



St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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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



11th October 2020 [Cycle A Year 2]

Twenty Eighth Sunday

Isaiah 25:6-10 | Psalm 22

Philippians 4:12-14 | Matthew 22:1-14



Our Lord's parable in today's Gospel is again a fairly straightforward outline of salvation history. God is the king (see [Matthew 5:35](#)), Jesus the bridegroom

(see [Matthew 9:15](#)), the feast is the salvation and eternal life that Isaiah prophesies in today's First Reading. The Israelites are those first invited to the feast by God's servants, the prophets (see [Isaiah 7:25](#)). For refusing repeated invitations and even killing His prophets, Israel has been punished, its city conquered by foreign armies. Now, Jesus makes clear, God is sending new servants, His apostles, to call not only Israelites, but all people—good and bad alike—to the feast of His kingdom. This an image of the Church, which Jesus elsewhere compares to a field sown with both wheat and weeds, and a fishing net that catches good fish and bad (see [Matthew 13:24-43, 47-50](#)).

We have all been called to this great feast of love in the Church, where, as Isaiah foretold, the veil that once separated the nations from the covenants of Israel has been destroyed, where the dividing wall of enmity has been torn down by the blood of Christ (see [Ephesians 2:11-14](#)).

As we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord has led us to this feast, refreshing our souls in the waters of Baptism, spreading the table before us in the Eucharist. As Paul tells us in today's Epistle, in the glorious riches of Christ, we will find supplied whatever we need.

And in the rich food of His body, and the choice wine of His blood, we have a foretaste of the eternal banquet in the heavenly Jerusalem, when God will destroy death forever (see [Hebrews 12:22-24](#)).

But are we dressed for the feast, clothed in the garment of righteousness (see [Revelation 19:8](#))? Not all who have been called will be chosen for eternal life, Jesus warns. Let us be sure that we're living in a manner worthy of the invitation we've received (see [Ephesians 4:1](#)).

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Your contributions to this newsletter are very welcome.

This is Prisoners' Sunday [11/10/2020]

Prisoners' Sunday is the national day of prayer and action for prisoners and their dependants as marked by the Catholic Church and across the Christian denominations. It is a day to direct our thoughts and prayers to prisoners, their families and children. Prisoners' Sunday is the time to reflect on how we as individuals, as a Church and as a community are serving those affected by imprisonment.



Mass Intentions and Diary for the Week

Saturday 10	9.30am* 5pm	Patrick Uche (Thanksgiving) Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
Sunday 11 <i>Twenty-Eighth Sunday</i>	6pm 8.30am	TBD Mitchell Family (Thanksgiving) Gianni Locatelli (RIP)
Monday 12	10am* 11.30am	TBD
Tuesday 13 <i>St Edward the Confessor</i>	9.30am*	TBD Bully Family
Wednesday 14	9.30am* 8pm 8pm	TBD Bible Study via zoom Intercessory Prayer via zoom
Thursday 15 <i>St Teresa of Jesus</i>	9.30am*	Gianni Locatelli (RIP)
Friday 16	9.30am*	TBD
Saturday 17 <i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>	9.30am* 5pm	TBD Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
Sunday 18 <i>Twenty-Ninth Sunday</i>	6pm 8.30am 10am* 11.30am	Gerard Whelton (RIP) TBD TBD TBD

* Masses are streamed at

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

Our Facebook Channel is named 'St Margaret of ScotlandrcCarshalton Surrey'

Please remember to wear a mask at Mass AND remember to bring your completed attendance card to Mass.

The 9.30am Masses include Morning Prayers (Lauds) and in the week ahead these will be taken from Psalm Week 4.

We now have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament everyday Monday to Thursday 10.15 am – 12.30pm; on Friday 10.15am – 8.00pm; and on Saturday 5pm – 6.45pm (during the Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour).

Short News items:

- At the next First Friday of the month, (November 6th 2020), our Guest Preacher will be Rev Fr Mark Binang.
- Registration for First Holy Communion has commenced.

Invitation to all Catechists.

There will be a joint meeting of Catechists and the Evangelisation sub-group on Thursday 29th October at 7.30pm. The purpose of the meeting is to map out plans for next year. We acknowledge that the 29th October falls at the end of half-term, but hope you'll be able to attend.

