

ST MARGARETS PAGE



WE REMEMBER

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (c)

Remembrance Sunday 10th November 2019

Mass Times & Liturgy Services

Vigil 6.30pm (Sat).

Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am & 6.30pm

Mon. Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat. 10.00am

Thur. Communion Service 10.00am

Morning Prayer 9.15am Monday & Friday

Rosary 9.30am Monday & Friday

Adoration Wednesdays 8-9.15pm

Friday 10.30-11.00am

Saturday 10.30-11.00am

Confessions Sat 10.30-11.00am Sun 10.00-10.20am

In Peter writes:

Over recent years stories emerge of some new take on a funeral service, whether about loading the ashes of the deceased into a rocket and firing it into the sky, or a pre-set recording of the deceased's voice planned to emanate from the coffin as it is being lowered into the ground. These are but a minute number examples of the hapless humour that emerges when life possesses no meaning and only irony can temporarily fill the void.

The decline of religious practise in this country followed closely by the decline in religious understanding has left this incredible void when it comes to death. If life possessed a meaning then death, in its finality, would elicit a period of mourning that would be followed in the fullness of time with the dawning of a sense of peace. When life has no meaning the passing of the generations cannot easily be marked through the traditional rituals of mourning, and so funerals are prone to displays of uniqueness, the least offensive being sentimental secular music, the worse as described above.

The Church makes another proposal about life after death, and thus also a proposal about life before death. Death is an enigma when contrasted to God who is life itself. This proposal is built on the fact that the Christian, and by extension all others, participates in the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Everyone undertakes this crossing 'in Christ'. The believer shares the fears of others, but deep within is the hope that that this journey is not unaccompanied, and does have a definite destination.

The soul's journey is either heavenwards or hellwards from the moment of death. The body disintegrates either in the ground or through the fire and will only be reunited at the final judgement at the end of time. Purgatory describes the time between individual death and the final judgement, a time when the soul is purified ready to see God face to face. This period might be more easily described as the time of resolving the unfinished of life, all those unresolved actions, uncompleted conversations and thwarted desires good and bad.

The unfinished business of life is not simply resolved from the perspective of the deceased but also from that of the living. The Church has always prayed for the deceased and for some periods such as the Middle Ages became a preoccupation for the Church. As a child my family lived in a former chantry which had been established by a nobleman in the later 1300s for three priests to pray for the repose of his soul. Edward VI and Thomas Cromwell had terminated this divine work in the 1540s but even four hundred and twenty years later the house still possessed a palpable sense of peace.

The month of November is the traditional time when the Church prays for the deceased, the Holy Souls, all those still on their journey heavenward in order to bring them spiritual completeness and ourselves spiritual peace. The discovery of peace in the light of the death of a loved one, a parent, grandparent, or sibling is a slow and erratic process but grace does bring its healing gifts. Part of that healing is the knowledge that heaven will not be like anything we know immediately here on earth. Therefore, the question raised by the Sadducees in this Sunday's Gospel is incoherent, because it implies an exact correspondence between earth and heaven. The bodily resurrection of Jesus and the fact that He appeared to His disciples indicates that we will recognise each other in some way, and the love between people will remain, but how the relationships that mark human life in the world are unbundled and reformed remains profoundly mysterious. The experience of peace with regard to those that have gone before us gives hopes that this gift of grace will extend forever outwards and brings wholeness to every human interaction.

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The Parish Office is open Monday-Friday 8:00am-12.45pm. Parish Administrator: Jean McGinley; Bookkeeper: Ann Edes

Antiphon

Let my prayer come into your presence,
Incline my your ear for my cry of help, O Lord.

