to search for work here - that's not an easy decision to take. It demands courage and sacrifice."

"May the example and the prayers of St Joseph the Worker inspire us to go from here renewed with a mission of welcome, of solidarity and of justice. So that the gifts of all may rise in the service of all. Amen". You can find the full text of this sermon at:

<https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/49716>

Formation Day on the RCIA with Dr Bill Keimig – Sat. June 29

This will be held in the Amigo Hall at St George's Cathedral, Southwark. It is an opportunity to examine some pastoral implications and to revitalise our practice in preparing adults for the Sacraments of Initiation. The overall focus will be on the three aspects of RCIA – Liturgy/Catechesis/Pastoral. To book your place: <https://aecsouthwark.churchsuite.com/events/hpjebsm8>

Preparing for the general election

The Catholic Church teaches that "participation in political life is a moral obligation" (Evangelii Gaudium #220). This calls us to much more than voting. We need to inform our consciences, hear the cry of the Earth and of the poor, proactively make ourselves aware of injustice, reflect, pray and discern, and then respond

Holy Days of Obligation in England and Wales

After a recent oversight in this newsletter, this is a reminder of the 6 Holy Days of Obligation that may not fall on a Sunday. These are: Epiphany, Ascension, Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, All Saints' Day and Christmas. According to a 1984 decision of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, holy days which fall on a Saturday or a Monday (with the exception of Christmas) are transferred to the adjacent Sunday.

Pray the Rosary for global peace

Pope Francis has urged the faithful to pray the Rosary, especially during the month of May, as he entrusted to Our Lady the cause of peace for the wars in the Holy Land, Ukraine, and Myanmar. He made the appeal at his Wednesday General Audience in St. Peter's Square.

US Catholic leaders urge Biden to act for peace and justice

More than 200 Catholic leaders in a letter to President Biden express their "grief and dismay over the horrors that have occurred in Israel/Palestine", and call for a ceasefire in Gaza, the release of hostages and an end to the shipment of weapons to Israel. They also appeal for an end to the illegal settlements and attacks on Palestinians in the West Bank. You can read the full text at: <https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/49703>

Laudato Si' week is 19th to 26th May 2024

Inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si', this movement seeks to motivate all people of good will to protect our Common Home through concrete actions and simple changes in the way we live. A celebration guide tells you more at:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1b1FBULLGeUEv561CdXUKQROBwbj5wOEX/view>

Cathedral Mass in celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th or any later wedding anniversary this year, you are invited to renew your marriage vows at a Mass to be celebrated at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, at 3pm on July 13. Close family members can attend with you. In order to receive a personal invitation from Archbishop John, email mflsw@rcaos.org.uk giving the following details: your full names, address, phone number, anniversary being celebrated and parish. The deadline for applying is May 31.

"Religion is as relevant as it was 100 years ago"

BBC heads of religion and ethics have confirmed that faith programming will stay on television and radio, not just digital platforms, as the BBC celebrates a century of religious broadcasting.

Appeal for prayer and fasting to end abortion

On Tuesday 21st May, the Vigil of St Rita, please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this country. More information at: www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

Shrine of Saint Jude: Summer Celebration Saturday 1st June

We would like to invite you to the Summer Celebration of Saint Jude, to be held in the grounds of the Shrine of Saint Jude in Faversham. This is a lovely occasion when we can usually celebrate Mass outside in the sunshine, followed by a procession past the Shrine of Saint Jude. We also have an opportunity for pilgrims to be anointed with Saint Jude oil. More information from: shrineoffice@stjudeshrine.org.uk. The Shrine of Saint Jude is at: 34 Tanners Street, Faversham, Kent, ME13 7JW and is easily accessible from road or rail.

Catholic People's Week: 4 - 11 August

Come and join a family retreat with a difference! Be part of a small community for a fun and faith-filled week in the beautiful Peak District. Full details are on the posters in our church entrance lobby.



"A good school provides a rounded education for the whole person. And a good Catholic school, over and above this, should help all its students to become saints"

(Pope Benedict XVI, 2010)