



St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

Fir Tree Grove, Carshalton, SM5 4NG

Parochial Administrator: Fr Anthony Uche, JCD

Committed to 'Churches Together in England'

Sunday Masses: 6.00pm (Sat), 9am & 11am
Weekday Masses: 9.30am (& 9.30am Sat)
Holy Days of Obligation: 9.30am & 7.30pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation:

tel: 0208 669 6483

mobile: 0737 635 0370

email: carshaltonbeeches@rcaos.org.uk

web: www.stmargaretcarshaltonb.co.uk

Safeguarding Officer: Andrea Fernandes

Saturdays 10.30-11.00am & 5.15 - 5.45pm & at call email: carshaltonbeechessg3a@safeguardrcaos.org.uk

A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors



8th September 2024 [Cycle B Year 2]
Twenty-third Sunday
Isaiah 35:4-7 | Psalm 145
James 2: 1-5 | Mark 7: 31-37



Mass Intentions and Diary for the week

The incident in today's Gospel is recorded only by Mark. The key line is what the crowd says at the end: "He has done all things well." In the Greek, this echoes the creation story, recalling that God saw all the things He had done and declared them good (see Genesis 1:31).

Mark also deliberately evokes Isaiah's promise, which we hear in today's First Reading, that God will make the deaf hear and the mute speak. He even uses a Greek word to describe the man's condition (mogilalon = "speech impediment") that's only found in one other place in the Bible—in the Greek translation of today's Isaiah passage, where the prophet describes the "dumb" singing.

The crowd recognizes that Jesus is doing what the prophet had foretold. But Mark wants us to see something far greater—that, to use the words from today's First Reading: "Here is your God."

Notice how personal and physical the drama is in the Gospel. Our focus is drawn to a hand, a finger, ears, a tongue, spitting. In Jesus, Mark shows us, God has truly come in the flesh.

What He has done is to make all things new, a new creation (see Revelation 21:1-5). As Isaiah promised, He has made the living waters of Baptism flow in the desert of the world. He has set captives free from their sins, as we sing in today's Psalm. He has come that rich and poor might dine together in the Eucharistic feast, as James tells us in today's Epistle.

He has done for each of us what He did for that deaf mute. He has opened our ears to hear the Word of God and loosed our tongues that we might sing praises to Him.

Let us then give thanks to our glorious Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Let us say with Isaiah, "Here is our God, He comes to save us." Let us be rich in faith, that we might inherit the kingdom promised to those who love Him.

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



Happy Birthday and Congratulations to Adrian Paul DeSousa on his 90th birthday today, Sunday 8th September.

Register now for First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Forms are available in the church entrance or on our website, at:

<https://www.stmargaretcarshaltonb.co.uk/forms>

Monday 23 Sept Catechists Meeting
Tuesday 24 Sept First Holy Communion parents meeting
Thursday 26 Sept Confirmation parents meeting
Monday 30 Sept First Holy Communion classes begin
Monday 7 Oct Confirmation classes begin

Friday 06 First Friday	9.30am 12.30pm 7pm	Mass Mass for the Sick Whole-hearted choral adoration
Saturday 07	9.30am 10.15am 5.15pm 6pm	Mass Legion of Mary Devotion to Our Lady Vigil Mass
Sunday 08 23 rd Sunday Education Sunday (Psalm week 3)	9am 11am	Mass, People of the Parish (FC) Mass, Adrian Paul DeSousa BT (CC)
Monday 09	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday 10	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday 11	9.30am 6pm 7.30pm	Mass Youth Music Group Practice Central Choir Practice
Thursday 12	9.30am 7.30pm	Mass, Living & dead members of the Carroll & Gazeley Families. Folk Choir Practice
Friday 13 St John Chrysostom	9.30am	Mass, Living & dead members of the Carroll & Gazeley Families.
Saturday 14	9.30am 10.15am 5.15pm 6pm	Mass Legion of Mary Devotion to Our Lady Vigil Mass, People of the Parish
Sunday 15 24 th Sunday	9am 11am	Mass, Patricia Mulholland RIP (YMG) Mass, William Foster 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: Bernadette Hide, Ted Hewson, Fr Henry, Neil Ockenden, Keith Ockenden, Maria Furtado, Tom O'Regan, Michael Begley, Elizabeth Margaret Cuffy, Annabelle Colairo, Paul Ford, Michael Colairo, Richard Neal, Paula Seradi, Maria Luisa Mapple, Sheila Sharp, Michal Pacala, Michael Rowback, Kristine Harvey and Margaret Fox.

9-22 September is Fairtrade Fortnight.



