



St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

Fir Tree Grove, Carshalton, SM5 4NG

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

Priest: Fr Anthony Uche, OP

Weekday Masses: 9.30am (& 10.00am Sat)

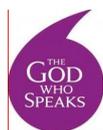
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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 10.30-11.00am & 5.15 - 5.45pm & at call

A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors



19th April 2020 [Cycle A Year 2]

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2 42-47 | Psalm 117 | 1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20: 19-31

Reflection from Gerry McGinley, Co-Chair of the PPC

I would like to wish all our parishioners, their families and friends every grace and blessing during this Easter season.

We have all celebrated Holy Week and Easter like no other before. The celebrations and liturgy starting on Palm Sunday, continuing with the celebration of the Lord's Last Supper, the commemoration of his passion and death on Good Friday, and culminating in Jesus' Resurrection celebrated during the Easter Vigil are the very foundation of our Catholic faith. This is a time when the faithful flock to churches to participate in these celebrations. But not this year. However, thanks to the wonders of online technology and Father Anthony's enthusiasm to embrace and use it, at St Margaret's, we have been able to participate online in all the main services of Holy Week and Easter celebrated live by Father Anthony on Facebook and YouTube. Spiritually, I felt very much involved in these celebrations and in communion with everyone else watching online. I am sure that those who participated will join me in expressing our deep gratitude to Father Anthony for the efforts he made to arrange these services so that we could participate in them. And a special thanks to those from and outside the parish who made an invaluable contribution through reading the scriptures and singing psalms.

There are some interesting parallels between the situation we are going through now and the events which occurred at the time of our Lord's Resurrection. While the apostles and other disciples were overjoyed that Jesus had risen from the dead, they still had fears and uncertainty about what all this meant for the future. We are told in St John's Gospel "...the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews,..." (John 20:19). We are similarly enclosed in our homes, restricted from going out, filled with fear and uncertainty about how long this situation is going to continue, how many more people might die and what kind of society will emerge.

Like Abraham in the Old Testament, when he was asked to sacrifice his only son Isaac (Genesis 22:1-18), we must have faith in God's providence. This virus has had terrible consequences all over the world, devastating people's lives and livelihoods. And yet we believe that this is part of God's plan, which we might not understand at the moment, but everything will come good in the fullness of time. Easter provides us with a great message of hope. As Pope Francis said in his Holy Week message: "In the risen Jesus, life conquered death. This Paschal faith nourishes our hope. I would like to share it with you this evening. It is the hope of a better time, in which we can be better, finally freed from evil and from this pandemic. It is a hope: hope does not disappoint; it is not an illusion; it is a hope." Just as Christ's resurrection gave us hope of our resurrection to eternal life, it should give us hope that our normal lives will resume after this pandemic. But just as life for Jesus' disciples was very different after his resurrection, our lives too should be very different once this virus has passed. It will hopefully give us a new insight into what the real priorities are in our lives – the importance of our faith and trust in God's providence, being a more caring society and loving our neighbour, as shown by the many acts of kindness being done at the moment.

So, as we look forward to the future, let us be inspired by the message of St Augustine: "We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song". And please God, it will not be too long before we can gather again together in our church to sing Alleluia in praise and thanksgiving once this pandemic has been overcome.

Services at St Margaret's can now be viewed using the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI2KUNCgNkREz3TWGBY2qzw>

If you are a member of Facebook then you can also watch Fr Anthony say Mass at St Margaret's. Having first logged into Facebook, search for 'Uche TonyCarshalton'.

Masses are streamed at 9.30am every morning and additionally at 11.30am on Sundays. More options are available using the Links page of our website and the brand-new Recordings page.

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

Your Prayers are asked for:

Connie Harrington, (Lynn P ougher'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 (8th to 30th April):

Bishop Charles Henderson, Mgr Michael Connelly, Canon Garry Pierce, Fr Anthony Porter, Fr Ronald Salmon, Nigel Monaghan, Rev Leigh Edwards, Babs Jackson (Christopher's mother), Roman Mirsaidi, Mary Neal (Marian Thurley's mother), John Arthur (Mary Howard's father), Alec Lenaerts (Stephen's father), Christine Ellis, Amanda Webb (Maria Felicetti's friend), Robert Statter, John Barrett, Margaret Murphy, Jean Moret, Mary O'Donnell, Winifred Walsh, Susie Loy, John Howes, Luigi di Razza, Mary Nicholson, Annabelle Harper, Doreen Haylett (Fr Stephen's mother), Steve George (Bride Stokes nephew), Caroline Jarvis, Emily Yela (Mrs Gianetta's mother), Jersy (George) Beksinski, Giovanni Auletta (Giuseppe's brother), Petronila Pereira (Lourdes Da Cruz's mother), Desmond Egan (Pat Geoghegan & Madeleine Saville's brother), Mary Mansfield, Eduardo (Ted) Quattrucci, Christopher Singarajah (Grace's husband), Jackie Wiggins, Mary Buckley, Denis Guthrie, John Leonard, Nellie Jordon (Rosemary Sewell's mother), Charles Fleming, Jack Stevens, Daniel Lewis, Grace Wylie, Reg Matthews, Mary Heath, Madeleine Saville, Eileen McCarthy, Geraldine Fisher (Rosaleen O'Farrell's sister), John Reardon, John Shay, Dr John O'Donnell, Teresa McCormack, Thomas Wallis, Dr Francis Caveni, George Waterkeyon, Alan Rosemeyer, Joseph Darby, Catherine Chamberlain, Helen Cumming, William Tay, Albert Pye, Pauline Dearling, John Wilkes (Marie's father-in-law), Doris Forbes (Paula Kierney's mother) and Stan Coombs.

Words of the Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

During the closure of St Margaret's Church, our newsletter is being distributed by email.

If you have not received a newsletter by email, you can request to be included in the email distribution by sending an email to:

carshaltonbeechesppc@rcaos.org.uk

Easter Sunday's Urbi et Orbi message from the Pope

can be viewed using this link:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000hbp/urbi-et-orbi-2020>

or a synopsis can be read using this link:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-04/pope-easter-urbi-et-orbi-blessing.html>

The full text is now in the Documents section of our website; (subsection Encyclicals etc.)

Mass Intentions and Diary for the Week

Saturday 18	9.30am	TBD
Sunday 19	9.30am	Jane Lamont RIP
	11.30am	Daniel Domingo Begley (Good Health)
Monday 20	9.30am	TBD
Tuesday 21	9.30am	TBD
Wednesday 22	9.30am	TBD
	8pm	Bible Study (by zoom)
Thursday 23*	9.30am	Patrick Lloyd
Friday 24	9.30am	TBD
Saturday 25	9.30am	TBD

*April 23rd is St George's Day, Patron of England

