

# ST MARGARETS PAGE

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (c)

Patronal Feast of St Margaret of Scotland Sunday 17th November 2019



*In Peter writes:*

This Sunday the Parish celebrates its Patron Saint, St Margaret of Scotland (1045-1093) one of the largely unknown saints of the Middle Ages and someone of whom I knew nothing before coming to this parish. St Margaret lived at the heart of Anglo-Saxon and Scottish political establishment, and like today not the obvious place for sanctity yet she joins Edward the Confessor, St Osmund of Old Sarum as one of the three great saints of those troubled times.

The Church recognises her as a saint whose consistent spiritual acts of charity revealed her inner holiness. St Margaret lived in times different to our own, and lived a life circumscribed by the minutiae of court life. This life though, of repeated exile and homecoming, is not dissimilar to that of many migrants today. She must have seen her experiences not in terms of victimhood but as part of the unfolding providence of God to which she connected in prayer. St Margaret made use of the circumstances of her own family to pursue her religious life of prayer and almsgiving.

St Margaret along with St Edward, St Osmund and St Thomas More provide encouraging examples of what is possible in public life. The complexity of public life has greatly increased since then and the domain of government has extended over much of human activity but the foundation of the moral life remains the same, to seek good and avoid evil remains. The increasing complexity and extended reach of government has magnified the consequences of political choices, consequences unforeseen at the time of decision. A recent suggestion coming from the current election is to reduce the working week to four days and has immediately rung alarm bells in the NHS about funding is just one example such of un-thought through consequences. The examples could be multiplied of seeing political activity in terms of cause and effect alone, of a managerial understanding of human society, of the preponderance of experts advising in their limited field. In terms of their chosen area of expertise they might know more than the ordinary person but when it comes to a proposed vision of society, they can claim no advantage.

St Margaret and her saintly companions were not experts on processes, or agents of a society dominated by managerial cause and effect. They lived under a higher power, God, who would, through His Son, establish His kingdom in due time. The earthly kingdom was a very imperfect prototype of the heavenly kingdom but whose earthly conduct mirrored the commands of the Gospel. Obviously, there was probably as much sin, violence, greed and veniality as today, but the ever-present reality of divine judgement must have placed a fitful brake on possible action. This might seem incredulous to the modern mind that religion reduces violence but the examples of the revolutions in Russia, China and Cambodia where God's existence was expressly denied, points otherwise.

## 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

The decline in coherent and systematic religious belief has taken away something not thought through when the cry went up to keep religion out of politics. Religion offered a coherent big picture of human flourishing which was not something one could pin down in a series of statements or attainment targets. The bigger picture gave the sense of direction and an underlying purpose to our society. Obviously that sense of direction differed in detail between political parties, but for any democracy to work an underlying unity beneath the differences needs to hold. This used to be provided in England by the Church of England, in Wales by Non-conformity, and Scotland by the Episcopalian Church. These churches were broad enough in belief as to content of faith but which all accepted the Ten Commandments as the structure for moral life.

This election has demonstrated the baleful effects of this gap. None of the party leaders claim any religious affiliation and are beholden to abstract notions such as freedom, the collective or process. Once such ideas are detached from the person, they lose their anchor and are devoid of real meaning. This makes voting a difficult task because there is no obvious home for the 'Christian' vote. One must try one's best to discern in each political party amongst the claims and counterclaims which party would prove least damaging to the weakest members of our society, provide opportunity for the children and young people of this country and sustain an economy that would benefit all people.

Our task though, like that of St Margaret, goes beyond this minimum. Like our patron we should allow the practice of faith to develop a deeper charitable vocation towards others, both to those in obvious need and to sustain our parish as a 'cell of good living', a living microcosm that reflect something of the beauty of the kingdom of heaven to which we are all called.

Parish Priest: Canon Peter Newby. Deacon: Joseph Estorninho, Safeguarding Officer: Sarah Jones.

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

### Antiphon

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction

### Response to the Psalm

The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness

### 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)

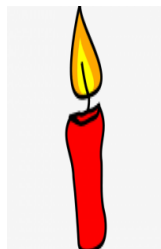
#### Anniversaries

Tomasz Mrowka, Carmel Murray, Mary Nutt, Bernard Cunningham, Gerald McDonnell, Edmund Noons, Angela de Souza, Annie Swan, Irene Stanley, Keith Matthewson and Myles Murray

#### 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 Novem-

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday 9th-Sunday 17th November

Sat 16th	10.00am Mass 10.30-11.00am Adoration 6.30pm Mass	Holly Souls  Keith Matthewson RIP
Sun 17th	8.30am Mass  10.30am Mass  6.30pm Mass	Zef's deceased relatives  Hazel Green Anniversary Green Marie Melton RIP
Mon. 18th	9.15 Morning Prayer 9.30am The Rosary 10.00am Mass	Holy Souls
Tue. 19h	10.00am Mass	Katie Healey RD Collins
Wed. 20th	10.00am Mass	Holy Souls
Thurs. 21st	10.00am Communion Service	
Fri. 22nd	10.00am Mass	Holy Souls
Sat. 23rd	10.00am Mass 10.30am-11.00am Adoration 6.30pm Mass	Jan Marshall RIP Walker
Sun. 24th	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass  6.30pm Mass	Marie Metcalf RIP O'Connor Terence Lewis RIP Erhardt-Lewis  Helen Douglas Int Johnstone