- Measles is in the news again. There have been serious outbreaks in Wales and England and the number of children catching measles is rising. Measles can be a very serious disease, leading to ear and chest infections, fits, diarrhoea, and damage to the brain. Measles can kill.
- Your child is at risk of measles if he or she hasn't had the MMR vaccination. Two doses of MMR vaccine are needed to get the best protection.
- If your child is due to have had two doses of MMR but has not yet received them, no matter what age they are, you should make an appointment with your GP surgery.
- If you can't remember if your child has had any, one or two doses of MMR vaccine, check his or her personal child health record (the Red Book). If this doesn't help, speak to your GP surgery.
- If you don't know how many doses your child has had, it's better to have two doses of MMR vaccine now rather than risk leaving them unprotected.

For more information about measles and MMR go to: www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/ At each Mass this weekend, there will be a short presentation on the importance of immunisation.

The 'Secrets of Paul' course at St Margaret's church

The Renewal Prayer Group will be running this course called "Secrets of Paul". It is delivered via 'zoom' from Northampton Diocese. It is a 10-week course starting on Tuesday 17th September with a break for half term, so no meeting on 29th October. It will start at 7,30pm finishing by 9pm. We will be serving refreshments in the meeting area from 7.15pm.

CORRECTION: This course is for married couples



if you would like to grow in your marriage, join the Conjugal Love Project that is commencing here at St Margaret's on Friday 20th September at 8pm. Subsequently there will be monthly meetings which are following the Catechesis of John Paul II on the theology of the body.

Day for Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion 19th October

Canon Gerard Bradley is planning a Day for Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion round the new translation of the Lectionary. It is planned for Saturday 19th October, 11am – 4pm at Sacred Heart Wimbledon, including Catechesis on the place of the Word of God in our lives, in the Liturgy and with some practical work as well. It might be a chance to reinforce good practice. There will be "a flyer for parishes and something for the newsletter in a couple of weeks".

Note: Sunday 1st December is the beginning of Advent. The Biblical readings at Mass will change from this date forward.

REC & NATRE demand better teaching resources for RE.

The Religious Education Council of England and Wales (REC) and the National Association for Teachers of RE (NATRE) are calling for a fairer allocation of resources to Religious Education and the recruitment of more RE teachers.

Pope off to South East Asia

Pope Francis has urged people around the world to better protect the environment, ahead of his 12-day trip to Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, East Timor & Singapore, in which he is expected to urge global action on climate change. "If we took the planet's temperature, it will tell us that the Earth has a fever. And it is sick," Francis said in a video message. "We must commit ourselves to ... the protection of nature, changing our personal and community habits."

"Do we hear the pain of the millions of victims of environmental catastrophes?" This is one of the questions Pope Francis asks us in the month of September, as we pray for the cry of the Earth. Watch the video here:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=yybxtLFNHcW

Season of Creation 2024 Prayer:

Triune God, Creator of all,

We praise you for your goodness, visible in all the diversity that you have created, making us a cosmic family living in a common home. Through the Earth you created, we experience love and nourishment, home and protection. We confess that we do not relate to the Earth as a Mothering gift from You, our Creator. Our selfishness, greed, neglect, and abuse have caused the climate crisis, loss of biodiversity, human suffering as well as the suffering of all our fellow creatures. We confess that we have failed to listen to the groans of the Earth, the groans of all creatures, and the groans of the Spirit of hope and justice that lives within us. May Your Creator Spirit help us in our weakness, so that we may know the redeeming power of Christ and the hope found in Him. May the groans of the Spirit birth in us a willingness to serve You faithfully, so that we may hear and heal Creation, to hope and act together with her, so that the first fruits of hope may blossom. Loving and Creator God, we pray that You will make us sensitive to these groans and enable us to have the same compassion as that of Jesus, the redeeming Lord. Grant us a fresh vision of our relationship with Earth, and with one another, as creatures that are made in Your image. In the name of the one who came to proclaim the good news to all Creation, Jesus Christ. Amen

Annual Assembly of the Archdiocese of Southwark JPIC

The Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation (JPIC) Assembly this year is entitled 'God Walks with His People'. It will be held on 12th October at St James the Great church, Petts Wood BR5 1AY. The theme is poverty in the UK and overseas. The Assembly is a time for the diocese to come together in fellowship, in pursuit of Catholic social justice for those in need.

Can singing 'Amazing Grace' reverse heart disease?

Researchers at the Medical College of Wisconsin investigated how singing various songs impacted the blood vessels of older individuals with heart disease. Apparently singing 'Amazing Grace' for just ten minutes a day could help reverse the effects of heart disease. The findings revealed that those who regularly sang 'Amazing Grace,' a hymn penned by clergyman and poet John Newton in 1772, experienced the most significant improvements in endothelial function—a key indicator of the health of blood vessels surrounding the heart.

"What right has any one of us to have security when God's poor are suffering."

Dorothy Day (1807-1980)