



# St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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Sunday Masses: 6.00pm (Sat), 9.30am & 11.00am

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*A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors*



2<sup>nd</sup> August 2020 [Cycle A Year 2]

**Eighteenth Sunday**

Isaiah 55:1-3 | Psalm 144

Romans 8: 35-39 | **Matthew 14:13-21**

## Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ!

In today's readings, we celebrate the great love of God, who not only gives us life, but desires to sustain and nourish us generously too.

In the First Reading, it is God himself who urgently pleads with his troubled, scattered people to listen. Through his prophet, he issues an invitation to a sacred meal. God offers 'water' for thirsty souls; 'corn, wine and milk' will also be made freely available for hungry hearts, without charge.

In the Psalm, one traditionally sung at meals, we praise the God who cares for all his creatures, supplying them with nourishment.

Paul writes in very stirring language, assuring us of the ever-present love and power of Jesus Christ. Divine love gives us grace and encouragement to live life to the fullest, even with and through the unavoidable trials and sufferings of life. This is the Christian gospel, the Good News! (Second Reading)

Even whilst stricken with grief, Jesus's response to the people is one of compassion (Gospel). He heals the sick and feeds the hungry, and there is still plenty of food left over to share. Jesus feeds the crowd in a way that foresees the food and drink he will offer us in the Eucharist.

Let's pray this week for courage to take the risk of really hearing what God is saying to us; what sacred nourishment he is freely offering us. May we put ourselves into his hands, asking that he will deepen his life in us and in our anxious, unjust world.

[St Beuno's Outreach](#)

**Fr John Howard celebrated Mass here last Sunday**



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Your contributions to this newsletter are also very welcome

### Mass Intentions and Diary for the Week

Saturday 1 August <i>St Alphonsus Liguori</i>	9.30am* 5.15pm	June Kirkpatrick (RIP) Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour TBD
Sunday 2 <i>Eighteenth</i>	6pm 8.30am 10am* 11.30am	TBD Mary Finnerty (RIP) Nuala & Dennis Garvey (Wedding Anniversary) Begley Family (Thanks)
Monday 3	9.30am*	Rosaleen O'Farrell (RIP)
Tuesday 4 <i>St John Vianney</i>	9.30am*	People of the Parish
Wednesday 5	9.30am* 8pm	Bible Study via zoom
Thursday 6 <i>Transfiguration of The Lord</i>	9.30am*	TBD
First Friday 7 <i>St Sixtus II</i>	9.30am* 12.30pm	TBD A Mass for the Sick
Saturday 8 <i>St Dominic</i>	9.30am* 5.15pm	TBD Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Edward Long (RIP)
Sunday 9 <i>Nineteenth</i>	6pm 8.30am 10am* 11.30am	TBD TBD TBD TBD

\* Masses are streamed at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI2KUNCgNkREz3TWGBy2qzw>

Our Facebook Channel is named

'St Margaret of Scotlandrcarshalton Surrey'

**Remember to wear a mask at Mass AND remember to bring your completed attendance card to Mass.** 'Templates for Attendance' can be found on the website, in the Documents (> Welcome) section.

This picture is taken from Fr John's Ordination on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Archbishop John Wilson then wrote: "It was a great joy to ordain Rev John Howard to the priesthood in St George's Cathedral, Southwark. Please pray for him and the people he will serve".



## Baptisms

We are again able to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism. If you or anyone you know wants to celebrate the Baptism of their child please ask them to ring the parish office. We will only be having one Baptism at a time and because of government regulations there will be a maximum of 30 people allowed at a Baptism. But we can still celebrate it with dignity and with great joy.

