



St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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

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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



16th August 2020 [Cycle A Year 2]

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Apoc 11:19; 12:1-6 | Psalm 44

1 Cor 15:20-26 | **Luke 1:39-56**

"The Almighty has done great things for me, holy is his name"
(Luke 1:49)

In 1950 Pope Pius XII, in the document *Munificentissimus Deus* proclaimed the infallible doctrine of the bodily Assumption of Mary into heavenly glory.

The Most Blessed Virgin Mary, when the course of her earthly life was completed, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven, where she already shares in the glory of her Son's Resurrection, anticipating the resurrection of all members of his body (Catechism of the Catholic Church 974).

Pius XII hoped that this would be a sign of hope and comfort after the trauma of the Second World War, with the destruction of so many lives.

The Assumption has been traditionally celebrated on August 15th for centuries, especially in the Eastern Churches. It is known as the Dormition (falling asleep), hence the Basilica of the Dormition in Jerusalem.

The Ark of the Covenant in the readings of the Mass, was an Acacia wood box (Exodus 25:20) containing the stone tablets of the Commandments, the Rod of Jesse and a vessel of Manna, God's food for the Israelites in the desert.

Mary is described as the New Ark of the Covenant. She carried within her Jesus, **the Word of God**; Jesus, **the Bread of Life**; Jesus, **the Saviour of the world**.

The Death of Mary

We do not know when Our Blessed Mother Mary died or where she died. However, after the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus, Mary and the disciples, including some women, with the apostles, met together in the upper room until the coming of the promised Holy Spirit (Act 1:13-14; 2:1-4). Thus, Mary was there at Pentecost, the birth of the Church. Just as her presence throughout the life of Jesus is sensed in the Gospels even though few details are recorded, so too we behold and acknowledge her presence in the life of the Church.

Mary, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, was with Jesus at the Crucifixion when He put her into the care of John. Tradition has John living in Ephesus where he provided a house for Mary until her death. There is a place of pilgrimage there regarded as a 'Holy Place', which has traditionally been a site of pilgrimage every 15th August for many centuries. There is also the Basilica of the Dormition in Jerusalem. However, there is no authentication of a tomb or place of death.

The Magnificat - The Canticle of Mary

We read this on the Feast of the Visitation after Mary's assent to become the Mother of Jesus.

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Your contributions to this newsletter are also very welcome.

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Elizabeth greets Mary as the Mother of my Lord, that is, the mother of the Messiah. The child in her womb jumps for joy. *Mary says from this day forward all generations shall call me blessed.*

We know what happened next. We 'fast forward' and can connect in the reading of the Magnificat with the whole of the life of Jesus, and his teaching and his goodness to us.

Every line of the Magnificat comes from the scriptures: the psalms, the prophets, Genesis.

The Magnificat is emotional, and uplifting. It is a song of praise, joy, thanksgiving, humility, rejoicing, hope and trust. A song of the goodness of God; the mercy of God to the lowly, the hungry, the powerless; and of the judgement of God on the rich and powerful.

Mary is the model for our lives. She teaches us how to recognise the actions of God in our lives and how to respond. What does God want of us? Can we say with Mary *'the Almighty has done great things for me, Holy is his Name?'*

This is our prayer at the end of the day, and at the end of our life.

Theresa Fox

Mass Intentions and Diary for the Week

Saturday 15 August	9.30am*	Raphael Newton
	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
	6pm	James Edward Long (RIP)
Sunday 16 August	8.30am	TBD
<i>Assumption of Virgin Mary</i>	10am*	Uchenna Calista Ukaegbu
	11.30am	Chiamaka Kalu, Nnena Orioha (Success)
Monday 17	9.30am*	Christopher Sarangapani (RIP)
Tuesday 18	9.30am*	Lateef Irawo (RIP)
Wednesday 19	9.30am*	Celestine & Clara Uche (RIP)
	8pm	Bible Study via zoom
Thursday 20	9.30am*	Cajetan Mbachu (God's Protection)
<i>St Bernard</i>		
Friday 21	9.30am*	Angela & Wale Oshunkeye (God's Protection)
<i>St Pius X</i>		
Saturday 22	9.30am*	Heard Family
<i>Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
	6pm	James Edward Long (RIP)
Sunday 23	8.30am	TBD
<i>Twenty-First Sunday</i>	10am*	Paul & Nermine Ford
	11.30am	TBD

* Masses are streamed at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI2KUNCGNkREz3TWGBy2qzw>
Our Facebook Channel is named 'St Margaret of ScotlandrcCarshalton Surrey'

Remember to wear a mask at Mass AND remember to bring your completed attendance card to Mass. The very latest instructions from the Archbishop's Office on Face Coverings can be found on our website front page. In short, all those who are attending churches **must** wear a face covering unless they are exempt from doing so.

Thanks to Fr John Howard, who will be celebrating the three Masses this Sunday whilst Fr Anthony has a very short and well-deserved break. Fr John will be leaving us in September for his new assignment in Canterbury.

Pope Appeals for Solidarity with the Lebanese People

Pope Francis called on the Church in Lebanon to continue to be close to their people, and appealed for "generous aid" from the international community. He asked "bishops, priests and religious of Lebanon to live a style of life marked by evangelical poverty, without luxury, because your people are suffering, suffering a lot."

Fr Samer Nassif of ACN, reported that the Christian zone of Beirut was "completely devastated", with at least 10 churches destroyed, 300,000 people homeless and many others suffering, with livelihoods "totally destroyed" by the blast. He added: "Yesterday in one second, more damage to the Christian quarter of Beirut was done than throughout the long years of the civil war."

A Prayer inspired by John 14:27.

O Jesus, Prince of Peace, in a world of turmoil, where nobody knows what will happen next on a planet infected with coronavirus, we want to thank You for Your promise to give us Your peace, a peace that the world cannot give. Please bless us with that peace, and enable us to keep our hearts untroubled and unafraid. May our peace-filled lives in an anxious world bring glory and praise to Your Name. Amen

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 5.15pm – 6.55pm (during the Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour).

Recent Donations to Fr Anthony

Donors (preferring not to be named), have given Fr Anthony a limousine and an electric



hedge trimmer. The front hedge now looks very smart, thanks to Fr Anthony's hard work.



"Every migrant has a name, a face, and a story as well as an inalienable right to live in peace and to aspire to a better future for their sons and daughters."

Pope Francis



How to Donate to St Margaret's Church?

As you will appreciate, the absence of the normal Sunday Collections over several months has created some financial challenges for us. Of course, the bills continue to roll in whether the church is open or closed. Perhaps you could consider a donation now? If you would like to, here are the three 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%C2%A0

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

The Pope's Prayer Intention for August: The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

Anniversaries in August: Please pray for those who have died in the month of August.

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

Prayer requests: 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.

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.

Our Phone number 02086477748 is temporally out of service. For now, the number to call is 02086696483.

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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