



St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

Fir Tree Grove, Carshalton, SM5 4NG

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Sunday Masses: 6.00pm (Sat), 8.30am, 10am & 11.30am

Priest: Fr Anthony Uche, OP

Weekday Masses: 9.30am (& 9.30am Sat)

Tel: 020 8669 6483

Holy Days of Obligation: 9.30am & 7.30pm

Email: carshaltonbeeches@rcaos.org.uk

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

A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors

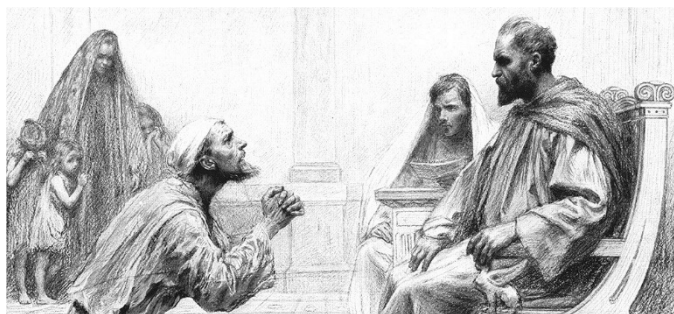


13th September 2020 [Cycle A Year 2]

Twenty Fourth Sunday

Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7 | Psalm 102

Romans 14:7-9 | Matthew 18:21-35



Reflecting on Forgiveness

How wonderful it is to be reassured by the psalmist David that, "The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy." God's grace and forgiveness is inexhaustible, "As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our sins."

In last week's Gospel, Jesus taught his disciples how to treat a believer who sins, in order ultimately, to achieve reconciliation and harmony. This week, Jesus leads us one step further. Peter poses the question, "Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me?" He tentatively suggests that this could be seven times, possibly because seven was viewed as the perfect number. Bearing in mind that Rabbis taught that people should only forgive those who offended them three times, Jesus, by contrast, places no limit on it; the figure seventy-seven was given as an illustration of a countless number. In The Lord's Prayer, we pray for God's mercy but equally we are expected to show mercy to others.

How can we be forgiven otherwise?

"Forgiving is not so much about forgetting as about remembering without bitterness or acrimony in our hearts." (Bible Alive 13.09.20)

Paula Scatchard

Please note our phone number 02086477748 is temporarily out of service. For now, the number to call is 02086696483!

If you would like to receive this newsletter by email, send an email request to: carshaltonbeechesppc@rcaos.org.uk

Your contributions to this newsletter are also very welcome.

Mass Intentions and Diary for the Week

Saturday 12	9.30am* 5pm	Carrol & Gazley Family Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
	6pm	Eileen Augur (RIP)
Sunday 13	8.30am	Carrol & Gazley Family
<i>Twenty-Fourth Sunday</i>	10am*	TBD
	11.30am	Leon Wesley-Smith (RIP)
Monday 14	9.30am*	Gailor Kessi (Thanksgiving)
<i>The Holy Cross</i>		
Tuesday 15	9.30am*	Michael Gibbons (RIP)
<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	6pm	Altar Servers Training
Wednesday 16	9.30am*	TBD
<i>St Cornelius</i>	8pm	Bible Study via zoom
Thursday 17	9.30am*	Vic Heard (RIP: 4th Anniversary)
<i>St Robert Bellarmine</i>	6pm	Altar Servers Training
Friday 18	9.30am*	Peter Begley (Birthday)
<i>St Edith of Kemsing</i>		
Saturday 19	9.30am*	TBD
<i>St Theodore of Canterbury</i>	5pm	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
	6pm	Charles Augur (RIP)
Sunday 20	8.30am	TBD
<i>Twenty-Fifth Sunday</i>	10am*	TBD
	11.30am	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. You can print attendance forms from the website. 'Templates for Attendance' can be found in the Documents (> Welcome) section.

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

St Margaret of Scotland CATHOLIC CHURCH
The Tree Centre, Carshalton, Surrey



This Month's Winning Numbers (September)

180 CLUB

1st Prize **£50** Winning Number: **71**

2nd Prize **£25** Winning Number: **51**

3rd Prize **£10** Winning Number: **154**



Edith of Wilton (963-987), aka St Edith of Kemsing, was an English nun and the daughter of Edgar the Peaceful, King of England. After her death, she became the patron saint of her community at Wilton Abbey in Wiltshire and churches were dedicated to her in Wiltshire and in other parts of Anglo-Saxon England.

