



# St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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*A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors*



29<sup>th</sup> November 2020 [Cycle B Year 1]

First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 63:16-17,19; 64:1, 3-8 | Psalm 79

1 Corinthians 1:3-9 | Mark 13:33-37

The new Church year begins with a plea for God's visitation. "Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down," the prophet Isaiah cries in today's First Reading.

In today's Psalm, too, we hear the anguished voice of Israel, imploring God to look down from His heavenly throne—to save and shepherd His people.

Today's readings are relatively brief. Their language and "message" are deceptively simple. But we should take note of the serious mood and penitential aspect of the Liturgy today—as the people of Israel recognize their sinfulness, their failures to keep God's covenant, their inability to save themselves.

And in this Advent season, we should see our own lives in the experience of Israel. As we examine our consciences, can't we, too, find that we often harden our hearts, refuse His rule, wander from His ways, withhold our love from Him?

God is faithful, Paul reminds us in today's Epistle. He is our Father. He has hearkened to the cry of His children, coming down from heaven for Israel's sake and for ours to redeem us from our exile from God, to restore us to His love.

In Jesus, we have seen the Father (see [John 14:8-9](#)). The Father has let His face shine upon us. He is the good shepherd (see [John 10:11-15](#)) come to guide us to the heavenly kingdom. No matter how far we have strayed, He will give us new life if we turn to Him, if we call upon His holy name, if we pledge anew never again to withdraw from Him.

As Paul says today, He has given us every spiritual gift—especially the Eucharist and penance—to strengthen us as we await Christ's final coming. He will keep us firm to the end—if we let Him.

So, in this season of repentance, we should heed the warning—repeated three times by our Lord in today's Gospel—to be watchful, for we know not the hour when the Lord of the house will return.

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*God of light and life, give us hope as we wait for Your coming again. When we are tempted to be grateful to have found you while others are lost, send us out in the darkness in search of those who need you most, we pray to the Lord. Amen.*

## Mass Intentions and Diary for the Week

Saturday 28	9.30am	Departed Relatives of Mascarenhas & Gonsalves Families
	5pm	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	Gonsalves Family (Wellbeing)
Sunday 29	8.30am	Carla Doran (RIP)
First Sunday of Advent	10am	Mascarenhas Family
Psalm Wk 1	11.30am	Annie Musial (100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday)
Monday 30	9.30am	Deceased Relatives of Soane & Roche Families
St Andrew	9.30am	Roehl Ribaya (RIP)
Tuesday 1	9.30am	Roger & Sarah Endersby + Paul Jones & Vera Arthur (RIP)
Wed. 2	9.30am	Bible Study via zoom
	8pm	Fr Albert Tomei (RIP)
Thursday 3	9.30am	Intercessory Prayer via zoom
St Francis Xavier	8pm	
Friday 4	9.30am	Emily, Paul & Diane Jones (RIP)
(First Friday)		
Saturday 5	9.30am	Catherine Squires & Family
	11.30am	First Holy Communion Mass
	5pm	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	Riney Family (Personal Int.)
Sunday 6	8.30am	Emily, Paul & Diane Jones (RIP)
Second Sunday of Advent	10am	John Ryan (RIP)
	11.30am	Augustus Ezebuero (RIP)

**ANNOUNCEMENT: Our Church will be Open to You for Mass from Thursday 3rd December onwards.** Our understanding is that the ban on collective worship in churches will end on December 2nd. Although in these uncertain times, the Government rules could be changed again, we hope and pray that the celebration of Mass with a congregation is possible. **Of course, social distancing must be observed, masks must be worn, attendance forms completed and you should sanitize your hands before and after Mass.**

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 Scotlandrcarshalton Surrey' 'angelcam' Live Video at <https://st-margarets.click2stream.com/>

**Safe Spaces** is a free, national support service independently run by Victim Support. It provides a confidential, personal and safe space for anyone who has been abused through their relationship with either the Church of England or the Catholic Church of England and Wales.

The service provides remote support through our helpline, live chat service and website and is for anyone who feels they have experienced church related abuse of any form in relation to the Church of England or Catholic Church in England and Wales. By 'church related', this may include:

- Abuse by a church officer. A church officer is any person, ordained or lay, paid or voluntary, who holds a role in the church.
- Abuse that is linked to participating in a church-led activity or group.

