



# St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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*A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors*



8<sup>th</sup> November 2020 [Cycle A Year 2]

Thirty Second Sunday

Wisdom 6:12-16 | Psalm 62

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 | Matthew 25:1-13

According to marriage customs of Jesus' day, a bride was first "betrothed" to her husband but continued for a time to live with her family. Then, at the appointed hour, some months later, the groom would come to claim her, leading her family and bridal party to the wedding feast that would celebrate and inaugurate their new life together.



This is the background to the parable of the last judgment we hear in today's Gospel.

In the parable's symbolism, Jesus is the Bridegroom (see [Mark 2:19](#)). In this, He fulfils God's ancient promise to

join himself forever to His chosen people as a husband cleaves to his bride (see [Hosea 2:16-20](#)). The virgins of the bridal party represent us, the members of the Church.

We were "betrothed" to Jesus in Baptism (see [2 Corinthians 11:2](#); [Ephesians 5:25-27](#)) and are called to lives of holiness and devotion until He comes again to lead us to the heavenly wedding feast at the end of time (see [Revelation 19:7-9](#); [21:1-4](#)).

As St. Paul warns in today's Epistle, Jesus is coming again, though we know not the day nor the hour.

We need to keep vigil throughout the dark night of this time in which our Bridegroom seems long delayed. We need to keep our souls' lamps filled with the oil of perseverance and desire for God— virtues that are extolled in today's First Reading and Psalm.

We are to seek Him in love, meditating upon His kindness, calling upon His name, striving to be ever more worthy of Him, to be found without spot or blemish when He comes.

If we do this, we will be counted as wise and the oil for our lamps will not run dry (see [1 Kings 17:16](#)). We will perceive the Bridegroom, the Wisdom of God (see [Proverbs 8:22-31, 35](#); [9:1-5](#)), hastening toward us, beckoning us to the table He has prepared, the rich banquet which will satisfy our souls.

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## The Pope's Prayer Intention for November:

Artificial Intelligence: We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

**IMPORTANT: Regrettably the Government rules prohibit your attendance at Mass from today (Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November), however Masses will continue to be said in our church, as normal. You will be able to participate in these Masses via one of the internet viewing methods listed below.**

**You will also be able to visit the church for private prayer. On weekdays (Monday through Friday) and Saturday morning the church will be opened for prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 10.15am to midday. The church will also be open on weekday afternoons from 4pm to 6pm for private prayer.**

Masses are streamed at:

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

Our Facebook Channel is named:

'St Margaret of ScotlandrcCarshalton Surrey'

In addition there is the new 'angelcam' Live Video Service.

You can watch this at: <https://st-margarets.click2stream.com/>

## Mass Intentions and Diary for the Week

Saturday 7	9.30am 5pm	<b>Faithful Departed</b> Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
	6pm	<b>Peggy Connell (RIP)</b>
Sunday 8	8.30am	<b>Angela Doherty (Wellness)</b>
<i>Thirty Second Sunday &amp; Remembrance Day</i>	10am 11.30am	<b>Ann Carroll (Personal Int.)</b> <b>Departed Members of Dixon &amp; Moran Families</b>
Monday 9	9.30am	<b>Faithful Departed</b>
Tuesday 10	9.30am	<b>Irene Chapman (RIP)</b>
<i>St Leo the Grt.</i>		
Wednesday 11	9.30am	<b>Cormac Gollogly (Quick Recovery)</b>
<i>St Martin of Tours</i>	8pm	Bible Study via zoom
Thursday 12	9.30am	<b>Connell Doherty (RIP)</b>
<i>St Josaphat</i>	8pm	Intercessory Prayer via zoom
Friday 13	9.30am	<b>William Foster (RIP)</b>
<i>St Francis Xavier Cabrini</i>		
Saturday 14	9.30am	<b>Deceased Members &amp; Relatives of Sarangapani Family</b>
	5pm	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
	6pm	<b>John Pougher (RIP)</b>
Sunday 15	8.30am	<b>TBD</b>
<i>Thirty Third Sunday</i>	10am 11.30am	<b>Widows &amp; Widowers</b> <b>Widows &amp; Widowers</b>



## Temporary Ban on Collective Worship in Churches

Doubtless you will be aware of the Government's latest Covid-19 rules that came into force on Thursday. These directly affect us and prohibit entry to our church for anything but private prayer and funerals. You can read the restrictions at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november>

Cardinal Vincent Nichols has issued a statement regretting the Government's ruling. He writes:

"It is thus a source of deep anguish now that the Government is requiring, once again, the cessation of public communal worship. Whilst we understand the many difficult decisions facing the Government, we have not yet seen any evidence whatsoever that would make the banning of communal worship, with all its human costs, a productive part of combatting the virus. We ask the Government to produce this evidence that justifies the cessation of acts of public worship".

