



# 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*



22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 [Cycle A Year 1]

**Twenty Ninth Sunday**

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 | Psalm 95

Thessalonians 1:1-5 | Matthew 22:15-21

*'Give to God what belongs to God'*

Today's readings concentrate on God as ruler over all the world. The First Reading teaches us about the relationship between God and Cyrus, one of the most powerful earthly rulers. Even though Cyrus did not know God, God works through him, giving Cyrus all that he needs to help accomplish God's plans.

The Psalmist calls us to speak of the Lord's greatness and glory throughout the world, and to pay him worship and honour.

In the Second Reading, St Paul gives thanks to God and prays for the Christian community in Thessalonica. Chosen and loved by God, the community – aided by the power of the Holy Spirit, and strengthened by its faith and hope in God – continues in its work.

The Gospel message is that we belong completely to God and are therefore called to offer God our entire selves. Jesus is aware that the Pharisees and Herodians are trying to trip him up when they ask if Jewish people should pay taxes to the Romans. Although he confirms that this is reasonable, at the same time he also affirms that our first duty is to serve God, and to give God what is due.

This week, maybe we can pray for the rulers and leaders of our world, particularly during these difficult times. We ask that God will work through them towards justice and peace. We pray too that the Holy Spirit will guide each of us in how we can serve God best.

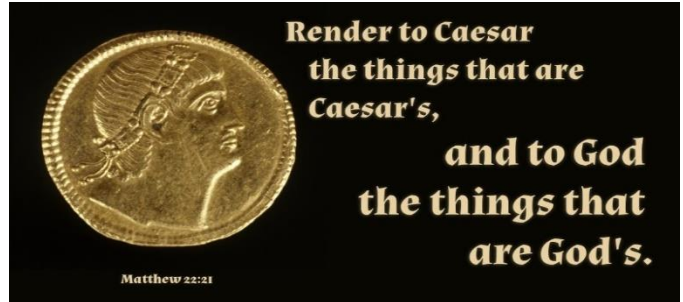
*Taken from St Beuno's Outreach*

## War in the Holy Land

Pope Francis has again appealed for peace in the Holy Land. Speaking at the Wednesday General Audience, 11 October, the Holy Father expressed his "sorrow and concern" for the war that has broken out between Israel and Hamas militants. The Pope mourned the many people who have been killed and injured. In his appeal, Pope Francis acknowledged that "it is the right of those who are attacked to defend themselves." However, he expressed concern for the "total siege facing the Palestinians in Gaza, where there have also been many innocent victims." The Pope asked both parties to show restraint in hopes of reaching a solution to the war.

## THE INTERNATIONAL PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lead me from death to life, from falsehood to truth  
 Lead me from despair to hope, from fear to trust  
 Lead me from hate to love, from war to peace  
 Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe



## Mass Intentions and Diary for the week

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| <b>Friday 20</b>   | <b>9.30am</b> | <b>Stanley Blackmore</b>                                |
| <b>Saturday 21</b>   | <b>9.30am</b> | <b>Mass</b>   |
|  | <b>5.15pm</b> | Devotion to Our Lady                                    |
|  | <b>6pm</b>    | <b>Gerard Whelton RIP &amp; deceased family members</b> |
| <b>Sunday 22</b><br>World Mission Sunday<br>(Psalm Week 1) | <b>8.40am</b> | Rosary  |
|  | <b>9am</b>    | <b>Clare Cavadino RIP (FC)</b>                          |
|  | <b>11am</b>   | <b>Brian Gundry RIP (CC)</b>                            |
| <b>Monday 23</b>   | <b>9.30am</b> | <b>Dorothy Castelino</b>                                |
| <b>Tuesday 24</b>  | <b>9.30am</b> | <b>Mass</b>   |
| <b>Wednesday 25</b>  | <b>9.30am</b> | <b>Mass</b>   |
|  | <b>6pm</b>    | Youth Choir Practice                                    |
|  | <b>7.30pm</b> | Central Choir Practice                                  |
| <b>Thursday 26</b>   | <b>9.30am</b> | <b>Kathy &amp; Dennis Hill</b><br>(Wedding Anniversary) |
|  | <b>7.30pm</b> | Folk Choir Practice                                     |
| <b>Friday 27</b>   | <b>9.30am</b> | <b>Mass</b>   |
| <b>Saturday 28</b><br>Sts Simon & Jude                     | <b>9.30am</b> | <b>Regina Emmanuel RIP</b>                              |
|  | <b>5.15pm</b> | Devotion to Our Lady                                    |
|  | <b>6pm</b>    | <b>Mass</b>   |
| <b>Sunday 29</b><br>Harvest Sunday                         | <b>8.40am</b> | Rosary  |
|  | <b>9am</b>    | <b>Maisie Arthur &amp; deceased family members (YC)</b> |
|  | <b>11am</b>   | <b>Maciej Zwawiak RIP (CC)</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.

**Prayer requests:** Peter Thompson, Michael Begley, Elizabeth Margaret Cuffy, Michelle Caley, Paul Ford, Michael Colairo, Richard Neal, Catherine Roberts, Paula Seradi, Maria Luisa Mappleby, Sheila Sharp, Michal Pacala, Michael Rowback, Kristine Harvey, and Margaret Fox.

