



# St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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***A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors***



24th September 2023 [Cycle A Year 1]

**Twenty Fifth Sunday**

Isaiah 55:6-9 | Psalm 144

Philippians 1:20-24, 27 | Matthew 20:1-16

## ***Seek the Lord!***

The generous love of the Lord is very close to us. The readings for this Sunday remind us that when we seek the Lord, we can be confident of receiving a warm, forgiving welcome – no matter who we are. The prophet Isaiah (First Reading) invites us to seek and find the Lord who is near to us. When we do this, God will embrace us with a rich forgiveness.

The Psalm is a blessing song of wonder and awe to the Lord who is close to us, full of compassion, abounding in love and kindness.

St Paul's letter to the Philippians (Second Reading) is written by one who is confident of the closeness of Christ. We, too, are encouraged to focus our lives on the Gospel values of Christ.

The parable of the workers in the vineyard (Gospel) presents an encouraging, if challenging, image of the generosity of God. We are invited to accept this generosity for ourselves and express it towards others. If this seems too hard for us to comprehend, let us take heart that the ways of the Lord are very different from our own ways.

The words of Scripture reassure us that we need not worry, for the Lord is near to us, ever present. Our God is full of compassion and forgiveness, willing us to seek him out. Let us pray that the whole Christian community will be inspired always to seek the Lord. Together as the body of Christ, we can transform the world with the justice and generosity of God.

*Taken from St Beuno's Outreach*



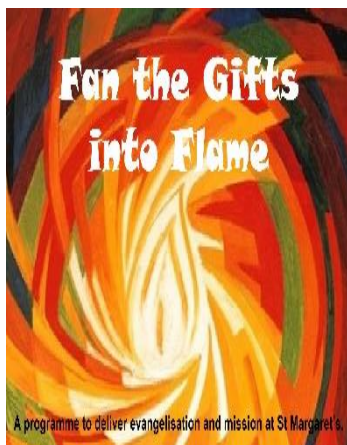
Sept 24: World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR)

Sept 25: First Holy Communion classes begin

Sept 25: Confirmation Parents' Meeting

Sept 25: 'Youth speaks to Youth' begins

Oct 2: Confirmation classes begin



## **Fan the gifts into flame**

Adrianna Furtado, project manager for 'Fan the Gifts into Flame' (FGF) has been holding meetings to determine how money from the Archbishop's Appeal Fund is to be spent. The objective is to support Youth, Evangelisation and Social Outreach. As a first step, a logo has been created to give the project an easily recognisable identity. We look forward to detailed plans.



## **Mass Intentions and Diary for the week**

<b>Friday 22</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Saturday 23</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>St Pio of Pietrelcina</b>	<b>5.15pm</b>	Devotion to Our Lady
	<b>6pm</b>	Jolanta Rusakoviene SI
<b>Sunday 24</b>	<b>9am</b>	Yu Siu Wah RIP (FC)
<b>25th Sunday</b>	<b>11am</b>	Vic Heard RIP (CC)
<b>World day of Prayer for Migrants &amp; Refugees (Psalm Wk 1)</b>		
<b>Monday 25</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
	<b>5.00pm</b>	First Holy Communion Class
<b>Tuesday 26</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Paula Ryan RIP</b>
<b>Wednesday 27</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>St Vincent de Paul</b>	<b>6pm</b>	Youth Choir Practice
	<b>7.30pm</b>	Central Choir Practice
	<b>8pm</b>	Bible Study
<b>Thursday 28</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
	<b>7.30pm</b>	Folk Choir Practice
<b>Friday 29</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Sts Michael, Gabriel &amp; Raphael, Archangels</b>		
<b>Saturday 30</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>St Jerome</b>	<b>5.15pm</b>	Devotion to Our Lady
	<b>6pm</b>	Andrew Pileckis SI
<b>Sunday 1</b>	<b>9am</b>	Patricia Mulholland RIP (YC)
<b>St Therese of the Child Jesus</b>	<b>11am</b>	Harry Lee 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:** Peter Thompson, Michael Begley, Elizabeth Margaret Cuffy, Michelle Caley, Paul Ford, Michael Colairo, Richard Neal, Catherine Roberts, Paula Seradi, Maria Luisa Mapple, Sheila Sharp, Michal Pacala, Michael Rowback, Kristine Harvey, and Margaret Fox.

