



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

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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



26th July 2020 [Cycle A Year 2]

Seventeenth Sunday

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 | Psalm 118

Romans 8: 28-30 | Matthew 13:24-52

Act Prudently, you children of God

All Christians are called on to surrender all their earthly possessions if necessary, in order to gain eternal life. Does this "giving all" mean that we are all expected to abandon the world and take on the religious vows of poverty, chastity and obedience? There are many who do just this. But it is not the only way, nor the normal way, to purchase the eternal treasure. Heaven is within the reach of all, who follow the ordinary vocations of life and partake of this world's joys and pleasures within the framework of God's commandments, but never lose sight of the goal toward which they are moving.

Keeping within the framework of God's commandments is the difficulty. We need not have a vow of obedience, but we must obey all legitimate authority. We may possess the goods of this world, but only such goods as we lawfully and justly acquire. Nor may we withhold all of these from a fellow man who is in need. We do not have to take a vow of chastity, but yet we must be chaste, we must use the gifts and the pleasure of sex only within the limits set down by God's wise laws.

All of this is not easy for human nature. But we are not relying on weak human nature, we have within our reach in the Church all the spiritual and supernatural aids we need. Our twentieth century, it is true, is so engrossed in chasing after the earthly comforts and pleasures of the body, and so devoid of any spiritual or other-worldly outlook, that even those who know and believe that there is an eternity after death, find it hard to allow their faith and convictions to govern and direct their daily actions. Yet, the evil example of others will never justify our wrong-doing. The commandments of God are still binding, even though they are openly and flagrantly violated by individuals and whole nations today.

Remember this: we shall not be asked at the judgment, "What did your neighbour do?", but "what did you do?" If we lose the pearl of great price in the eternity of happiness God has offered to us-it will not be the fault of others. The fault will be ours and ours only. We refused to pay the price. We did not think it worth the "paltry all" which we possessed in this life.

[Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.]

Limited Attendance at Sunday Masses

So far there have been spare places at all Masses. The arrangements made to ensure that attending our church is a safe experience, are working very well. The Sunday morning Masses at 8.30am and 11am appear to be most popular.

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Your contributions to this newsletter are also very welcome

Mass Intentions and Diary for the Week

Saturday 25 <i>St James, Apostle</i>	9.30am* 5pm 6.15pm	Ambrose Ikwueke (RIP) TBD TBD
Sunday 26 <i>Seventeenth</i>	8.30am 10am* 11.30am	Andy Doran (RIP) Fr John Howard Kathleen & Thomas Moran (RIP)
Monday 27	9.30am*	Fr Frederick Rhead (RIP)
Tuesday 28	9.30am*	Heard Family (Success)
Wednesday 29 <i>St Martha***</i>	9.30am* 8pm	Catherine Mfuri Nisele Bible Study via zoom
Thursday 30 <i>St Peter Chrysologus</i>	9.30am*	Amanda Agwu (RIP)
Friday 31 <i>St Ignatius Loyola**</i>	9.30am*	Isaac Amoah (Thanksgiving)
Saturday 1 August <i>St Alphonsus Liguori</i>	9.30am* 5.15pm	June Kirkbride (RIP) Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
Sunday 2 <i>Eighteenth</i>	6pm 8.30am 10am* 11.30am	TBD TBD Mary Finnerty (RIP) Nuala & Dennis Garvey (Wedding Anniversary)

Note from August 1st onwards, there will be just one evening Mass at 6pm on Saturdays.

* 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.

*** **St Martha** lived with her siblings Lazarus and Mary in the village of Bethany near Jerusalem. She was witness to Jesus resurrecting her brother, Lazarus.



** **St Ignatius of Loyola**, a Spanish theologian, one of the most influential figures in the Roman Catholic Counter-Reformation of the 16th century, and founder of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) in Paris in 1534.

Fr John Howard was ordained on Saturday 18th July

In his reflection below, John considers the many influences that have formed his vocation and asks for our prayers.



