



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



17th January 2021 [Cycle B Year 1]

Second Sunday

1 Samuel 3:3-10,19 | Psalm 39

1 Corinthians 6:13-20 | John 1: 35-42



Mass Intentions and Diary for the Week

Saturday 16	9.30am 5pm	Doreen Toliva Devotion to Our Lady
Sunday 17	6pm	Xavier Leela Louisa (RIP)
2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am 10am	Cormac Gollogly (RIP) John Mooney rip
Psalm Wk 2	11.30am	Augustus Ezebuoro (RIP)
Monday 18	9.30am	The Heard Family <i>Church Unity Octave starts</i>
Tuesday 19	9.30am	Gailor Kessi
Wednesday 20	9.30am 7.30pm 8pm	Gailor Kessi CTIC prayers by zoom Bible Study by zoom
Thursday 21	9.30am	Gailor Kessi
St Agnes	8pm	Intercessory Prayer by zoom
Friday 22	9.30am	Cormac Gollogly (RIP)
Saturday 23	9.30am 5pm 6pm	Emma Davis Devotion to Our Lady TBD
Sunday 24	8.30am 10am 11.30am	Mona Paterson TBD Bimbo Oloko (RIP)
3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Word of God)		

In the call of Samuel and of the first Apostles, today's readings shed light on our own calling to be followers of Christ.

Notice in the Gospel today that John's disciples are prepared to hear God's call. They are already looking for the Messiah, so they trust in John's word and follow when he points out the Lamb of God walking by.

Samuel is also waiting on the Lord—sleeping near the Ark of the Covenant where God's glory dwells, taking instruction from Eli, the high priest.

Samuel listened to God's word and the Lord was with him. And Samuel, through his word, turned all Israel to the Lord (see [1 Samuel 3:21; 7:2-3](#)). The disciples too heard and followed—words we hear repeatedly in today's Gospel. They stayed with the Lord and by their testimony brought others to the Lord.

These scenes from salvation history should give us strength to embrace God's will and to follow His call in our lives.

God is constantly calling to each of us—personally, by name (see [Isaiah 43:1; John 10:3](#)). He wants us to seek Him in love, to long for His word (see [Wisdom 6:11-12](#)). We must desire always, as the apostles did, to stay where the Lord stays, to constantly seek His face (see [Psalm 42:2](#)).

For we are not our own, but belong to the Lord, as Paul says in today's Epistle.

We must have ears open to obedience, and write His word within our hearts. We must trust in the Lord's promise—that if we come to Him in faith, He will abide with us (see [John 15:14; 14:21-23](#)), and raise us by His power. And we must reflect in our lives the love He has shown us, so that others too may find the Messiah.

As we renew our vows of discipleship in this Eucharist, let us approach the altar singing the new song of today's Psalm: "Behold I come . . . to do your will O God."

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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Churches Together in Carshalton (CTIC) will hold a Zoom Prayer Meeting at 7.30pm, Wednesday 20 January 2021. To receive suggested prayers and the Zoom link, please email: carshalton@salvationarmy.org.uk or text 07720 790022.

St Margaret of Scotland CATHOLIC CHURCH
180 CLUB

This Month's Winning Numbers (January)

1st Prize £50 Winning Number: 130
2nd Prize £25 Winning Number: 111
3rd Prize £10 Winning Number: 107
PLUS
Quarterly Prize £50 Winning Number 64

Our Church is open to You for Mass. Of course, social distancing must be observed, masks must be worn, attendance forms completed and you should sanitize your hands before and after Mass. Also please leave the car park area immediately after Mass and avoid all social interaction, even if outdoors.

You can also participate in Masses via one of the internet viewing methods listed below:

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

On Facebook at 'St Margaret of ScotlandrcCarshalton Surrey' 'angelcam' Live Video at <https://st-margarets.click2stream.com/>

Thank you once again to all who continue to provide the help we need to ensure that we can open the church safely; without you we could not have Mass. *Could you offer to help?*

Angel Bridi steps down from our PPC. Angel has just moved home and can no longer be one of our parishioners. Fr Anthony and other members of the PPC warmly thanked Angel for her many contributions to our church. God bless her.