Response to the Psalm

I shall be filled, when I awake,
With the sight of your glory, O Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Sick:

Carol Samba, Colin Bartram, Gerry McEntee,
Rose Williams, Peter Coughlan, Hilary Sudell,
Rose Lorden, William Hamilton, Mary Arnold,
Ethan Knott, Cesar Juan Urrutigoity,
Mary Ethel Arnolda, Francesca Bianchin,
Sydney and Patricia Parkes, Judith Thomas,
Wanda Ostrowska, Christopher Browne,
Antonella Sesta, Margaret Masterson,
Bernard Sharratt, Carmen Ruibal,
Ann Macpherson, Donal Dwyer (brother of
Mary Ibbett), Barry Titmus and
Chris McLoughlin (son of Olga)

Anniversaries

Bernadette Birks, Mary Barron, Jack Kadlec
Margaret Keegan, Joan Scriven, Tom Barron,
Agnes Walsh, Molly Maxwell, Jean Heavey,
Bill Duncan, Julia Dunnage, Hazel Green,
Anne Bailey, Gerry Artizone, Win Winter,
Kathleen Goldstone, Robert Breen,
Harry Phipps and Fr Ian Dommersen,

Deanery Intentions:

For Fr Ulick Loring and the parishioners of
St James' Church, Twickenham



Every November the church prays particularly for the Holy Souls and Masses will be offered three times a week for them in November. If you would like the deceased members of your family to be included please

complete the mauve sheet provided and place it in the Holy Souls envelope and post it through the Presbytery Letter Box with a donation. The completed sheet will then be placed in the basket which will be placed in front of the weekday and Sunday altars for the duration of November.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 9th-Sunday 17th November

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| Sat 9th | 10.00am Mass 10.30-11.00am Adoration 6.30pm Mass | Holy Souls Margaret Lovat RD Sawal |
| Sun 10th | 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass | Deceased family & friends of Miri Roderick Walker RIP Winter For the Parish |
| Mon. 11th | 9.15 Morning Prayer 9.30am The Rosary 10.00am Mass | Holy Souls |
| Tue. 12th | 10.00am Mass | Eugenie Gomes RD Cardoza |
| Wed. 13th | 10.00am Mass | Holy Souls |
| Thurs. 14th | 10.00am Communion Service | |
| Fri. 15th | 10.00am Mass | Holy Souls |
| Sat. 16th | 10.00am Mass 10.30am-11.00am Adoration 6.30pm Mass | Keith Matthewson RIP Laurence Pinto RIP |
| Sun. 17th | 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass | Zef's deceased relatives Hazel Green Anniversary Green Marie Melton RIP |



Next Baptism Courses

Tues Nov 19 & 26 and

Tues Jan 14 & 21 at 8.00 pm

If you wish to be enrolled on one of the courses or wish to book a date for Baptism please talk to Fr Peter first and then contact the Parish Office 8.00-12.30pm 020 8892 3902

Blessing of the Graves

This Sunday

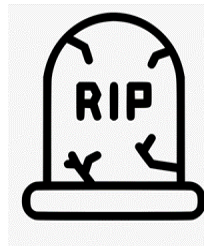
There will be the traditional Blessing of the Graves at Twickenham Cemetery,

Today Sunday 10th November at

2.00pm We will start with a short open air

Liturgy individual graves will be blessed including **Fr Sydney Dommersen, Canon Desmond**

Swan, Fr Ian Dommersen and the Sisters of Mercy from St Catherine's and St James's Schools.



10th November 32nd Sunday of the Year (c)

2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14

Psalm 16

Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

Luke 20:27-38

17th November 33rd Sunday of the Year (c)

Malachi 3:19-20

Psalm 97

Thessalonians 3:7-12

Luke 21:28



**First Holy
Communion
2020**

First children's session

**Saturday November 9th 5:15pm start
followed by 6:30pm Mass.**

Please pray for the parish children and their families who will be preparing for receiving Holy Communion on 16th May 2020 that they will grow in faith and understanding over the months of the course.

**New Parish Website:
Potography Notice**

Please note that we will have a photographer taking photos at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday 17th.

These photos will be taken for our online media platforms. If you would prefer not to be included in these photos, please introduce yourself to the photographer before the Mass.