The service is for people 18 or over who live in England and Wales. Survivors do not have to have reported the incident to the Church authorities or the Police in order to access support, and you do not need to be a current active member of the church in order to access support.

You can contact the Safe Spaces team by:

Telephone: 0300 303 1056

Email: [safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk](mailto:safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk)

Website & Live Chat: [www.SafeSpacesEnglandandWales.org.uk](http://www.SafeSpacesEnglandandWales.org.uk)

#### Cardinal Vincent Nichols issued a statement on Safeguarding

Read this at: <https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/40945>

#### Death Penalty in USA

Catholic President-elect Joe Biden won the election on a platform that included ending the death penalty, but it seems that the outgoing Trump administration is planning to rush through three more executions before it leaves.

One of the features of the Trump administration has been that it ended a 17-year moratorium on the federal death penalty. It has also set a grisly record for the most-ever federal executions in a single year. Now they seem set on carrying out as many executions as they can before Biden takes office.

In the recent encyclical Fratelli Tutti, Pope Francis wrote: "St John Paul II stated clearly and firmly that the death penalty is inadequate from a moral standpoint and no longer necessary from that of penal justice. There can be no stepping back from this position. Today we state clearly that the death penalty is inadmissible and the Church is firmly committed to calling for its abolition worldwide."

**During Advent, Our Folk Group** are providing recorded music. Using Ros's backing tracks, Melanie has patiently combined separately recorded voices and instruments, to produce some 'technical masterpieces' for this period of Advent and Christmas.



**Also, the Youth Music Group** have been working remotely to create music for the church. They hope that what they create will enlighten spirits in preparation for a joyous time, going into the Advent and Christmas season.



**Don't forget:** Please take the money out of your red box and put it into an envelope with your name and the word 'MISSIO'.

Then post it into the parish house. [Thanks, from Richard]

#### Time Marks the Candle

Faces hidden by cowls, habits rustling,  
the choristers enter the candlelit halls,  
their procession to the chapel casting  
giant shadows, that flicker on frescoed walls.  
The singers robed in black will sing plainchant;  
in white, the polyphonic melody.

Marking the Hours, the voices will incant  
the Divine Office's ageless liturgy.

First the Matins vigil, then Lauds at dawn.  
The 'Little Hours' mark the day to twilight.

Vespers tapers light the candles borne  
to the night office - Compline ends the rite.

The hours we share our memories define  
to weave the tapestry of life's design.

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*This is taken from a new book of poetry called 'In Light and Shade' by our fellow parishioner Bernie Jacobs. The price is £8 but parishioners can buy it for just £6 via [cbwriter168@outlook.com](mailto:cbwriter168@outlook.com)*

**A Prayer from the Right to Life Organisation** As we ponder the hope found in the second coming of our saviour, we pray for all those in need of hope. We pray especially for those contemplating having an abortion, that they would be reminded of the hope God brings and His fundamental desire for our good. We pray also that as a society we would become channels of God's hope, providing support to all pregnant women. Lord hear us.

**Prayer requests:** Rosie Lopez, Paul Harris, Irma Foster, Laura Bannon, Yvonne Wyatt and Margaret Fox.



**Pray for the repose of the souls of:** John Ryan, Beryl Palmier, Obdulia Emilia D'Souza Bento & Nicos Demetriades.

**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](mailto: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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\* **Online Advent Calendar** offers resources for the parish, school and for families. The content is aimed at assisting people of all ages to pray and reflect on how best we can keep Christ at the centre of our Christmas preparations during this special liturgical season. Find out more at <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/adventcalendar/>

\* **The Passage is raising funds** through the *Big Give* between 1<sup>st</sup> December and 8<sup>th</sup> December to support its work helping homeless people this winter. This is a matched giving scheme for online donations. If someone gave £10 online, matched giving of £10 would bring the gift up to £20 (and for individuals who *Gift Aid* to £22.50). For more information ring Andrew Hollingsworth 0207 592 1886 or email [andrew.h@passage.org.uk](mailto:andrew.h@passage.org.uk).

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