



St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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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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Holy Days of Obligation: 10.00am & 7.30pm

Email: carshaltonbeeches@rcaos.org.uk

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

A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors



31st May 2020 [Cycle A Year 2]

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11 | Psalm 103

1 Corinthians 12:3-7 | John 20:19-23

Brothers and sisters, the Church celebrates the Feast of Pentecost. Acts of the Apostles 2 states that the Apostles were showered by the Holy Spirit, and He energized them and granted them the ability to proclaim the birth of a New Creation wherein Jesus is head. Thus, the Apostles were reborn and their lives were totally changed.

The Holy Spirit effaced their fears and worries, and He infused in them the power and courage to become true and authentic proclaimers of the Word of God. The disciples were finally released from the holds of their past denials of Jesus, and from the chains of sin. Our Lord Jesus affirmed His mercy by bestowing Peace on His disciples' peace. In other words, Jesus granted his disciples an inner peace to shield them from the troubles of the world.

Jesus also commanded His Apostles to teach, to govern, and to sanctify His People. He notes in Matthew 28:18-20 "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you".

If we have received that Spirit not of timidity but love and courage, then we are called to love and console our brothers and sisters especially sufferers of the consequences of Covid-19. We are called to be Christ in the parish and within our families.

It is a selfless mission; hence the Holy Spirit will remind us constantly that we are messengers of the Lord called to do the Lord's will. Thus, as messengers of the Lord, we will surely give account of our stewardship before the Lord. Therefore, let us ask for a renewal of the Spirit today; let us allow the Spirit to guide our work within our homes and community. When our work is done, let us thank the Holy Spirit for us, and pray that the Holy Spirit uses others to carry on with the work of salvation.

For your selflessness and sacrifices during this period I say, thank you. As we prepare to reopen the Church, join me in asking the Holy Spirit to lead us and prepare us for a grand reopening. May God bless you. Amen

Fr Anthony



Daily May Devotions continue:

4pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament;

5pm Rosary & Evening Prayer;

6pm Mass.

Mass Intentions and Diary for the Week

Saturday 30	9.30am 6pm	People of the Parish May Devotion + Novena
Sunday 31 <i>Pentecost</i>	9.30am 11.30am 6pm	Gerry Martland (RIP) Nwozuzu Family, Amor Johnson & Myles May Devotion
Monday 1 June <i>Mary Mother of the church</i>	9.30am	Adrian Hargreaves
Tuesday 2 <i>St Marcellinus & St Peter</i>	9.30am	June Gailor Kessi
Wed. 3 <i>St Charles Lwanga et al</i>	9.30am 8pm	Fr Anthony Uche (Birthday) Bible Study (zoom)
Thursday 4 <i>Our Lord Jesus</i>	9.30am	June Celestine & Clara Uche (RIP)
Friday 5 <i>St Boniface</i>	9.30am	June Charles & Mary Ward
Saturday 6 <i>St Norbert</i>	9.30am	June Charles & Mary Ward
Sunday <i>Holy Trinity</i>	9.30am 11.30am	June Bernard, Bernadette & Sean Moran Nuala Doherty (RIP)

Heavenly Father our world is in crisis. Lives have been taken, families are grieving, our hearts are broken. Help us, holy Father to draw near to You, to find our hope in Jesus, to pray fervently, and to seek Your mercy for all. In these and all things we pray in Jesus' name. Amen



CCTV and Live Streaming Project delivered

Nick Demetriades issued the final update on the project to install a CCTV security system and live streaming service. The Project financial target of £3,238.08 has been reached by generous donations and the installation has been carried out by LP Fire & Security Systems Ltd. The full text of Nick’s update can be read in the Documents section (>Communications) of our website.

Database of St Margaret’s Parishioners

One problem that has been highlighted by the current pandemic has been the lack of up-to-date contact information for some of our parishioners. To rectify the situation the PPC propose that a modern database of basic information about parishioners should be created. This information will be stored in strict accordance with the Archdiocese’s policy on privacy*. To this end, Angel Bridi, Manuel Lopez Melgar and other PPC members have been working on a *registration form*. Ideally this will be filled in electronically to avoid data re-entry work and mistakes. Of course, a traditional paper-based form will also be available.

**The policy can be found in the Documents Section of our website.*

How can I request a Mass Intention during the lockdown?

Fr Anthony welcomes your requests for Masses. To ‘book’ a Mass you can telephone the office (020 8647 7748), or pop a letter into the presbytery letterbox. In addition, you can send an email to: carshaltonbeeches@rcaos.org.uk



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.



Communities throughout the world are struggling to deal with coronavirus and many of them need expertise and resources to protect people already suffering from malnutrition and lack of clean water. CAFOD is providing much needed help and is appealing to us for funding to support this urgent life-saving work. Please give what you can – here is a link - www.cafod.org.uk/coronavirus - and please pray for CAFOD workers and community leaders. *Ann Towner*



FINAL REMINDER: The new Club Year (2020/21) begins on 1st June. The Application Form is available to download from the website; [see Documents>Finance]. The annual subscription for an individual Number is £18 and you may apply for as many numbers as you wish.

Evelyn Druce

Your Prayers are asked for:

Connie Harrington, (Lynn Pougher’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), Dennis Seradi and Theresa Fox.

Editor’s note: If anyone should be added to the list above, please email me at: carshaltonbeechesppc@rcaos.org.uk

Anniversaries in May

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur in this month of May.

Masses are streamed at 9.30am every morning and additionally at 11.30am on Sundays, plus May devotions <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI2KUNCgNkREz3TWGBy2qzw>
Our Facebook Channel is now named **‘St Margaret of Scotlandrcarshalton Surrey’**

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

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