



St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors



4th February 2024 [Cycle B Year 2]
 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Job 7:1-4,6-7 | Psalm 146
 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 | Mark 1:29-39



This Sunday, the readings invite us to look more deeply into the experience of human suffering. It is only through Christ that our pain and despair can and will be transformed. Just like the suffering people in today's Gospel, we all long for Christ. It is through prayer that our yearning will be fulfilled.

Job (**First Reading**) expresses total despair at the great losses that he has experienced; he seems overwhelmed by the frailty of life. The suffering in our world today perhaps makes it easy to relate to his sentiments.

The **Psalm**, however, is like an antidote to the howls of loss that Job exclaims. It speaks of healing for broken hearts and minds; of wounds being bound and tended by our loving God, whose wisdom extends across a universe that he knows and loves intimately.

In the **Second Reading**, Paul writes of how his own experience of Christ and the Gospel impels him to share the Good News with others. He feels that he is like a slave to the Gospel, and is happy to accept this role.

Today's **Gospel** portrays the early days of Jesus's healing ministry in Galilee. After praying with the community in the synagogue, Jesus responds with compassion to all the sick and suffering people who are brought to him. He begins his days in prayerful solitude and is drawn by a desire to bring his Good News to as many people as possible.

Let us pray for the grace to respond with wisdom and compassion to the suffering and needs of our time. May we centre our lives in prayer and by the grace of God be determined like St Paul to bring the Good News to our broken and hurting world.

Taken from St Beuno's Outreach

People living more individualistic lives

The Catholic Union reports that the proportion of people in England and Wales who are married or in a civil partnership has fallen below 50 per cent for the first time. The figure dropped to 49.4% in 2022, according to the latest estimates the Office for National Statistics (ONS). This statistic is just one of a number of indicators that points to people living more individualistic lives, fearing making a commitment to anything or anyone. It is into this headwind of individualism that the seeds of vocation to so many callings are being blown off course. We see that, not only in the declining marriage rate, but in the problems that some Catholic schools are having in finding good teachers, and in the number of empty rooms at our seminaries.

Mass Intentions and Diary for the week

Friday 2	9.30am	Johanna Anderson RIP
Presentation of the Lord	12.30pm	Mass for the Sick
	7pm	Wholehearted Choral Adoration
		Emmanuel Amoussa (WB)
Saturday 3	9.30am	Omosefe Obadagbonyi (BT)
Sts Laurence, Dunstan & Theodore	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	Latifi Amoussa (GP)
Sunday 4	9am	People of the Parish (YMG)
5th Sunday	11am	Mary Dixson (TG) (CC)
(Psalm Week 1)		
Monday 5	9.30am	Mrs L. A. Lange (BT)
St Agatha		
Tuesday 6	9.30am	Richard Neal (WB)
Sts Paula Miki & Companions		
Wednesday 7	9.30am	Mass
	6pm	Youth Music Group Practice
	7.30pm	Central Choir Practice
	8pm	Bible Study
Thursday 8	9.30am	Mass
	7.30pm	Folk Choir Practice
Friday 9	9.30am	Mass
Saturday 10	9.30am	Louis Stenning (RIP)
St Scholastica	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	Mass
Sunday 11	9am	Fred & Nosa Philips (RIP)
6th Sunday	11am	(FC)
		People of the Parish (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 every weekday Mass, until 11am on Tuesday through Thursday, and until 8pm on Friday.

Prayer requests: Fr Luke, 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.

Time is running out to WIN donation prizes!

You can help St Margaret of Scotland - Carshalton Beeches WIN from a £1,000 prize fund in the #easyfundraising Refer to Win giveaway! We will get a FREE entry each time a new supporter signs up before the 31st January! It's completely free: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/stmargaretcarshaltonbeeches/H7VZKM/c2s/you6F9hrN/CR064/facebook/>

Breakfast & After School Clubs at St Margaret's

Our church has been approached by the 'Happy Days' business to host a Breakfast Club and After-School Club for children aged 3-11 years, in the church premises. Our Finance Committee is evaluating this proposal. It implies that these clubs would run in term time only, from Monday through to Friday at 7.30am to 9am in the morning and after school from 3pm to 6pm. The clubs would occupy the meeting area. 'Happy Days' is registered with Ofsted and would take full responsibility for the children attending its clubs.

Venue: St Margaret's of Scotland, Carshalton Beeches

Rite of Election and Call To Continuing Conversion 2023

This service marks a significant step for those preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation). The Church recognizes catechumens and candidates as ready for these sacraments during the service, typically celebrated at Easter. Attendees can meet the coordinator in Amigo Hall at 10:15 am for registration, followed by the signing of the Book of the Elect for catechumens. The event is open for both in-person and online attendance, with live-streaming available.

Venue: George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road, Southwark, London SE1 6HR

Date: Saturday 17 February at 12:30pm

Marriage Week 2024

A Christian marriage is rooted in faith; that means faith in God, as the giver of life and the one who promises eternal life to those who believe in him. There is a useful resource online (link below) that you can download to pray through this week and reflect on the vocation of marriage – a response from two people, by God's sustaining divine grace, who promise to build a lifelong, intimate and sacramental partnership of love and life.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2024/01/Marriage-Week-2024c.pdf>

The power of 'handing over' to God

The synoptic gospels emphasize the significance of Jesus' mission, marked by the term "handed over" or "delivered up". This phrase, used repeatedly, foreshadows Jesus' fate and that of his disciples. It conveys a concrete, not symbolic, meaning for early Christians, linked to Jesus' call to carry their cross. Discipleship requires selflessness, as Dietrich Bonhoeffer noted. The call of the first disciples is sudden and unconditional, emphasizing Jesus' initiative. Their ordinary occupations and weaknesses highlight that the call transcends personal attributes. The primary call is to share in God's life, initiated at baptism and renewed in the Eucharist, where self-giving reflects love and fulfils the mission of Jesus. The act of "handing over" oneself paradoxically leads to self-discovery and the fullness of life.

**Coming
Soon**

14 February: Ash Wednesday

31 March: Easter Sunday

Folk choir dine out



For the first time since Covid, our Folk Choir had lunch together. In the past they used to dine out at least once a year. The picture taken on Sunday 28th January records the revival of this most pleasurable tradition.

Vacancy for Parish Secretary- Carshalton Beeches

The parish is looking to recruit a part-time Parish Secretary to assist in the administration of our parish. The role is to provide comprehensive support to the Parish Priest in all pastoral and administrative matters within the Parish and will cover secretarial, financial, and office management work. Previous pastoral, secretarial/ administrative experience and good knowledge of bookkeeping/financial work are essential. The successful candidate must be fully conversant with current office software such as Outlook, Word, and Excel, and be generally comfortable with IT and office equipment. They will have excellent telephone skills and a good understanding of the workings of a Roman Catholic Parish.

Hours of work are 18 per week, ideally from 9 am to 3 pm on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. The starting salary is £13.00 per hour (and it could change depending on experience and skill).

If you would like to apply for this position, please email your CV to hr@rcaos.org.uk, carshaltonbeeches@rcaos.org.uk, or to the parish office by the closing date of 29th January 2024.

Please do not apply for this job if you do not have current permission to work in the UK.

Readers' meeting: A meeting for Readers will be held after the 11.00 Mass on Sunday 4 February.

Community Outreach

As part of our ongoing plan, St Margaret's will be praying for residents on Stanley Park Road (even numbers 138 to 238) during the month of February.

Cards will be put through residents' letterboxes informing them of this.

Become a Catholic

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic and would like to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation at Easter, send an email to the parish priest.