Sadiq Khan has declared a 'major incident' over rising cases of Covid-19 in the capital. The Mayor has written to the Prime Minister calling for the closure of places of worship as well as for face masks to be worn routinely outside of the home - including in supermarket queues and other places outside that may be crowded. Cardinal Vincent Nichols' response includes this "There is no evidence that Churches are places where infection is spreading. We will continue to abide by the public health guidance and work with government to ensure the continued safety of all who come to our churches for prayer and public worship."

Catholics and Lutherans committed to communion

On 3rd January - the 500th anniversary of the excommunication of Martin Luther - both the Lutheran World Federation and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity issued an updated historic ecumenical document called the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification. This underscores their commitment to walk together on their common journey from conflict to communion.

The Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/y556rd93>

A priest kidnapped in Nigeria has described how his abductors were persuaded to set him free after witnessing his unswerving devotion to the Rosary.



Fr Valentine Ezeagu was driving through Imo state on Tuesday (15th December) en route to his father's funeral when he was ambushed by four armed men.

The priest was freed 36 hours later and, reporting his release to his religious superior, Fr Ezeagu explained the abductors had let him go after watching him pray.

Fr George Okorie, Superior General of the Congregation of the Sons of Mary, said: "When I spoke to Father Valentine, he told me that seeing him saying his Rosary made his abductors confused. They started having a guilty conscience. It made them realise that, dressed in his soutane [priest's cassock], they had not got the right person so they gave him food and released him."

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Genocide and Trade: Lord Alton is trying to get an amendment passed through the House of Commons which prevents the UK signing trade deals with genocidal states and creates a mechanism within the UK High Court to make a preliminary determination of genocide. You can find out more and support this initiative using this link: <https://genocideresponse.org/>



The Jesuits of India have appealed to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to obtain the immediate release of Jesuit Fr Stan Swamy, 83, who has

been imprisoned since 8 October on charges of sedition with 15 other human rights defenders in India. Fr Stan is known for his long years of work with the poor, the homeless, and the indigenous Adivasis in India, making use of all legal and peaceful means in order to put an end to the violence they suffer. He is accused of alleged links with Maoist insurgents involved in the Bhima Koregaon violent attack in Maharashtra state that took place in 2018. Fr Stan has always denied any involvement. The other prisoners are all known for their peaceful commitment and work with the poor.

Prayer requests: Ben & Sophie Thomson, Rosie Lopez, Paul Harris, Irma Foster, Laura Bannon, Yvonne Wyatt and Margaret Fox.



Pray for the repose of the souls of: Pierrette Colairo, Cormac Gollogly, Ivo Padovan Snr, Augustus Ezebuoro, & Nan Waldron,

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

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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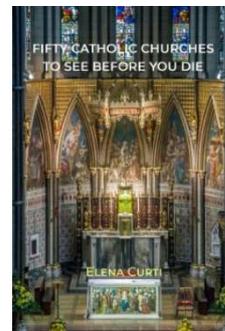
* **Finding God in Isolation**, Westminster Abbey's Annual Day of Prayer in Christian Unity Week, will be held Saturday 23rd January 2021, 10:00am - 3:00pm.



Archbishop Nikitas, the Greek Orthodox Archbishop of Thyateira and Great Britain (under the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople) will share some insights from the Eastern tradition and offer three reflections on "Finding God in Isolation". Tickets are

free, but advance booking is recommended. You can register using the link below. All registered attendees will be contacted directly by Friday 22nd January 2021 with information on how to access the online event. <https://tinyurl.com/y67wwq6n>

* **In the new book, Fifty Catholic Churches to See Before You Die**, Elena Curti celebrates beautiful churches in England and Wales, and explores the art and architecture of (in the words of the Missal) 'these places of awe', 'gates of heaven' and 'houses of prayer'.



* **Oremus** is the monthly magazine of Westminster Cathedral and seeks to reflect the vibrancy of Catholic faith as lived in the heart of London. Read it for free at: <https://www.westminstercathedral.org.uk/oremus.php>

* **Angel Tree** is a programme run by the Christian charity Prison Fellowship, in which Christmas gifts are sent to the children of prisoners to help strengthen the bond between prisoners and their families. It is a wonderful picture of God's unconditional love for all. Each year, Prison Fellowship volunteers work alongside prison chaplains to invite incarcerated men and women to participate in Angel Tree. If you would like to find out about Prison Fellowship visit: www.prisonfellowship.org.uk

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