## Seminar on Racial and Cultural Inclusion

The Seminar on the 28th of October is the first of its kind in the Archdiocese. It aims, as Archbishop John Wilson says, to bring out the beauty of: "The racial and cultural diversity of people in the parishes and schools of our Archdiocese (which) is an immense and beautiful blessing. It is by the power of God that we are one in Christ in all our beautiful diversity. This seminar is an opportunity to celebrate our diversity and to explore ways of embedding racial and cultural inclusion in every part of our Archdiocese." All Parishes, schools and institutions in our diocese are therefore urged to participate. Please invite your parishioners to contribute to this open dialogue by registering either to be present in Amigo Hall on the day, or take part in the Seminar via Video Conference (Zoom). One of the speakers at the seminar is our parishioner, Andrea Fernandes. More information from: [racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk)



There will be a Seminar entitled "Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion in Our Parishes, Schools and Communities". This seminar will take place at the Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Southwark, from 9.30am to 4.00pm on Saturday 28 October 2023. You are all welcomed to this archdiocesan initiative by the Commission for Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion chaired by Canon Victor Darlington, Episcopal Vicar for the Southeast. On that day there will be contributions from a range of speakers, including the Most Reverend John Wilson, the Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark.

To register for the Seminar please Scan the QR Code above or click on the following link:

<https://forms.microsoft.com/e/1G3DvS124W>

Registration is FREE

For more information please write us: [racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk).

## Evangelii Gaudium – Preparing for the Jubilee Year in Faith and Prayer

*Evangelii Gaudium* Sunday calls us to be joyous in proclaiming our faith. "Evangelii Gaudium" is Latin for "Joy of the Gospel". The day supports the work carried out by the Mission Directorate on behalf of the Bishops' Conference.

A key focus of work for the next few years is responding to Pope Francis' calling of a Jubilee Year in 2025 with the theme *Pilgrims of Hope*. The Holy Father has invited the whole Church to prepare for the Jubilee in the two years prior through:

- Reflecting on the four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council in 2023.
- Deepening our prayer life, with a special focus on the Lord's Prayer, in 2024.

To support the Church in England and Wales in this important initiative the Mission Directorate has produced a series of videos on the four Constitutions which reflect on the Liturgy, the Word of God, the Church and on its role in the modern world.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-sunday>

A range of resources are being prepared for the Year of Prayer in 2024 which include a course on the Lord's Prayer from small groups for Lent, encouragement to try different ways of praying from the tradition of the Church. The Mission Directorate will be supporting the Jubilee co-ordinator appointed by each diocese.

Please support the Mission Directorate through prayer and giving to the second collection. However much you give, big or small, it will go directly to support this important work to bring the joy of the Gospel to all.

## World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees

Pope Francis has consistently reminded us of our duty towards migrants and refugees and called for us to pray for those seeking a better life:

**"May the Mediterranean never again be a theatre of death and inhumanity".**

**"May the Lord enlighten the minds and hearts of all, arousing feelings of fraternity, solidarity and welcome."**

World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) is an annual celebration marked by the Church to increase awareness about migration and its opportunities, as well as its challenges. The day is marked on the last Sunday of September and has been celebrated by the Church since 1914. This year, the celebration will be marked on Sunday 24th September.

The Pope shares an [annual message](#) to mark the celebration and the theme for this year's message is *Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay*. In his message, the Pope recognises the many reasons for flight, including conflicts and natural disasters, which force people to flee and deny them the opportunity to live a dignified and prosperous life in their native land. The Pope recognises the need for eliminating the causes of migration, calling for the shared commitment of all to recognise their responsibility and identify actions to be taken, but also to recognise what we need to stop doing in order to prevent the devastation and destruction of our common home.

The Pope speaks of the common good, respect for fundamental rights, and access to an integral human development to ensure each person is able to live a truly dignified and fulfilling life, to allow homelands to flourish and to ensure migration is a free decision. The Pope reiterates the importance of respecting the rights of migrants and upholding their dignity by building bridges and not walls, and to ensure there is always a community ready to *welcome, protect, promote and integrate everyone, without distinctions and without excluding anyone*.

On behalf of Caritas Southwark and Justice Peace Jackie McLoughlin will be running 4 pilot seminars to support the dissemination of 'Love the Stranger' the latest teaching document of the Catholic bishops of England and Wales. More information will soon be released.

Useful resources are available here:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2023/03/CBCEW-Love-the-Stranger-A4.pdf> and <https://migrants-refugees.va/resource-center/world-day-of-migrants-refugees-2022/>

**Harvest Fast Day** on 6<sup>th</sup> October takes us back to Pakistan where great progress has been made in recovering from the disastrous flooding of last year. We are told of the life-saving work done by Dr Nasha and her team from their mobile medical clinic. Families living in temporary shelters after the flood had destroyed their homes, were in danger of succumbing to many diseases and urgently needed medical attention. Many of those children are now healthy and thriving, thanks to CAFOD's work, so please be assured that your generous support has been effective. But there is still a great need for the mobile clinics as families rebuild their homes – flooding continues to be a threat in many parts of the country.

And when you make your donation please add the Gift Aid, if possible, by filling in the envelope or going online.