New Covid-19 Rules for England on 14th September

The latest changes, which were announced by the government recently, will see a blanket ban on groups larger than 6 persons meeting anywhere socially indoors or outdoors. The Archbishop of Canterbury has declared "Worship is the work of God - not a social gathering". Subsequently the government confirmed that places of worship can stay open for services and communal prayer as is currently the case. This means we can host more than 6 persons in church.

Altar Servers' Training Sessions

Training sessions will be held for altar servers at 6pm on Tuesday 15 September and Thursday 17 September. All altar servers are asked to attend one of these sessions. The purpose is to ensure that servers are familiar with the current altered way of serving Mass during the present coronavirus restrictions.



Don't Forget the Repository

As it is now becoming possible for Baptisms and First Holy Communions to take place, the Repository has a fine selection of good value religious items for sale. Contact Catherine via the Parish Office.

How to Donate to St Margaret's Church?

The absence of the normal Sunday Collections over several months has created some financial challenges for us as a parish. Over this time the bills continue to arrive whether the church is open or closed. We are grateful to those parishioners who maintained or increased their Standing Orders over the period as well as gratefully appreciating those who have changed the way they donate from cheque/cash through the plate to donation by Standing Order.

As a reminder for anyone seeking to make a donation, here are the main ways: -

- Make a bank transfer to our church bank account.

The details are:

Name: RCAS ST Margaret's Carshalton Beeches

Account: 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)

- Use the Just Giving website to make a donation. The link is:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stmargaretofscotlandcarshaltonbeeches122?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=stmargaretofscotlandcarshaltonbeeches122&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=45d558090375481abfd66dbdc1dcb4bd%2%A0

- Use your bank card to make a donation using the new Sumup card reader.



Impromptu Celebration

After Mass on Tuesday, (birthday of Our Lady), parishioners were treated to cakes and other delicacies, courtesy of Yumna.

Pope Francis Starts Fund for Struggling Families in Rome

As Bishop of Rome, Pope Francis has started a fund with 1 million euros to help those in the diocese of Rome who are facing economic difficulty because of the coronavirus. In particular, the Pope says, it is for "those who risk being excluded from institutional protection and who need support until they can walk again unaccompanied."

"In my life I have done all I can to demonstrate that the way of peace, the way of love and nonviolence is the more excellent way."

Covid-19 hits North Korea Hard

Premier Christian News reports that North Korea is failing to contain coronavirus and that border controls mean there is a severe food shortage and rising prices. This is based on evidence from a Christian named Timothy Cho, who has escaped from North Korea. No figures for Covid-19 deaths are available.

"Forced like Jesus Christ to flee"

The 106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees will be celebrated on 27 September 2020. As the title for his annual message, Pope Francis has chosen "Forced like Jesus Christ to flee". The message will focus on the pastoral care of internally displaced people who currently number over 41 million worldwide.

As the title makes clear, the message originates in the experience of the young Jesus and his family as displaced persons and refugees. This experience provides a specific Christological grounding for the Christian action of welcome or hospitality.

A Prayer Against Indifference and Hostility towards Migrants

Give us a spirit of compassion so that we may understand the suffering of these people who have to leave behind their homelands and families in search of a better future. Amen

Prayer requests: Rosie Lopez & Paul Harris (who are preparing for Reception, Holy Communion, & Confirmation on Sept 20th), Irma Foster (Charlotte's mother), Fr John Howard, John Ryan (Richard Thomson's brother-in-law), Laura Bannon (Mia's Mother), Yvonne Wyatt and Margaret Fox.



Pray for the repose of the souls of: Sonia Burrows, Mary Finnerty & Rosaleen O'Farrell.

Anniversaries: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur this month, (now shown on our website).

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

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).

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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Children in Zambia, Liberia and Haiti are already returning to the classroom, and schools in Malawi,

Ethiopia and Zimbabwe are expected to open again soon. Sadly, schools in India and Kenya look set to stay closed for the rest of this year. Whether they are learning at school or at home, Mary's Meals are continuing to safely reach the 1.6 million little ones who rely on a nutritious daily meal. To donate go to giving.marysmeals.org/en_gb/email-donate

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John Lewis (1940- 2020) U.S. civil rights leader