You can read the Cardinal's full statement at:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/statement-from-the-president-and-the-vice-president-of-the-conference-on-the-prime-ministers-statement/>

He went on to suggest that we could lobby our representatives in Parliament. For information our local MP is Elliott Colburn and his email address is: [elliott.colburn.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:elliott.colburn.mp@parliament.uk)

Cardinal Nichols, Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby and other faith leaders have jointly written to the Prime Minister expressing the case for permitting communal worship. The full text of their letter can be read at:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/public-worship-is-covid-19-secure-say-faith-leaders-ahead-of-four-week-lockdown-in-england/>

## Update on Plenary Indulgences associated with Covid-19

You may recall that a Plenary Indulgence remits all temporal "punishment" required to cleanse the soul from attachment to anything but God. The church outlawed the sale of indulgences in 1567 — but charitable contributions, combined with other acts, can help you earn one. ... The return of indulgences began with Pope John Paul II, who authorized bishops to offer them in 2000 as part of the celebration of the church's third millennium.

Our Archbishop has relaxed the conditions required to earn Plenary Indulgences in November as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. Here is a summary:

- The Plenary Indulgence for those who visit a cemetery and pray for the departed will now apply to the entire month of November and need not be on consecutive days.
- The Plenary Indulgence of All Souls' Day, 2 November, whereby the faithful may visit a church, chapel or oratory to pray the Our Father and the Creed, may now also be gained on any other day within the month of November, too.
- Those faithful who are shielding, or for whatever genuine reason are unable to leave their homes, may also achieve the plenary indulgence by offering prayer for the departed and offering any hardships they may presently be enduring.

## Projectionists.....Can you help?

Fr Anthony is aiming to build a small team of persons capable of managing the projected slides in Mass. It is a simple but most useful task. Contact Fr Anthony if you would like to help.



## Welcome Kehinde Raphael Alabi into Full Communion with the Catholic Church.

Kehinde was Baptised, Confirmed and received First Holy Communion on Thursday.

## Remembering the Holy Souls in November: Rest in Peace

Parishioners wishing to have departed friends and family remembered during November should write a list of these names and put it in an envelope, and post this to Fr Anthony. These names will then be placed in a basket on the sanctuary.

## Prayers from the Right to Life Organisation

- As we remember the Saints, and their lived examples of loving and supporting the most vulnerable in society, we pray for the courage to follow in their footsteps, by supporting the poor, the helpless and the unborn. Lord hear us. *To be continued next week*

**Prayer requests:** Rosie Lopez, Paul Harris, Irma Foster, Fr John Howard, John Ryan, Laura Bannon and Margaret Fox.



## Pray for the repose of the souls of:

Nicos Demetriades, Joan Carlton & Patricia Mulholland.

**Anniversaries:** Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur this month. The Anniversaries are now listed on the front page of the website and on a poster in the meeting area.

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

Please share the information in this newsletter with other members of the parish with whom you have contact. With prayerful best wishes. Keep safe. *Fr Anthony*

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\*A **Child's Bike** available to donate: The make is TREK, it is colour blue and is suitable for age 7 to 11. The bike is in very good condition and comes with spare tyres. If you are interested in having this bike, please call me on 073992 45792.

\***St Anne's** Catholic Primary School, Banstead look forward to welcoming you to a **virtual open morning**, on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 10am.

"Due to the coronavirus pandemic, we are advised to hold virtual meetings for the safety of all. Whilst we understand that this event may not be quite the same as coming onsite, we will do our best to give you as much information as we can about our lovely school.

The meeting will be held on Zoom and you will have the opportunity to meet several of our school staff.

If you would like to register your interest, please email: [admissions2021@stannes-school.uk](mailto:admissions2021@stannes-school.uk). Please include your child's name, your name and contact number.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact our school office on 01737 350012 or at [info@stannes-school.uk](mailto:info@stannes-school.uk).

\*A **very heavy-duty Vice** suitable to be fixed to a work bench is available for free. Telephone 0203 723 7004.

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"In other countries they speak of nobility and courtesy, in London they practise it." *St Frances Xavier Cabrini [1850 – 1917] Nun*