



St Margaret

of Scotland

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Parish Newsletter

No: 1/2019 For Sunday 6 January

**Solemnity of the Epiphany
of the Lord**



WISE MEN STILL SEEK HIM

Matthew 2 : 1 – 12

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SUNDAY MASS: 9.30 am and 11.00am. Also Saturday at 6.00 pm.

WEEKDAY MASS: Tuesday at 9.00 am, other Weekdays at 10.00 am.

No Mass on Thursday

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION: 10 am and 8 pm.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday: 10.30—11 am & 5.15—5.45 pm and at call.

VARIATIONS: Please see the Weekly Diary for any changes to the above times.

MARRIAGES: Six months' notice is ordinarily required

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Father Patrick will be available for parishioner consultations after Mass on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays until 1.00pm, and then from 4.00 pm until 8.00 pm. It is not necessary to make an appointment to see him at these times. The parish office is open from 9.00 am until 1.00 pm and from 2.00 pm until 5.00 pm each Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
18th – 25th JANUARY 2019
Theme: ONLY JUSTICE**

The material for this year's service has been prepared by Christians from Indonesia. Across the diversity of ethnicity, language and religion, Indonesians have lived by the principle of "solidarity and collaboration". However, this harmony can be fragile. With its economic growth has come corruption in politics and business leading to inequality and division. Jesus prayed "that all may be one".

DO COME ALONG TO ALL SAINTS CHURCH, CARSHALTON at 7.30pm on THURSDAY 24TH JANUARY—to pray that we heed Jesus' prayer for unity and to act justly in all aspects of our lives.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER PATRICK

My thanks to all parishioners and their family and friends for their generosity to me on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. As usual I am overwhelmed by your continued thoughtfulness and kindness.

May God Bless You All

SCHOOL REFERENCE Would parents who will need a priest's reference for a school place, please note that Father Patrick will be away from 13th to 17th January 2019. If you need him to sign your reference, please ensure that you see him before 13th January.

MINISTERS' ROTA The new rotas are available for collection from the sacristy. If you are unable to carry out your ministry on a particular day, please swap with another minister on the list.

MASS INTENTIONS LEAFLET If you are unable to pick up a printed copy of the leaflet and would like it sent electronically, please email the parish office by Thursday morning.

SAVE THAT STAMP! Please remember to save the stamps from your Christmas cards and put them in the box in the meeting area. The stamps will be sold to collectors to raise funds for Release International which supports Christians who are suffering because of their faith.

"THE LORD...GIVES LIBERTY TO PRISONERS"
(Psalm 146)

**AMNESTY
INTERNATIONAL**



WRITE FOR RIGHTS! Letters of appeal can have good results for endangered or imprisoned supporters of human rights, helping to protect them from further ill-treatment and in some cases leading to their release. Letters for signing will be available after Masses on 19th/20th January. Please bring £1.25 for the stamp. Let's help to make the New

Year a little happier for people doing such great work

NEW YEAR—NEW INTEREST?

Are you looking for an engaging and worthwhile project for 2019? CAFOD is recruiting volunteers to take part in its vital work for social justice. There is a need for:

- Office volunteers, based in Waterloo or Bromley, to help with administration
- Parish co-ordinators to organise and promote collections and campaigns

For more information, please contact southwark@cafod.org.uk
Find out more by going to the Volunteer Day in Romero House, Westminster Bridge Road, on Saturday 19th January. Book through Eventbrite or contact mharrington@cafod.org.uk

Diary for the Week STARTING 6 January 2019

Solemnity of the Epiphany of our Lord

SUNDAY	6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Saturday (Vigil) Mass Family Mass Holy Mass
MONDAY	9.00 am 10.00 am	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass
TUESDAY	9.00 am	Holy Mass
WEDNESDAY	9.00 am 10.00 am	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass
THURSDAY	No Mass Today 10.00 am 6.15 pm 7.30 pm	St Margaret's Mums & Toddlers Youth Group Music Practice Folk Group Rehearsal
FRIDAY	9.00 am 10.00 am	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass
SATURDAY	10.00 am 6.00 pm	Holy Mass First Mass of Sunday

Next weekend (12th & 13th January) there will be a retiring collection for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC)

SUTTON COMMUNITY WORKS (Faith in Action) are piloting a winter shelter in February 2019. They need volunteers to join them to make this happen. If you are interested in volunteering they are offering five hours training on the following dates.

Tuesday 8 and 22 January 2019 from 7.30pm—10pm at the The Church of the Good Shepherd
Or Saturday 12 January 2019 from 9.30am—2.30pm at Riverchurch

If you are interested in getting involved in this project, please email: suttonshelter@gmail.com

THE GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK

On Saturday 12th January, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed, and it really does save lives. This is the day before the 22nd anniversary of the founding of the Good Counsel Network, for details of our life saving work see www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR: Graham Wright (Roz Wright's husband), Connie Harrington, (Lynn Pougher's mother), Angel Bridi, John Ryan (Richard Thomson's brother-in-law), Steven Conroy, Anne Pelham & Paul Field (Father Kevin's sister-in-law & Nephew), Mike Nolan, Laura Bannon (Mia's Mother), Stephen Martin, Joe Ryan, Juliana Amaral, Nina Greenoak & Lauren Horwood (Juliana's granddaughters) Peter Bushell (Marian Thurley's nephew), Jackie Sweeney & Ray Sweeney (Ita Haines' sister-in-law's sister-in-law & son-in-law), Liz Beddoe (Lynn Pougher's sister-in-law), Nora Chapman, Deckleena Keeley (Ita Johnston's cousin) and Angela Kelly

LATELY DEAD: Andrew Schembri, Matthew Nelson (Ken's son) and Rita Mel

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Ted Druce and Nuala Doherty

ANNIVERSARIES: Father Michael Byrne, Father David Sheehy, Thomas Arthur, John Newman, Thelma Llewellyn (Glyn's mother), Fintan Tierney (Bride Stokes' uncle), Maureen Warner (Dick Doyle's sister), Phyllis Ward, David Fielding (friend of Bride Stokes), Ernest Howes, Florence Healing, Gordon Trotter and Comfort Begley (Peter's mother), Sharon O'Brien

LAST SUNDAY: The attendance on Sunday 23 December was 212 and the Offertory came to £482.34 shared between £210.18 in loose money and £271,16 in Gift Aid envelopes. Christmas Eve and Christmas Day attendance was 501 and the Offertory came to £1960.11 shared between £989.16 in loose money and £970.95 in Gift Aid envelopes. Last Sunday's attendance was 209 and the Offertory came to £373.72 shared between £175.52 in loose money and £198.20 in Gift Aid envelopes. Many thanks.

SAINT MARGARET'S ALMANAC

13th January 2019	SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL
20th January 2019	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION INAUGURAL MEETING FOR PARENTS AND CANDIDATES
18th to 25th January 2019	WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY*
6th March 2019	ASH WEDNESDAY
19th April 2019	GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS
21 April 2019	EASTER SUNDAY
9 June 2019	PENTECOST
27th May 2019	PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD
16th June 2019	FIRST COMMUNION
23rd June 2019	FIRST COMMUNION (ADDITIONAL/ALTERNATE DATE)
13th July 2019	CONFIRMATION

***SERVICE** At All Saints, Carshalton on 24th January 2019, at 7.30pm