



# St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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*A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors*



12th March 2023 [Cycle A Year 1]

Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 17:3-7, | Psalm 95

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 | John 4:5-42

## Today's Gospel: The Israelites' hearts were hardened by their hardships in the desert.

Though they saw His mighty deeds, in their thirst they grumble and put God to the test in today's First Reading—a crisis point recalled also in today's Psalm.

Jesus is thirsty, too in today's Gospel. He thirsts for souls (see John 19:28). He longs to give the Samaritan woman the living waters that well up to eternal life.

These waters couldn't be drawn from the well of Jacob, father of the Israelites and the Samaritans. But Jesus was something greater than Jacob (see Luke 11:31–32).

The Samaritans were Israelites who escaped exile when Assyria conquered the Northern Kingdom eight centuries before Christ (see 2 Kings 17:6, 24–41). They were despised for intermarrying with non-Israelites and worshipping at Mount Gerazim, not Jerusalem.

But Jesus tells the woman that the "hour" of true worship is coming, when all will worship God in Spirit and truth.

Jesus' "hour" is the "appointed time" that Paul speaks of in today's Epistle. It is the hour when the Rock of our salvation was struck on the Cross. Struck by the soldier's lance, living waters flowed out from our Rock (see John 19:34–37).

These waters are the Holy Spirit (see John 7:38–39), the gift of God (see Hebrews 6:4).

By the living waters the ancient enmities of Samaritans and Jews have been washed away, the dividing wall between Israel and the nations is broken down (see Ephesians 2:12–14, 18). Since His hour, all may drink of the Spirit in Baptism (see 1 Corinthians 12:13).

In the Eucharist, the Lord now is in our midst—as He was at the Rock of Horeb and at the well of Jacob.

In the "today" of our Liturgy, He calls us to believe: "I am He," come to pour out the love of God into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. How can we continue to worship as if we don't understand? How can our hearts remain hardened?

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

## Mission Appeal 2023

This weekend we warmly welcome Fr Thaygu Arputham who will make an appeal on behalf of the SMA Missionaries. The Society of African Missions (SMA) is an international missionary society with members coming from 24 countries. The missionary focus is Africa and her people. SMA missionaries presently serve in 17 different African countries.



## Mass Intentions and Diary for the week

<b>Friday 10</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>The Banks Family GP</b>
<b>Saturday 11</b>	<b>8am</b>	Lenten Prayer Breakfast
	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Joseph, Kathleen Maughan &amp; Family TG</b>
	<b>5.15pm</b>	Devotion to Our Lady
<b>Sunday 12</b> <b>3rd Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Monica Allen RIP (FC)</b>
	<b>11am</b>	<b>Richard Foster RIP (CC)</b>
<i>[Psalm Wk 3]</i>		
<b>Monday 13</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Uncle George RIP</b>
<b>Tuesday 14</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Owen, Marie Maughan &amp; Child TG</b>
	<b>6.45pm</b>	Lenten Reflection
	<b>7pm</b>	Stations of the cross
<b>Wednesday 15</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>6pm</b>	Youth Choir Practice
	<b>8pm</b>	Bible Study
	<b>7.00pm</b>	Central Choir Practice
<b>Thursday 16</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Marie Chantelle, Isabella and Family GP</b>
	<b>7.30pm</b>	Folk Choir Practice
<b>Friday 17</b> <b>St Patrick</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>John, Josephine Maughan &amp; Family TG</b>
<b>Saturday 18</b>	<b>8am</b>	Lenten Prayer Breakfast
	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Paddy Maughan TG</b>
	<b>5.15am</b>	Devotion to Our Lady
	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Melba De Silva RIP</b>
<b>Sunday 19</b> <b>4th Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>John Studznski BT (YC)</b>
	<b>11am</b>	<b>Fiorinda &amp; Jozef RIP (CC)</b>
		<b>St Joseph</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:** Paul Ford, Michael Colairo, Richard Neal, Catherine Roberts, Paula Seradi, Maria Luisa Mappley, Sheila Sharp, Michal Pacala, Hilda Gill, Michael Rowback, Max & Isabelle Mifsud, Kristine Harvey, and Margaret Fox.



### Adoration at St Margaret's

At Masses on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of March, there will be an appeal for more parishioners to attend Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our church. Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration follows every weekday Mass until 11am on Tuesday through Thursday, and until 8pm on Friday.