### 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

### New Parish Website:

### Photography Notice

### Today

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

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

Malachi 3:19-20

Psalm 97

Thessalonians 3:7-12

Luke 21:28

24th November Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (c) 2Samuel 5:1-3

Psalm 121

Colossians 1:12-20

Luke 23:35-43



## COMMUNION SCHEDULE

### First Holy Communion 2020

Saturday November 16<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> May 2020 that they will grow in faith and understanding over the months of the course.

**Today**

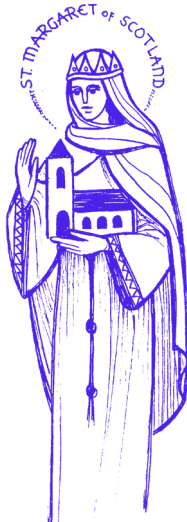
**Sunday 17th November**

**Pastoral Feast of**

**St Margaret of Scotland**

Coffee and Cake Celebration  
after the 10.30am Mass.

Our young chefs have made  
cakes and biscuits for sale after  
the 10.30am Mass. All proceeds  
will go to the  
**2019 Project**



## POSADA

### Innkeepers & Pilgrims Needed in Advent

Small knitted figures of Mary & Joseph will be travelling through Twickenham this Advent. Innkeepers are needed to host them for a night as they continue their journey. Would you like to welcome them into your home? Innkeepers then become pilgrims as they take Mary and Joseph on the next leg of their journey to the next home they will be staying at.

The tradition of the travelling crib is hundreds of years old and originates from Spain and South America where each evening during Advent "Las Posadas" takes place ("posada" means inn or lodging). Pilgrims re-enact Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem in preparation for the birth of Jesus, travelling on their journey looking for somewhere to stay for the night.

This is a lovely way to do something spiritual in Advent and enhance your anticipation of Christmas and the excitement of receiving again the new life that comes to us with the birth of the baby Jesus.

Young and not-so young; singles, couples and families can all take part. If interested, please sign up for one date on the sign up sheet at the back of church, with your name, address and contact details. Ann will then be in touch with further details of Mary and Joseph's journey.

Any questions, please contact Ann Edes on 07837 095 837 or [annxedes@gmail.com](mailto:annxedes@gmail.com)



### "GETA - David Rose's Running Sponsorship

*Due to the fantastic support of sponsors for David's efforts in recent running events, including the Cabbage Patch 10 miler, a total of £1,015 has been raised to go towards the construction of the boys' dormitory at St Theresa's School. There is still time to push this total higher using one of the envelopes at the back of the church, or directly to 57 Court Way, Twickenham, TW2 7SA. Cheques payable to 'GETA' Once again, many thanks for your incredible generosity.*

**GETA Trustees** "Many thanks",

David Rose

Chairman, GETA

Charity no 1167092

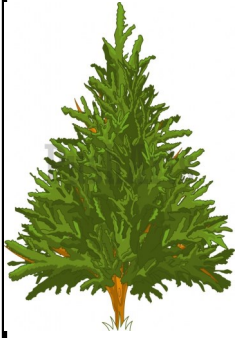
[www.geta.org.uk](http://www.geta.org.uk)



## 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



*It's nearly the most wonderful time of the year... The Angel Tree 2 weeks to go!*

St Margaret's is once again partnering with St Luke's and The Barn Churches in Kew to buy gifts for those less fortunate than ourselves. You could make Christmas special for those who probably will not receive a gift this year by selecting an angel from the angel tree. Our Angel Tree will be up from Saturday 30th November for two weeks over Advent. Remember to pick up one (or two!) before or after Mass. Don't forget we will be wrapping the gifts on Monday 16th December from 6.30pm, so save the date and come along and have some festive fun. If you have any wicker hamper baskets or boxes that you can donate we would be very grateful.

Caroline Estorninho

## Church Cleaning

May I thank the faithful remnant who came to help clean the Church with Jimmy and Pat last Saturday. These sessions are vital at keeping the big tasks under control such as keeping the roofs free of leaves, the gutters unblocked, the internal glass cleaned, and the brass polished. Ala looks after the facilities and cleans the Hall and Church but is unable to undertake these larger tasks herself. This relies on us.

I am very grateful to the faithful remnant that came last Saturday but hope they will be transformed into the joyful multitude for the Lent Spring Clean that will take place next March (date to be announced).

## Advent Penitential Service

Monday 4th December at 7.30pm

with visiting Confessors

**Please note change of date.**

## 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**

**17<sup>th</sup> November (i.e. this 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**

## 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.

## Alpha

Meeting on

**Monday 18th November**

**In the Parish Hall at 7 pm**

