



St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors



16th October 2022 [Cycle C Year 2]

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday

Exodus 17:8-13 | Psalm 121

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 | Luke 18:1-8

In today's Psalm we're told to lift our eyes to the mountains, that our help will come from Mount Zion and the Temple—the dwelling of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Joshua and the Israelites, in today's First Reading, are also told to look to the hilltops. They are to find their help there—through the intercession of Moses—as they defend themselves against their mortal foes, the Amalekites.

Notice the image: Aaron and Hur standing on each side of Moses, holding his weary arms so that he can raise the staff of God above his head. Moses is being shown here as a figure of Jesus, who also climbed a hill top, and on Mount Calvary stretched out His hands between heaven and earth to intercede for us against the final enemy—sin and death (see 1 Corinthians 15:26).

By the staff of God, Moses bested Israel's enemies (see Exodus 7:8-12; 8:1-2), parted the Red Sea (see Exodus 14:16) and brought water from the Rock (see Exodus 17:6).

The Cross of Jesus is the new staff of God, bringing about a new liberation from sin, bringing forth living waters from the body of Christ, the new Temple of God (see John 2:19-21; 7:37-39; 19:34; 1 Corinthians 10:4).

Like the Israelites and the widow in today's Gospel, we face opposition and injustice—at times from godless and pitiless adversaries.

We, too, must lift our eyes to the mountains—to Calvary and the God who will guard us from all evil.

We must pray always and not be wearied by our trials, Jesus tells us today. As Paul exhorts in today's Epistle, we need to remain faithful, to turn to the inspired Scriptures—given by God to train us in righteousness.

We must persist, so that when the Son of Man comes again in kingly power, He will indeed find faith on earth.

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October is the month of the Holy Rosary.

During October the Rosary will be said before the 9.00am Mass on Sundays (at about 8.40am) as well as after each weekday and Saturday morning Mass. The Rosary will also be said on Saturday at 5.15pm as part of our Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. Please join us in our October Devotions to our Blessed Mother Mary. *Charlotte Heard*

World Mission Sunday – 23 October 2022.

This is the one day in the year when the entire global Church comes together in support of mission. Coordinated by *Missio*, the Pope's charity for world mission, World Mission Sunday is an opportunity to support every mission diocese and faith community which need our help.



Mass Intentions and Diary for the week

Friday 14	9.30am	Ellen & Leslie Balls (RIP)
	7pm	Elevation Youth Ministry Group – Youth Mass
Saturday 15	9.30am	
St Teresa of Jesus	10.15am	Coffee Club
	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	Gerard Whelton & Marie Eoin
Sunday 16	9am	(YC)
[Psalm Wk 1]	11am	(CC)
Volunteers' Sunday		
Monday 17	9.30am	
	5pm	First Holy Communion class
Tuesday 18	9.30am	Ivy, Marie Chantelle, Isabella & Family (GP)
Wednesday 19	9.30am	Richard Neal (WB)
	7.30pm	Central Choir Practice
	8pm	Bible Study
Thursday 20	9.30am	
	6pm	Youth Choir Practice
	7.30pm	Folk Choir Practice
Friday 21	9.30am	People of the Parish
Saturday 22	9.30am	Dorothy Castelino (RIP)
	10.15am	Coffee Club
	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	
Sunday 23	9am	(FC)
World Mission	11am	(CC)
Sunday		

FC= Folk Choir, YC= Youth Choir, CC= Central Choir,

TG= Thanksgiving, W= 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 Monday through Thursday, and until 8pm on Friday.

Anniversaries: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur this month. They can be found in our website Documents.

Prayer requests: Wendy Counsell, Paula Seradi, Maria Luisa Mapple, Sheila Sharp, Michal Pacala, Hilda Gill, Michael Rowback, Max & Isabelle Mifsud, Catherine Roberts, Kristine Harvey, Margaret Fox and Richard Neal.