### First Holy Communion classes to restart on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 5.30 pm.

Due to Government restrictions on gatherings, special arrangements are being made for First Holy Communion. The 17 children will be split into 3 groups to receive their First Holy Communion. There will be 2 Masses on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November and one on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

### For weekday morning Mass, try using Universalis.com

The Archbishop's current pandemic rules do not allow us to use Morning Prayer books. Fr Anthony now recommends for anyone who does not have access to the Morning Prayers, the Universalis website. It can provide the information for free. The suggestion is that you can use a mobile phone to access the weekday's prayers using this link:

<https://universalis.com/lauds.htm>

Alternatively, you can print off this information from your PC ahead of the Mass. For example, the format for Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July is: <https://universalis.com/20200724/lauds.htm>

### Two new installations at our church:

1. A Water Butt has been installed, now all we need is some rain! Correction: it is now full of rainwater!



2. The new 'SumUp' card payment machine is now on the wall immediately to the right of the kitchen hatch, in the meeting area.



### 180 Club-St Margaret's Update

Our warm thanks to Evelyn Druce who has stepped down from her role as Club Secretary. We thank her for upholding the club activities and

ensuring that our parish is financially supported.

Charlotte Heard has now been appointed as the new Club Secretary. On behalf of the parish, we thank Charlotte for taking on this role.

We must also thank members of our new Finance Committee for updating the status of the Club. Today, *180 Club-St Margaret's* is civilly and canonically compliant. We now have a license to operate and a constitution approved by the Archdiocese. We thank Eammon O'Domhnaill for a job well done.

Lastly thanks to all the Club Members whose generosity continues to help support our parish. God bless you all.

Fr Anthony

*"We should find God in what we do know, not in what we don't; not in outstanding problems, but in those we have already solved"*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906 – 1945)

## Our Diocesan Prayer

God our Loving Father,  
pour out on us afresh the gifts of  
your Holy Spirit.

Open our ears to hear your Word,  
open our eyes to see your presence,  
open our minds to understand your  
Wisdom

and open our hearts to be more  
available for your mission

so that strengthened by your grace we can truly be a sign and  
instrument of your presence in our world today.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

**Please pray for:** Fr John Howard, Mary Margaret Finnerty (who died on 17<sup>th</sup> July), Rosaleen O'Farrell, John Ryan (Richard Thomson's brother-in-law), Dennis Seradi, Laura Bannon (Mia's Mother), Yvonne Wyatt and Margaret Fox.

*Editor's note: Please email me with the name of any additional person to be prayed for, at: [carshaltonbechesppc@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:carshaltonbechesppc@rcaos.org.uk)*

**Anniversaries in August:** Please pray for those who have died in the month of August.

Please share the information in this newsletter with other members of the parish with whom you have contact.

*Thank you to everyone who has acted as a Welcomer this week. We are all getting used to what it is like coming to Mass with a face-covering and other changes. We could not have Mass without the Welcomers.*

*And thank you everyone for all that you do, and please help the parish to continue to be a caring, loving and prayerful community during these difficult times. With prayerful best wishes. Keep safe.*

Fr Anthony

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**\*Pregnant? Worried?** The Good Counsel Network offers help and support. Telephone 020 7723 1740. More information available at: [www.goodcounselnetwork.com](http://www.goodcounselnetwork.com)

**\* SpareHand** is an app that charities use to find volunteers.

On one side, charities have a dashboard where they can load up shifts that they need volunteers to fill (e.g. food packer for a food bank) and on the other side it's an app used by volunteers to receive shifts which they can quickly accept or reject. *SpareHand* uses a sophisticated algorithm to match volunteers which creates an excellent volunteering experience. To sign up, volunteers simply need to complete the form on the website: <https://www.spare-hand.org>

**\* To Catholic Universe and Catholic Times** readers in the parish:- you can get the paper delivered direct to your home every week, postage free. Please go to

[www.thecatholicuniverse.com](http://www.thecatholicuniverse.com) or call them on 0161 820 5722 and they will arrange for you. Special offer 3 months: £18.00

**\* Sutton Council** announced a new '**Neighbourhood Fund**' focused on enhancing community spaces and investing in infrastructure in the borough. "We are encouraging all community groups, voluntary sector, charities, and other organisations across the borough to submit their ideas".

More information at:

<https://sutton.citizenspace.com/environment/neighbourhoodfund/>