"There is a saying 'it doesn't take a family but a village to raise a child'. Now that many of my siblings have children, I see how true that is. The same is true of a priestly vocation.

I am thankful for the many 'villages' I

have lived in and got to know through my 6 years of priestly formation. These villages include a prison, hospitals, schools, 5 parishes across the Diocese, one parish in Connecticut US and one in Kenya.

In each 'village' I have always found welcome. The people I have met have shown me the merciful and loving face of Christ, which has led me into a deeper, more trusting and loving relationship with Jesus and his Mother.

Please pray for me that I may always remember in gratitude the many graces God has given to me over the years and that my priesthood will be a witness and channel of the love and mercy that Christ has shown me."

Fr John will be coming to St Margaret's to say Mass this Sunday (26/7/20), at 10am. A reception will be organised for John at a future date.

For weekday morning Mass, try using Universalis.com

The Archbishop's current pandemic rules do not allow us to use Morning Prayer books. Fr Anthony now recommends for anyone who does not have access to the Morning Prayers, the Universalis website can provide the information for free. The suggestion is that you can use a mobile phone to access the weekday's prayers using this link:

<https://universalis.com/lauds.htm>

Alternatively, you can print off this information from your PC ahead of the Mass. For example, the format for Friday 24th July is: <https://universalis.com/20200724/lauds.htm>

Water Butt to be installed near to the grave stones

A water butt and watering can will be provided at the rear of our church soon. This will provide a ready and convenient supply of rain water for the flowers which adorn the grave stones at the side of our church. This is thanks to an environmentally aware donor who would prefer not to be named.

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This Month's Winning Numbers (July 2020)

180 CLUB

1st Prize **£50** Winning Number: **153**
2nd Prize **£25** Winning Number: **66**
3rd Prize **£10** Winning Number: **152**

Red Wednesday is set for November 25th 2020



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN UNITED KINGDOM

Churches together in
Carshalton (CTIC) will be
supporting ACN's Red
Wednesday. The aim is to

make a stand for faith and freedom by the public use of the colour red and also raising funds to help Christian and minority communities around the world. More information can be found at:

<https://acnuk.org/our-campaigns/red-wednesday/>

Vatican issues Vademecum: procedures regarding cases of sexual abuse of minors

This is an "instruction manual", a step-by-step guide to help ascertain the truth in cases of minors who have suffered abuse on the part of a member of the clergy.

The full text can be read at:

http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20200716_vademecum-casi-abuso_en.html

Please pray for: Mary Margaret Finnerty (who died on 17th July), Rosaleen O'Farrell (whose funeral was on Thursday July 23rd), John Ryan (Richard Thomson's brother-in-law), Dennis Seradi, 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

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

Please share the information in this newsletter with other members of the parish with whom you have contact. Thank you for all 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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*** A lady who is one of our parishioners, urgently needs a room to rent locally. Contact Fr Anthony for details.**

* Youth 2000 are recruiting the following positions:
Office and Communications Coordinator (Full-time)
Worship School Coordinator (Part-time contract)
Rebrand Coordinator (Contract). More information at:
https://www.youth2000.org/jobs?mc_cid=39d7064808&mc_eid=67374617ee

* Sutton Council announced a new 'Neighbourhood Fund' focused on enhancing community spaces and investing in infrastructure in the borough. "We are encouraging all community groups, voluntary sector, charities, and other organisations across the borough to submit their ideas". More information at:

<https://sutton.citizenspace.com/environment/neighbourhoodfund/>

* **SpareHand** is an app that charities use to find volunteers.

On one side, charities have a dashboard where they can load up shifts that they need volunteers to fill (e.g. food packer for a food bank) and on the other side it's an app used by volunteers to receive shifts which they can quickly accept or reject. **SpareHand** uses a sophisticated algorithm to match volunteers which creates an excellent volunteering experience. To sign up, volunteers simply need to complete the form on the website: <https://www.spare-hand.org>



"I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope"

Jeremiah 29: 11-12