## October Rosary:

October is the month of the Rosary. During October the Rosary is said after Mass each weekday and at 8.40am on Sunday mornings.

*This Sunday is World Mission Sunday and the second collection at Masses will be for Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission.*

### **Parish Finances**

The Finance Committee is pulling together a handout on the finances for parishioners which will be distributed shortly. For 2022, the parish recorded a surplus of £4,200 compared to a deficit of £9,200 in 2021.

### **Improvements to the church sound system**

Fr Anthony has bought new microphones and carried out an overhaul of the audio mixer. We now have 7 working microphones/channels for use by our choirs. Thank you.

### **Harvest Sunday:**

The Harvest Sunday food bank collection will be on Sunday 29 October. Those attending Mass that weekend are encouraged to bring at least one item for the Food Bank. Items can be brought beforehand or on the day. Donated items will be displayed on the sanctuary during the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses that weekend.

### **What is the church saying about immigration?**

Come to hear about the bishop's teaching document – 'Love the Stranger', a response to current issues on the treatment of refugees and migrants.

Dates: Wednesday 18 Oct 7.30pm at St Elphege's Church Hall and Wednesday 25 Oct at 7.30pm St Elphege's. Hear from a Syrian and an Eritrean. Saturday 4 November 10.30am - 12 at Holy Family Church Hall Sutton Green. The Jesuit Refugee Service will talk about their work. Also hear from a Ukrainian refugee.

### **Upholding international law in the Holy Land**

CAFOD: "Unequivocally condemns this shocking killing and kidnapping of civilians. But we know more violence is never the answer." Will you email the Foreign Secretary James Cleverley to urge the UK government to play its part in upholding international law, ensuring humanitarian aid can reach people in need, and to work with other world leaders to secure a lasting peace for the region? Email:

<https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/136932/action/1?locale=en-GB>

### **Schools Competition**

Columbans have launched their annual Schools Competition. The competition is aimed at students aged between 13-18 years old in Catholic schools who are invited to explore Biodiversity – the richness of life forms on Earth and which humanity relies on for health, food and well-being. It is looking for pieces of writing and images that demonstrate an awareness and understanding of the issue of Biodiversity and highlight people, communities and/or organisations trying to build a sustainable future. More information at: <https://www.columbancompetition.com/>

### **Faith and Wellness**

New research finds that people with a stronger spiritual or faith commitment often have better health and wellbeing outcomes than those without. You can read the report at: [https://www.dropbox.com/s/oberh5mtyaq5065/Radiant\\_Report\\_10132023.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/oberh5mtyaq5065/Radiant_Report_10132023.pdf?dl=0)



### **Advance notice!**

St Margaret's Church has been invited to carol sing at the Beeches Yule Fest on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. If you enjoy carol singing come and join us to spread some Christmas

cheer. There will be a rehearsal on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 7.30pm in our church.

### **Catholic Listeners - a new confidential helpline service.**

A Diocese of Westminster initiative has been set up for those who want to return to the faith and are in need of a safe space to be heard. The helpline is all about listening to others, listening to those who might have become isolated due to the pandemic. Although not a counselling service, the helpline is staffed by a team of volunteers who are trained to signpost callers to other agencies and services. Now operating three days a week from 4pm-7pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays calls are free to the helpline on: 0800 448 0704. For further information email: [Catholiclisteners@gmail.com](mailto:Catholiclisteners@gmail.com)

### **Outsourcing Prisoners**

Responding to the announcement by Justice Secretary Alex Chalk that new measures will allow the Government to rent prison cells overseas to house offenders, Bishop Richard Moth, Lead Bishop for Prisons, says the move is likely to damage rehabilitation efforts and do little to reduce reoffending.

### **Next Budget**

The Catholic Union and Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) have called for children and families to be the focus of the Chancellor's Autumn Statement on Wednesday 22 November. The two groups have called on the Chancellor, Jeremy Hunt, to consider changes to the benefit system to help families with the cost of living. These include increasing the rate of child benefit, scrapping the two-child cap on Universal Credit and Working Tax Credits, and lifting the High Income Child Benefit Charge.

### **Catholic Union Annual Report**

The report on this year's activities is available to be read at: [https://catholicunion.org.uk/2023/10/catholic-union-annual-report-2023/?mc\\_cid=f58dad962d&mc\\_eid=bf68dd70c2](https://catholicunion.org.uk/2023/10/catholic-union-annual-report-2023/?mc_cid=f58dad962d&mc_eid=bf68dd70c2)

### **Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion:**

A reminder that our parishioner, Andrea Fernandes, is speaking at a seminar on "Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion in our Schools and Communities" on Saturday 28 October. Other speakers include Archbishop John Wilson and Canon Victor Darlington. The seminar is from 9.30 to 4.00 at Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral SE1 7HY. To register for this free seminar email: [racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk).

### **John Fisher School Vacancy**

We are currently looking to appoint a School Chaplain (full time/term time only). Please visit the school's website for more information: <https://www.johnfisherschool.org/our-school/career-opportunities>

### **School Governor for Laleham Lee**

Laleham Lea Catholic Independent School in Purley, is looking to appoint a Governor. For more details, please contact: [secretary@lalehamlea.co.uk](mailto:secretary@lalehamlea.co.uk) or phone 0208 660 3351.