Social distancing will be observed throughout the meeting. Please phone the Parish Office, [020 8669 6483], to confirm your attendance.

For Youth: "Created 4 Greatness"

Giulia Rancan, the youth representative of CHARIS, has written to tell us about the first online Zoom event for young people, "Created 4 Greatness", with the theme, "the call to holiness".

This will take place on the eve of All Saints, October 31 at 9pm our time. It addresses all the young people of the Charismatic Renewal worldwide, inviting them to get together, pray, receive the Holy Spirit and be transformed into the advocates the Church needs now. There are two new pages in social media through which young people of the Charismatic Renewal from all over the world can be connected and where all the information to join the event will be published:

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/charisyouthinternational/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Charis-Youth-International-103142991537138/>

Interesting Talks for the Year of The Word.

Journeying with the Bible is a series of lectures given by Fr Javier Ruiz-Ortiz PhD and Sr Monica Cardona STL as part of the celebrations for 'The God Who Speaks' Year of the Word 2020. More information at:

<https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/evangelisation/the-god-who-speaks/journeying-with-the-bible/>

Safeguarding: Victim Support have introduced a free and independent support service called Safe Spaces, a joint Anglican and Catholic Church project to provide a vital specialist support service for survivors of church-related abuse in England and Wales. Contact details:

Tel: 0300 303 1056

Email: safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk

Live Chat: www.SafeSpacesEnglandandWales.org.uk

Babies with Cleft Lip, Cleft Palate and Club Foot.

A cross-party group of MPs from the three largest parties in the UK Parliament have come together to bring forward the Abortion (Cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot) Bill. The Bill will change the law to clarify that cleft palate, cleft lip, and club foot are not grounds for abortion in the UK. You can find out more about the Bill and the families supporting it at www.standupandsmile.org.uk

Catholic Children's Society Christmas Gift Appeal

This year the Society will not be collecting wrapped Christmas presents. Instead you are invited to buy Gift Cards and donate them to the Society who will distribute them to the children in their care. You can also support the Society by purchasing Christmas cards via www.cathchild.org.uk/christmas-cards

Altar Servers' Training: A further training session for altar servers will be held at 6pm on Wednesday 14 October on the new socially distanced procedures for serving Mass. This session is for servers who could not make the recent training sessions on this matter. All servers must attend one of these sessions if they are to continue serving on the altar during the period of Covid 19 restrictions.

The situation in Cameroon (3000+ deaths so far)

Cameroon has been embroiled in a cycle of violence since 2016 when the Francophone-dominated government, imposed French-speaking lawyers and teachers on English-speaking courts and schools. Protests by the English-speaking minority, who represent twenty percent of the population, quickly degenerated into violent clashes amid calls for the creation of a separate state for them.

Catholic Bishops Declan Lang of Clifton and Philip Egan of Portsmouth have joined with four other UK Christian leaders to call for an end to the violence and "robust diplomatic action" in Cameroon by the international community.

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

Note: Fr Luke has recovered and is back saying Masses at Holy Cross, now with new spectacles.



Pray for the repose of the souls of: Joan Carlton, Patricia Mulholland & Sonia Burrows.

Anniversaries: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur this month.

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

Please share the information in this newsletter with other members of the parish with whom you have contact. Thank you all, for all that 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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*St Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls are recruiting Foundation Governors. This is a voluntary service to catholic education. Foundation Governors need to be practicing Catholics and as well as providing strategic leadership and accountability, they have a particular role in upholding the catholic ethos of the School. The work is interesting and involves at least two evening meetings per term for which preparatory documents are provided to read in advance. We would particularly welcome people with a background in Media or Law but we would also welcome Governors with other skills. We also value the expertise that comes through the work of parenting. Free training is provided. If you would like to make a difference by contributing to the quality education of catholic women of the future please email our clerk clerk@stphils.org.uk for more information.

*The Catholic Grandparents Association aims to pass on the faith and keep prayer at the heart of the family. Read more at: <http://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org/about-us/catholicgrandparents-association-england/>

*October is Black History Month 2020 in Sutton.



"The greatest honour we can give Almighty God is to live gladly because of the knowledge of his love."

Julian of Norwich (1343-1416) Author & Anchorite