Sick & Retired Priest's Fund

Please support them today!

**Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th November
Our second collection today
will be in support of the sick
& retired Priest's Fund.**

Most priests offer their resignation as a parish priest at the age of 75. but many continue to serve their communities, working in our parishes, schools, hospitals and chaplaincies. We must ensure no priest is worried about meeting essential costs during their senior years and, as such, Cardinal Nichols and the Diocese of Westminster are committed to ensuring that no retired or sick priest is left without support.



Project 2019

**50 Aniversary
Classical Concert**

Friday 15 November 8 pm

Last chance to bury tickets!!!

Enjoy pieces from a wide range of composers
chosen by and starring professionals

Rachel Smith - Flute

Sophy Cartledge - Harp

Liz Benedetto - mezzo contralto

Emma Highams - flute and piano

Lesley Hill -Tenor

David Hill - Guitar

Music

from **Bach, Telemann, Debussy, Piazzola,
Ireland Elgar, Faure and Hahn**

The evening will start with the singers from
St Richard Reynolds College
- our stars of tomorrow perhaps.

A Light Supper in the Hall afterwards can only
add to your enjoyment.

Tickets £15 -on sale after all Masses.

Cash Bar, Teas and Coffee
available from 7:15 pm

**Sunday 17th November
Pastoral Feast of St Margaret of Scotland
Coffee and Cake Celebration
after the 10.30am Mass.**



I invite any young chefs to make
cakes and biscuits for sale after the
10.30am Mass all proceeds will go
to the
2019 Project Fund.



Confirmation 2020

If you are in Year 9 or above, and wish to be Confirmed next year, please come and collect a Mass attendance card from me after Mass. The classes will start after Christmas and last till mid-May. The date for Confirmation has not been set but will probably be in June.

Fr Peter

Getting to know the Gospels Better in a Reading Group

with the help of the excellent James Martin SJ book

'Jesus – A Pilgrimage' After several appeals, we will be seeking a more family-friendly evening than Friday for our future meetings. **(Watch this space!)**

Update on Training and Re-training our Readers

The First Session last Sunday included some new and young readers, along with many veterans (and was deemed very productive)

**Second-Chance Session is on Sunday 17th
November (i.e. next Sunday)**

9.20 – 10.20 (between the morning Masses)

These sessions are expertly led by Allison Drew

(PS. Reading the short '*Check-List for Readers – incl. experienced readers*', available at the back of the church, would be useful preparation.)

More readers still urgently needed for the Saturday 6.30 and Sunday 8.30 and 6.30 Masses



ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

VIDETE BONAM DOMINI

The St Richard Reynolds Choir for Parents, Friends, Staff and Governors is now starting its Christmas repertoire and would love new members to join, in preparation for our Christmas concert on 18th December. Pieces include 'Have yourself a merry little Christmas', 'Jingle Bell Rock' and some classic Christmas carols. We rehearse 6.30-7.45pm at St Richard Reynolds on Tuesdays during term time, £4 per session or £35 per term, and have a good male/female balance. All are welcome, just turn up. For more info please contact Caroline Firman at c.firman@srrcc.org.uk.



Soup Lunch

This month's lunch will be held on **Friday 15th**
between 12.15 and 1.30 p.m.

Please come and join us for a lovely home cooked lunch. All donations will be sent to help support the work of Fr David Cullen among the very poor and needy in Chipata, Zambia. 100% of the money we send will be helping people in desperate need.

If you have never come to a lunch before, or if you are a regular or occasional attender, you will be MOST WELCOME.

See you there!



Car Parking

The Management of Old Lodge Place our neighbours, have written to us complaining that cars continue to park on the slip road in front of the the Presbytery although **No Parking signs** are on the wall. Would you please refrain from parking on this road which is maintained by the above company.

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Meeting on

Monday 11th November
In the Parish Hall at 7 pm