Family Fast Day: We are still accepting donations for CAFOD's appeal for the food crisis in East Africa. Alternatively, you can donate online at www.cafod.org.uk

Volunteers' Sunday

This Sunday, 16 October, is Volunteers' Sunday at St Margaret's. We are blessed with a large number of parishioners who carry out voluntary work for the parish. Those in volunteer roles include our Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Welcomers, Sacristans, catechists, flower arrangers, cleaners, Children's Liturgy leaders, PPC and Finance Committee members, office helpers, choir members, organist, musicians, gardeners, members of the linen rota, slide projectionists, altar servers, website operator, Adoration co-ordinator, Repository organiser, Missio organiser and leaders of prayer, Bible study, Youth Ministry and Teams of Our Lady groups. Other parishioners help the parish in a myriad of other ways.

If you are not yet a volunteer, please think about how you could contribute to the life of the parish in one of our many voluntary roles. There is a role suitable for everybody, so please don't hold back – come forward and volunteer today.

THANK YOU

We received a very nice thank you from the Purley Food Hub Charity, who receive our food donations. It reads:

"Hello everyone at St Margaret's! Thank you very much indeed for the donations of food which we received from you at the Food Hub today (5th October). We are most grateful for St Margaret's Church's faithful support. As you know, the Food Hub provides three-day emergency food parcels to local families in crisis, and we have just passed 275,000 meals for over 30,000 people since we opened in 2013. And it is directly through the amazing support we receive from churches, schools, businesses and others, as well as many families and individuals, that - together - we can make a real difference to people facing hardship at this time."

60th anniversary of opening of Second Vatican Council

Pope John XXIII officially opened the Second Vatican Council on 11 October 1962 during a solemn ceremony inside St. Peter's Basilica, setting in motion a 4-year event which would see the Church open her doors to the world in a process of "updating" for the contemporary age. *Taken from Vatican News*

Weekend Two

Our Parish, Our Needs, Our Responsibility – Planned Giving Appeal

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it?' - Luke 14:28

Last week our parish embarked on a Planned Giving appeal. Over the coming weeks we ask **all** parishioners to take this opportunity to **prayerfully** reflect on their commitment to our parish. Everyone should consider giving something, be it your gift of time, talent or financial blessings, mindful of your personal circumstances.

Today you will hear more about Planned Giving and Stewardship, including why our parish needs financial help to cover our costs. Please take an appeal newsletter.

Our goal is to receive an informed decision from everyone in the parish. Next weekend we shall ask all parishioners to complete a pledge card - this will enable our parish to plan ahead with confidence for the future.

If you have any questions, there will be volunteers available after Mass today. Thank you.

Sutton Music Festival (now in its 89th year)

It is an annual celebration of music and drama with classes during two weekends in November – this year these will take place on 11th /12th /13th and 18th /19th /20th. Vocal, piano, instrumental, and speech and drama sessions take place at Overton Grange School in Sutton, with a choral event at Holy Trinity Church, Wallington. The festival is run by a dedicated small team of volunteers working all year round to make sure that everything runs smoothly, but additional helpers, especially Door Stewards are always needed at the Festival sessions. This involves meeting and greeting participants and visitors, sometimes selling programmes and generally monitoring entry to the performance areas. There are evening sessions on the Fridays (choral on the 18th), morning, afternoon and evenings sessions on the Saturdays and afternoon and evening on the Sundays. A session usually lasts a maximum of 3 hours and all offers, even for just one session, would be most welcome. If you are interested and would like to help, please contact Evelyn on 073992 45792.



No valid reason to move British Embassy to Jerusalem

Cardinal Vincent Nichols has written to PM Liz Truss to express his 'profound concern' after it was announced that the PM told her Israeli counterpart Yair Lapid that she is reviewing the location of the British Embassy in Israel. The suggestion is that the review will consider moving the embassy from Tel Aviv, where almost all other countries have their embassies, to Jerusalem, a move that the Cardinal says "would be seriously damaging to any possibility of lasting peace in the region and to the international reputation of the United Kingdom."

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