



# St Margaret of Scotland CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## ***Parish Newsletter***

No: 12/20

For Sunday 22nd March 2020

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

*(Mothering Sunday)*

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

WEEKDAY MASS: Weekdays at 9.30 am.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION: 10 am and 7.30 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

BAPTISMS: On second Saturdays of the month

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**Father Anthony 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 Thurs.**

### **CORONAVIRUS**

In line with the latest advice from the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, public acts of worship in the Parish ***will be suspended from the evening of Friday 20th March 2020 until further notice.***

Our church will remain open for those who want to come for private prayer, but with great care for the practice of hygiene and the guidance on social distancing.

However, the celebration of Sunday Masses and day by day will take place without the Congregation being present.

For as long as these emergency circumstances last, the Obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is removed.

All Masses already booked to date will be said as intended. Those who wish to offer Masses can continue to do by emailing or phoning the Parish Office. Mass offering contributions can be made directly to the bank (details on Page 3) or by sending a cheque to the Presbytery.

Dear Parishioners

## **St Margaret's Parish and the Coronavirus**

The Bishops of England and Wales have instructed parishes to cease the public celebration of Holy Mass and other public acts of worship (with effect from the evening of Friday 20th March).

Together with representatives of the Parish Pastoral Council, I have considered what further steps we should now take to assist parishioners with their spiritual and material needs in the current situation and, in particular, the needs of those who are having to isolate themselves. With this aim we are taking the following actions:

We are holding a Night of Prayer for protection from the coronavirus beginning at 11.00pm on Thursday 19 March and ending with Mass at 5.00am on Friday 20 March.

We have suspended First Communion classes and we will postpone the First Communion Mass (which was to be held on 13 June) to a date later in the year. The provisional new date is Saturday 21 November.

The church will remain open for private prayer. This includes Silent Adoration on Fridays as this falls into the category of private prayer. However, Adoration cannot now be preceded or concluded with Benediction or the Stations of the Cross.

As I will continue to celebrate daily Mass in the church in private, we are exploring the practicality and costs of setting up live streaming of Masses from St Margaret's on the internet. Until this facility is established, you are encouraged to access Mass on other live streaming websites such as the Holy Cross or Walsingham Shrine websites.

The Reconciliation Service planned for 30 March will not go ahead. However, individual Confessions can still be heard provided that the confessor and penitent maintain appropriate distancing. Please contact me at any time if you wish to come to Confession. For those who are self-isolating, in these exceptional circumstances it is possible for you to confess and receive absolution over the telephone (provided that you are in a private place when you make your Confession).

We are forming a Rapid Response Team to provide assistance where necessary to parishioners who are self-isolating because of the coronavirus outbreak. If you or anyone you know needs assistance with shopping for food, the collection of medical supplies or a spiritual need please let us know. If you are willing to become a member of our Rapid Response team providing help to vulnerable self-isolating parishioners, please contact us.

The absence of the Sunday Collection will inevitably reduce the parish's income. If you normally contribute to the church by envelope or cash in

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the collection, we hope that you will instead feel able to give your contribution by bank transfer. (Details below). Above all, we ask all our parishioners to remain unceasing in prayer for deliverance from the coronavirus and, in particular, for the welfare of the most vulnerable in our community.

May God bless you all and keep you safe at this time.

*Father Anthony Uche*

**Diary for the Week STARTING Sunday 22nd March 2020  
Fourth Sunday of Lent**

SUNDAY	6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Saturday (Vigil) Mass Family Mass Holy Mass
MONDAY	9.30 am	Feria Morning Prayer & Holy Mass
TUESDAY	9.30 am	Feria Morning Prayer & Holy Mass
WEDNESDAY	9.30 am	ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD Morning Prayer & Holy Mass
THURSDAY	9.30 am	Feria Morning Prayer & Holy Mass
FRIDAY	9.30 am	Feria Morning Prayer & Holy Mass
SATURDAY	10.00 am	Feria Holy Mass

**Corona Virus Parish Response**

The PCC would like to make an appeal for people to help those who are self-isolating, particularly the elderly and vulnerable. Any one who feels they could help, please email or phone the Parish Office. Similarly, for those who feel they might need support, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office. We are hoping to install a CCTV camera in the church soon so that parishioners who are unable to attend mass could watch the service at home. As attendance is currently low we will remind parishioners that they can donate online; bank details given below:

St Margarets Catholic Church RC Diocese of Southwark,  
Reg Charity No 23568  
Branch: Natwest, Wallington  
Sorting code: 60-22-20  
Account No: 11064145

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:** Connie Harrington, (Lynn Pougher's mother), Angel Bridi, John Ryan (Richard Thomson's brother-in-law), Steven Conroy, Paul Field (Father Kevin's Nephew), Mike Nolan, Laura Bannon (Mia's Mother), Stephen Martin, Joe Ryan, Juliana Amaral, Nina Greenoak & Lauren Horwood (Juliana's granddaughters), 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, Margaret Fox, Angela Kelly and Roger & Adrienne Stokes (Peter's brother and sister-in-law), Catherine Roberts, Phil Quigley (Mike's brother), Carla Doran (Rosanna Mason's mother) and Theresa Fox.

**LATELY DEAD:** Archbishop Peter Smith

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Fr Frederick Rhead (Founder of St Margaret's Parish), Fr Patrick Fox (Jim's brother), Constance Borer, Leonard Moore, Kevin Moran (Mrs O'Connell's father), Mary Shaw, Joyce Jones, Robert Nichols, Mark Nicholson, Dick Doyle, Mary Taheny (Pat Taheny's mother), Frederick Russell, Jessie Buckley, Mary Healey, Mildred Knowles, Rose Henley, Joseph Vagues (Barbara Fernandez's father), HM Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, Frederick Brown.

**LAST SUNDAY'S** attendance was 168 and the Offertory came to £269.06 shared between £110.41 in loose money and £104.65 in Gift Aid envelopes. Many thanks for your generosity.

**NEW PILGRIM PATH** ([www.newpilgrimpath.ie](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie)) is inspired by Pope Francis's enthusiasm for the internet. He urges Christian to "walk the streets of the digital highways in order to dialogue with people today and to help them encounter Christ". Each week they feature a website which may be of interest to fellow Christians. Many churches are closed or closing. Our [Daily Prayer](#) page offers many valuable spiritual resources, including links to live church services online.

**The 180 Club – St Margaret's March Draws**

First Prize	(£50.00)	Number:	100
Second Prize	(£25.00)	Number	76
Third Prize	(£10.00)	Number	80

**ST MARGARET'S ALSMS BOXES AND DONATIONS.** Many thanks to all who donated money to our various "small" funds and charities. The following contributions were made over the quarter from January to March 2020.

Newspapers & Books	Flowers	Seminary Fund	Hungry & Needy	Holy Souls	Cards	Coffee
£24.01	£0.08	£1.60	£3.32	£7.67	£10.50	£110.02

The Governors at St Philomena's Catholic High School are seeking to appoint the following positions for September 2020.

- 1) Associate Assistant Headteacher
- 2) Teacher of Religious Education
- 3) Teacher of Physical Education

Further details and an application form are available by emailing [recruitment@stphils.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@stphils.org.uk) or phoning 020 8642 2025.

**REMEMBER! Clocks go forward by one hour on Sunday 29th March.**