



St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

Fir Tree Grove, Carshalton, SM5 4NG

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

Priest: Fr Anthony Uche, OP

Weekday Masses: 9.30am (& 10.00am Sat)

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Holy Days of Obligation: 10.00am & 7.30pm

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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 10.30-11.00am & 5.15 - 5.45pm & at call

A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors



3rd May 2020 [Cycle A Year 2]

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14,36-41 | Psalm 22 |

1 Peter 2:20-25 | John 10:1-10



A message from St Margaret's PPC

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, we pray that you and your families are and remain safe and healthy.

It is now well over a month since the lockdown was imposed in the UK, thereby closing the doors of St Margaret's. Many might have thought that this would mean our life as a parish being put on hold for the foreseeable future. But far from it. The situation has galvanised Father Anthony and the PPC into action to ensure that our parish continues to operate and thrive during this period of uncertainty.

The PPC thought it would be helpful to provide an update regarding some of the creative and innovative changes made that have enabled our church to develop during this deeply impactful Covid-19 pandemic.

Firstly, thank you all so much for your donations of food and supplies so that we can support those that are vulnerable and in need across the parish. Donations have increased week on week and means we are able to support others that are very much struggling at this time. Please do consider donating items that you can, these can be left outside the presbytery door.

St Margaret's has also recently benefited from other generous donations. We have the statue of Our Lady, which is against the right wall beside the sanctuary, and a candleholder for parishioners to purchase and light votive candles.

We would also like to express our immense gratitude to those that are still giving regularly to the parish to ensure that the maintenance and running costs are continued during this period, especially in the form of Gift Aid standing orders. Mindful of the current situation's financial impact on the parish, measures have been taken, where possible, to reduce the church's running costs, such as turning the heating and boiler off in the church while it is not being used.

There have been some challenges in setting up service alternatives without access to technical support and the right equipment, it has not been without mistakes, particularly as we familiarise ourselves with the software and technology required to provide church services across the parish. If our technology does not improve the lives of others and help bring others to the Lord we have missed the mark.

The need for technology has never been so important in progressing the mission of Christ across audiences that cannot attend church during this emergency and beyond. We thank Fr. Anthony for providing us with his personal laptop and basic live streaming equipment to transmit services via Facebook and YouTube. We have recognised that it is not without limitations including buffering, poor/no sound and camera angle. Therefore, the appeal launched last week for personal and private donations will ensure that we have the technical equipment much needed to develop the virtual mission here within St Margaret of Scotland.. Online viewings of services over these last few weeks have increased in excess of prior physical attendance. This technology also offers the ability to increase the security of the church through operating as a CCTV system. The appeal has already achieved 80% of the £3,200 needed, which we are extremely grateful for during this period, especially as the virus has had such a major impact not only on people's health but also on their finances.

The PPC has received strong support and encouragement to develop a mission that enables it to extend its outreach. This support includes those from the emergency services and NHS who have been able to benefit from closer connection with

A message from St Margaret's PPC continued:

their parish church through the use of Facebook services, from families who are able to keep connected with the parish priest through the use of YouTube and from the vulnerable and those self-isolating that are able to play back services at time that is conducive to their wellbeing and recovery. But these benefits do not just apply to the coronavirus lockdown period. Once normal services have resumed, it means that people who are old, infirm, sick, temporarily working away or otherwise unable to get to church can still join with us online in the celebration of Mass and other services.

We pray that we might get better at providing these services and adjusting to the needs of the parish at this time. We know that with the right equipment and your ongoing support we will develop as a church that is mission-focused and attracts new members of the congregation who will be able to access the church wherever they are. In 2020, 38% of people increased their bible readership through online apps or live streaming technology. Within the last 30 days, 21.5 million adults will have visited the website of their own place or worship and 42% of churches have online giving. The Lord's plan is to advance evermore his word and works and the effects of his gospel throughout the world. The Lord has revealed the technology that enables the church to support his mission.

Finally, we would like to sincerely thank everyone again for their continued support for the parish materially and spiritually. This period of Easter should fill us with hope and make us look forward to emerging as a stronger and closer community once we are allowed to gather in our church again. We are sure that the actions currently being taken in the parish will greatly help do this.

May God bless you all and keep you safe.

Parish Pastoral Council

Mass Intentions and Diary for the Week

Saturday 2	9.30am	Mary Cavadino (RIP)
<i>St Athanasius</i>		
Sunday 3	9.30am	Maria Assumpta Nnadi (RIP)
	11.30am	Ivy Glavee (Birthday)
Monday 4	9.30am	Charles Ewah (God's Protection)
<i>The English Martyrs</i>		
Tuesday 5	9.30am	Charles Ewah
Wed. 6	9.30am	Charles Ewah
	8pm	<i>Bible Study (zoom)</i>
Thursday 7	9.30am	Charles Ewah
	7.15pm	<i>PPC Meeting (zoom)</i>
Friday 8	9.30am	Charles Ewah
Saturday 9	9.30am	Charles Ewah
Sunday 10	9.30am	Ivy Glavee
	11.30am	Richard Heard (RIP)

Masses are streamed at 9.30am every morning and additionally at 11.30am on Sundays.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI2KUNCGnKREz3TWGBy2qzw>

Or on Facebook search for 'Uche TonyCarshalton'.

Quotes from the Saints

The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that He, in His goodness, sends to us day after day.

St Gianna Molla

Hold your eyes on God and leave the doing to Him.

That is all the doing you have to worry about.

St Jane Frances de Chantal



How can I make a donation to St Margaret's Church? *giftaid it*

One option would be to put a collection envelope in the presbytery letterbox. Alternatively, offerings can be made by bank transfer using the following account details:

Name: RCAS St Margaret's Carshalton Beeches

Account Number: 11064145

Sort Code: 60-22-20

Note that an up-to-date Parish Pledge form is now available in the Documents section of our website; (Finance and Maintenance subsection).

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.

[Editor's note: Anniversaries for the month of May will appear next week]

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