



St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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

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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



10th May 2020 [Cycle A Year 2]

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7 | Psalm 32

1 Peter 2:4-9 | John 14:1-12



A report from Fatima

They Thought they were Going to Die

It was a filthy October day; the rain was torrential and the ground sodden but vast numbers of people from all over Portugal had come to see what would happen.

They were an eclectic mix: priests and Monsignors, there to check on events; poor devout women, many kneeling in the mud, and their mostly sceptical husbands; educated folks; intellectuals who had no time for visions and the like; newspaper men from the avowedly anti-Catholic press; local dignitaries and functionaries, and outright scoffers, there to the ridicule the Faith and be rid of it in Portugal.

The three children, who had suffered enormous opposition, even from their own families, at one stage even being imprisoned in a common jail, had to be shepherded through the pressing throng, the youngest being carried by her father.

The children saw a flash of light and our Blessed Lady appeared to them, as she had promised. She repeated her insistent message of repentance and prayer but asked also for a chapel to be built there, as she had at Lourdes and elsewhere.

As for the onlookers, a public spectacle had been predicted at Noon but that had come and gone; the rain was unceasing and everyone was soaked. Then at 1.00 pm local time, but 12.00 GMT, the rain stopped; the clouds simply disappeared in an instant and the sun shone brilliantly from a clear blue sky. The ground became firm and dry underfoot and sodden clothing became bone dry. [Continued over]

Mass Intentions and Diary for the Week

Saturday 9	9.30am	Charles Ewah
Sunday 10	9.30am	Ivy Glavee
	11.30am	Richard Foster (RIP)
Monday 11	9.30am	Ruth Thorn (Healing)
Tuesday 12	9.30am	Kathleen Hypher (RIP)
Wed. 13	9.30am	Teresa Flood (Birthday Thanksgiving) Bible Study (zoom)
	8pm	Carla Doran (RIP)
Thursday 14	9.30am	
<i>St Matthias</i>		
Friday 15	9.30am	Nuala Garvey
Saturday 16	9.30am	Pro Pops.
Sunday 17	9.30am	Chigioke Jackson
	11.30am	Gailor Kessi

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.

Anniversaries in May

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur in this month of May.

Parish Finances

Fr Anthony has setup with the Archdiocese a Loan Account to generate funds for the Parish. He has also stopped the deliveries of magazines and newspapers till further notice. The goal is to stabilize our financial base.

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).

[A Report from Fatima, continued]

And next it happened; the sun began to spin in the sky, seeming to throw off streams of different coloured light, and then it danced around. These movements continued for quite some time, and then suddenly it lurched and hurtled earthbound towards the crowd; people screamed in terror, thinking they would die. Three times the sun did this before it returned to its place in the sky.

An estimated seventy thousand people witnessed this display; fifty thousand at the Cova da Iria and another twenty thousand from twenty-five miles round about.

There were many conversions of heart that day. Some who had come there as sceptics came back the Church because of what they had seen, and many more were confirmed in their belief in Our Lord and his Blessed Mother. Again, others like the editor of Il Seculo, who remained an atheist but was able to report faithfully on what he had seen, did not change their beliefs.

The above events of 13th October 1917 at Fatima were the culmination of a chain of apparitions that had started the year before when an angel had appeared several times to three small children who were minding their sheep: Lucia dos Santos (9) and her cousins, Francisco (8) and Jacinta Martos (6). Proclaiming he was the 'Angel of Portugal, he urged them insistently to pray.

But this was to prepare them for a series of profound apparitions by Our Blessed Lady herself the following year, the first being on 13th May 2017. Our Lady's constant message was one of repentance, prayer and penance, with terrible warnings of what would happen if her pleas went unheeded. The children, who had been promised that they would go to heaven, were even granted a terrifying vision of Hell, with grim predictions of the numbers who would go there.

Our Lady's messages are as valid today as they were in 1917, especially as her predictions have proved to be all too prophetic for the Church and for the world. Everyone should fully acquaint themselves with the events of Fatima in 1917 and to make known Our Lady's urgent message for the world. Praying the Family Rosary daily should be a lifetime habit, but especially in this month of May.

Gerald Soane

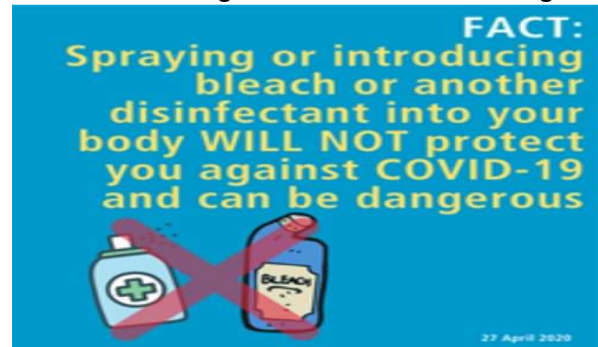
How can I request a Mass Intention during the lockdown?

Fr Anthony welcomes your requests for Masses. To 'book' a Mass you can telephone the office (020 8647 7748), or pop a letter into the presbytery letterbox. In addition, you can send an email to: carshaltonbeeches@rcaos.org.uk

Significant Birthdays

In the past few days both Theresa Fox and Grace Singarajah have celebrated their birthdays. We wish them both good health and happiness.

World Health Organisation issued this warning: -



Local MP initiates Community Coffee Mornings

Elliot Colburn, Conservative MP for Carshalton and Wallington has written to Fr Anthony. In this letter he writes: "Every Thursday morning at 10am, I am encouraging people in Carshalton and Wallington to take part in a community (socially distanced!) coffee morning. Pop the kettle on, stand on your front doorstep (or stick your head outside your window), and say hello to your neighbours (staying 2m apart!). I should be grateful if you would use your own channels to let people know about this idea."

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

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

Our Facebook Channel is now named 'St Margaret of Scotlandrcarshalton Surrey'

During the pandemic, our website is being updated daily. Visit <http://stmargaretcarshaltonb.uk>.

During the closure of St Margaret's Church, our newsletter is being distributed by email. You can be added to the email distribution by sending an email to: carshaltonbeechesppc@rcaos.org.uk

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5 Litres of Dulux Exterior Weather Shield Gardenia (cream) exterior wall paint. Bought in error two years ago. Free to a good home. Tel 0203 723 7004.