### Some Definite Service

Archbishop John Wilson aims to make our Archdiocese a missionary and evangelising Archdiocese. Each Catholic in Southwark is called and invited to play their part. 'Some Definite Service' provides a model of support for parishes in their efforts to evangelise, to catechise and to form adult disciples. St Margaret's is one of two parishes in the Sutton Deanery to embrace this initiative. Fr Anthony has commissioned three of our parishioners to be our 'Parish Leads'. They are Lynn Pougher, Barbara Fernandez and Maria Teran Frias.

### Last Saturday's Deanery Day of Reflection

Canon Gerard Bradley, our new Episcopal Vicar for South West London, celebrated a refreshing Mass and then gave an engaging talk at Holy Family Church. It spanned his background and his aspirations and recommendations for our future in the Archdiocese. Amongst many strands he asked that we focus on the present and the future, taking one step at a time.

### Canon Victor Darlington writes:

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, it is my pleasure to invite you all to a great event on March 18<sup>th</sup> 2023 at St George's Cathedral during which Archbishop John Wilson will inaugurate Caritas Southwark in the Archdiocese. This occasion will begin at 12.30pm with the Holy Mass and continue in Amigo Hall thereafter, with light refreshment and a Roadshow of the numerous social and religious activities operating within the diocese.

### Prayer Vigil at the Home Office, Marsham Street, SW1P 4DF

*Remember to welcome strangers in your homes. [Hebrews 13:3]*

You are invited to our Prayer Vigil from 12.30-1.30pm on Monday March 20th where we remember:

- ◆ those who have died trying to reach the UK,
- ◆ the many victims of the war in Ukraine
- ◆ those who work with asylum seekers in detention centres, and those who are homeless
- ◆ those who struggle to inject welcome and humanity into our legislation.

We believe that God will prevail, however great the disaster, however great the horror, however great the inhumanity. For further information contact [johanmaertens@hotmail.com](mailto:johanmaertens@hotmail.com) or [barbarakentish@talktalk.net](mailto:barbarakentish@talktalk.net)

### Pope's message to the young

Pope Francis sent this message to thousands of young Catholics gathered at the OVO Arena Wembley, in London on Sunday, for the 5th CYMFed Flame Congress: "dare to be different, to point to ideals other than those of this world, testifying to the beauty of generosity, service, purity, perseverance, forgiveness, fidelity to our personal vocation, prayer, the pursuit of justice and the common good, love for the poor, and social friendship".



### Prayer taken from Week 2 of CTBI Lent 2023

Loving God, We pray that the plight of the refugee will be met with justice and compassion.

May the Church be a place in which all can find sanctuary, and where those who have suffered the denial of their dignity can find hospitality, respect and healing.

We give thanks for the many ways in which newcomers have enriched our communities, and for strangers that have become friends.

Help us to end the violence and injustice that drives people from their homes.

Watch over those forced to make perilous journeys.

Guide them to a place of safety and belonging. Amen.

### Pope's March prayer intention: For victims of abuse

"In response to cases of abuse, especially those committed by members of the Church, it is not enough to ask for forgiveness," says Pope Francis in his video-message announcing his prayer intention for March 2023. In his message, he insists that victims must be the protagonists of a response to abuse, saying that "their pain and psychological wounds can begin to heal if they find answers – if there are concrete actions to repair the horrors they have suffered and to prevent them from happening again."

You can watch the Pope's video at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/popes-march-prayer-intention-for-victims-of-abuse/>

Also note this weekend marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Francis's papacy.

### Bishop Barron on Inclusivity

Following Bishop Robert Barron's visit to the UK you may be interested to read his article on "Inclusivity and love: What exactly would a welcoming and inclusive Church look like". Is it the trumping of doctrine, anthropology and real theological argument by sentiment? Read the full text at:

<https://tinyurl.com/yu3mhww2>

### Holy Communion of both kinds

The bishops have agreed that parishes across England and Wales may provide Communion under both kinds at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday (6<sup>th</sup> April), when the Church celebrates the institution of the priesthood and the Eucharist. Individual dioceses will announce their own policies and protocols in this matter more generally. We await clarification from our Archbishop.



### THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL – VACANCY

There is currently a vacancy for a part-time Chaplain (2-3 days/week) from April 2023. Please visit the school's website for further information.

[www.johnfisherschool.org/our-school/career-opportunities](http://www.johnfisherschool.org/our-school/career-opportunities)

"Let the mouth fast from foul words and unjust criticism. For what good is it if we abstain from birds and fishes but bite and devour our brothers and sisters?"  
St John Chrysostom [347 – 407AD]