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of Scotland

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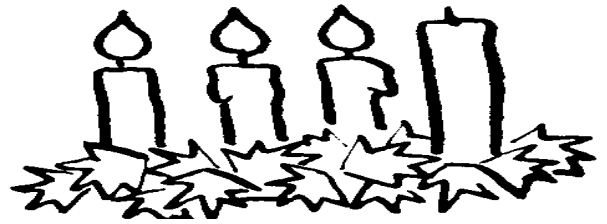
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Parish Newsletter

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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.

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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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2019 Inaugural Meeting for Parents and Candidates

All parents of children due to make their First Holy Communion (in Year 3 of Junior school), as well as parents and candidates of those aged 13 plus who wish to be Confirmed next year, are invited to our Inaugural Meeting to be held in the church on **Sunday 20th January 2019 at 3.30pm**. The Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation will be introduced and explained and any questions which parents and Confirmation candidates may wish to raise will be answered. The Diocesan Guidelines state that major preparation for the Sacraments takes place in the home and in the parish. Although an invaluable contribution is made by Saint Mary's Juniors' and other local Catholic schools, the Preparation Programme at Saint Margaret's will be for all our parish children and young people, whether they attend a Catholic school or not. Parents of First Communion children will be asked to complete application forms at the meeting; the confirmation candidates fill in the forms for themselves. Please inform the Parish Office **beforehand** if you are unable to attend this meeting as it will be the only opportunity to register for First Sacraments' and Confirmation Programme. Please note that applications received after the 20th January meeting **will NOT** be accepted.

FATHER BEHRUZ RAFAT

This weekend St Margaret's will be welcoming Father Behruz as part of the Pastoral exchange with Paddock Wood.

Father Behruz will be available to hear confessions on Saturday evening (15th December) and will say the Vigil Mass that day as well as the Masses on Sunday 16th December.



CHRISTMAS CRIB COLLECTION

SOUTHWARK CRISIS FUND

This year our Crib Collection will be sent to the Catholic Children's Society's Southwark Crisis Fund, which provides one-off grants to support children and families who are facing a crisis in their lives. Any Parish Priest or Headteacher can apply to this fund on behalf of families, and the Catholic Children's Society responds within twenty-four hours.

Every single penny raised through your Crib offering will be given out through these emergency grants to local children and families who are in dire need. Also requested are donations of Christmas gifts which are distributed to families living in poverty (please see poster on the noticeboard in the front porch) For more information about the Fund visit www.cathchild.or.uk

MARRIAGE PREPARATION DAYS 2019

Official Southwark marriage preparation courses which comply fully with diocesan guidelines. Courses fill up very quickly, so early booking is recommended. Please see poster on noticeboard for dates, venues and fees, or email mflsw@rcaos.org.uk for more details.

SUNDAY COFFEE

We are looking for volunteers to serve coffee after the 9.30am mass on Sunday. It's a great opportunity to meet your fellow parishioners and perhaps form new friendships. You can do it on your own or the whole family can participate. If you spare an hour or so, please contact the Parish Office and we will put you in touch with Shirley Orbell and she can add your name to the rota.

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 sorted and sold to collectors to raise funds for Release International which supports Christians who are suffering because of their faith.

DISTRIBUTION OF OUR CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES LEAFLETS

Our aim is to distribute 2000 leaflets this year before Christmas. Most are in the process of being delivered, but we need one more volunteer to deliver the last bundle of 200 leaflets. If you can help, then please let Geoff Balls know via the Parish email(carshaltonbeeches@rcaos.org.uk)

TRADICRAFT STALL

The Tradicraft stall will be open on Sunday 16th December between the 9.30am and 11am masses. Last chance to buy Christmas cards!

Diary for the Week STARTING 16 DECEMBER 2018
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: GAUDETE SUNDAY
(From the first word of the Entrance Antiphon Gaudete (rejoice))

SUNDAY	6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Saturday (Vigil) Mass Family Mass Holy Mass
MONDAY	9.00 am 10.00 am 7.30 pm	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Advent Reconciliation Service
TUESDAY	9.00 am	Holy Mass
WEDNESDAY	9.00 am 10.00 am 4.15 pm	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Intercessionary Weekly Prayer meeting (please contact Parish Office for details)
THURSDAY	9.00 am 10.00 am 6.15 pm 7.30 pm	Holy Mass 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 SUNDAY	4th Sunday of Advent 5.00 pm	Carols by Candlelight: Joint Carol Service at the Good Shepherd Church

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

The Home Group have organised an Advent Reconciliation Service on Monday 17th December at 7.30pm. The service will consist of praise and worship with 15-20 minutes of prayer and the opportunity for individual confession, followed by mulled wine, tea/coffee, etc.

SOUTHWARK DIRECTORIES are now available for sale in the meeting area at £3.00 (standard bound) £3.50 (spiral bound - limited number of copies available) Please put the money in the box in the wall marked "Newspapers and books".

MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS DAY WILL BE:

Christmas Eve

6pm Christmas Vigil Mass

12 pm Midnight Mass, Carols from 11.30pm

Christmas Day

9.30 am Family Mass, Carols from 9.15 am (with Folk Choir)

There are leaflets listing all the masses for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day are available in the porch; please take one per family.

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) Matthew Nelson (Ken's son), 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

FIRST ANNIVERSARIES: Father Kevin Pelham, Nora Keigher, Harry McEvoy & Derek Brook

TENTH ANNIVERSARY: Angela Ley

ANNIVERSARIES: Father Philip Wetz, James Tucker, Kathleen Tully, Claire Kotui (Sheila Sharp's aunt), Annie Daly, Clara Carter, Marianayagi Saverimuttu (Grace Singarajah's cousin, Vivienne Mok, Norman Waldron, Rebecca Todd, Harry Wylie, Patsy Tierney (Bride Stokes' brother), Rosa-Maria Dias (Sandra Allen's grandmother), Keith Hargreaves, Gertrude Fleming, Lillian Gosling, Vincent Papaleo (Vincent Zichella's godfather), Kath Togwell (Father Kevin's aunt), Darryl Deas and Alice Maud Haylett (Father Stephen's grandmother).

LAST SUNDAY: Last Sunday's attendance was 260 and the Offertory came to £439.50 shared between £193.52 in loose money and £245.96 in Gift Aid envelopes. The second collection for the church Christmas tree and flowers came to £281.69 shared between £198.89 in Gift Aid envelopes and £82.80 in loose money Many thanks.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: James Patrick Joseph Bourke who was baptised at Saint Margaret on Sunday 2nd December. Congratulations to his parents, godparents and sponsor.

SAINT MARGARET'S ALMANAC

17th December	ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE (7.30 pm)
23rd December	CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT (JOINT SERVICE WITH THE GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH AT 5.00 pm)
18th to 25th January 2019	WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY*
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, details to follow

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER: In the Service of the Transmission of Faith That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.