

ST MARGARETS PAGE

Our Lord Jesus Christ , King of the Universe (c)

24th November 2019



In Peter writes:

This weekend the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King that concludes the Church's liturgical year. It might well seem in this democratic age that the celebration of kingship sounds anachronistic and that the Church should be celebrating something more up to date such as 'people power' instead. The Kingship of Christ is not the celebration of power but of divine love which is all powerful but one that is never imposed but only offered on this earth

The Gospel reading demonstrates this point clearly. Jesus was crucified between two thieves and their shared conversation pin points the loving power of Jesus. Both wish to escape their predicament, one demands immediate earthly salvation, of coming down from the Cross and continuing with his earthly life, maybe reformed or not, while the other wishes simply to be remembered when Jesus enters His kingdom. The latter's wish is granted, and he does share in this divine rescue, and enters into paradise. He demonstrates that the fear of God is not terror but the inner acceptance of God's power to save.

The world of power looks to have vanquished the world of love in the death of Jesus on the Cross but the Resurrection points the other way. Love has triumphed over the world of death. The drama of the Cross is the one moment on Calvary which extends over all creation and the Cross therefore becomes the point of judgement on the world. The Cross judges the forces of evil and of death.

The Crucifixion is the foundation of Christ's kingship because it turns around the sign of weakness into a sign of strength, and the gateway to eternal life. The Cross is both the symbol of God's power but also the perennial question mark over human conduct, both individually and collectively. The reality of the Cross makes visible the limits of human power, both in its ability to save humanity and in the extent of its reach. The political system of any country must ensure a shared order between people, provide security for its citizens and the space within which to live family life. No political system can promise salvation yet listening to recent manifesto pledges for this election one would be hard-pressed not to accept that salvation can be found through political action. The staggering amounts of money pledged by different political parties all demand the same question as to the source of this largesse. Over-inflated claims always bring disappointment, and erode the respect owed to those who govern since the promises are never completed.

More subtly the Cross raises questions about the legitimacy of moral

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

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

action The Cross is the visible voice of conscience. both belief. Jesus died for all victims whether the unborn, the terminally ill, the migrant, the victims of abuse, the homeless, indeed all those on the margin. The fact that Jesus died for all these, makes them the legitimate heirs of His kingdom. Next month's General Election, raises the question as to how the different parties aim to engage with these groups. Their proposed treatment becomes the litmus test for the Christian vote. There is no one obvious political party for the Catholic vote since each party contains policies both antithetical and favourable to the Christian faith. It is more a matter of tone rather than detail. Does each party recognise the line between public concern and family or private life? How much should any government meddle in the education of children, legislate on lifestyle, or impose thought patterns on to the mind.

On the Easter Vigil the priest inserts the grains of incense into the Paschal Candle with the words, 'by these glorious wounds....' The Cross brings peace to the world by breaking down the barrier between God and humanity, and therefore the Christian has something to bring to public life, the care for the victim and the means for peace. Every Christian has a duty to 'the least of the brothers and sisters of mine'. The message of the Good Thief to Jesus is our message too: 'Remember me when you come into your kingdom'. Jesus has remembered us, and we, through the Church, are in that kingdom, and so we too can offer the same message of hope to others in the name of Christ.

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

Antiphon

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour.

To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

Response to the Psalm

I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's house."

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), Paul Costello and Kevin Sweeney

Anniversaries

Vivyen Loyal, Canon John Formby, (former Parish Priest of St Margaret's) Nina Gumbleton, Chales Grove, George Noonan, Gertrude Pugh, Michael Ryan, Kathleen Chidzey, Ben Mericks, Eileen Winter, William Dexter, Lucienne Tybershein, Cyril Roberts Margaret Lydon Maureen Joseph, Bernard O'Hara, Betty Cameron Waller, Babeski Beni, Catherine Waller, Babeski Benison and Jean Willett

Deanery Intentions:

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

New parishioners who would like to make a commitment to regular giving are encouraged to complete a standing order form or to make contributions through weekly envelopes.

Please contact the parish office for more

Information: stmargaretsonthames@rcdow.org.uk

Mass Intentions

Saturday 23rd Nov - Sunday 1st Dec

Sat 23rd	10.00am Mass 10.30-11.00am Adoration 6.30pm Mass	Holy Souls Jan Marshall RIP Walker
Sun 24th	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Marie Metcalfe RIP O'Connor Terence Lewis RIP Erhardt-Lewis Intention of Helen Douglas Johnstone
Mon. 25th	9.30am The Rosary 10.00am Mass	Canon John Formby Anniversary Former Parish Priest of St Margaret of Scotland
Tue. 26th	10.00am Mass	Joseph & Winifred Grant RIP Graney
Wed. 27th	10.00am Mass	Intention of Maria Sharratt
Thurs.	10.00am Communion Service	
Fri. 29th	9.30am The Rosary 10.00am Mass	Alison Noble Anniversary Noble
Sat. 30th	10.00am Mass 10.30am-11.00am Adoration 6.30pm Mass	Holy Souls For the Sick of the Parish
Sun. 1st December	8.30am Mass	Intention of Gonzaloer Walker
1st Sunday of Advent (A)	10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Eileen winter anniversary Christopher Bermingham RD Doyle



Next Baptism Courses

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

First Holy Communion 2020



COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Saturday 23rd November 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.

24th November Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (c) 2 Samuel 5:1-3 Psalm 121 Colossians 1:12-20 Luke 23:35-43

1st December First Sunday of Advent (A) Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 121 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:37-44

WAYSIDE NATIVITY CAMBRIDGE PARK

Escape the commercial hoo-ha, enjoy a peaceful stroll along the Thames and discover an unusual nativity scene.

Follow the pathway linking the towpath with Cambridge Park and look for a niche in the wall where you will find a little reminder of what Christmas is all about, lovingly created by two local women, Ana and Gill.

You are invited to attend the blessing of the nativity by Father Peter at 1.30pm on Sunday 1st December, after which it will be on view until January.

CLEANERS REQUIRED – GUMLEY HOUSE SCHOOL FCJ

We require a cleaner to start as soon as possible to work part time for three hours per day, (the exact hours to be negotiated), Monday to Friday, term time only. This position is offered on a relief basis, in the first instance, with a view to becoming permanent following a successful probationary period of three months.

For further enquiries or to request an application form, please contact Ms Lorraine Rice, H.R. Manager, on 0208 568 8692 or by email at lrice@gumleyhouse.com

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Alpha

Meeting on
Monday 24th November
In the Parish Hall at 7 pm

Explore the
meaning of life.



Ask. Learn. Discuss.

Alpha



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Calling the inn-keepers and pilgrims

Mary and Joseph's itinerary is now arranged for Advent and they will be setting off on their journey with a blessing at the 6.30 pm Mass on Saturday, November 30th

If you signed up to host the Holy Family but have not yet received an email from Ann, please get in touch.

annxedes@gmail.com or 07837 095 837

Mustard Seed prayer meeting

Saturday 30th Nov ; 8.00pm -10.00 pm
church hall with speaker Tim Stevens from
CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration)
resources.

All welcome inquiries to Gavin and Sally
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mustardseed13@hotmail.co.uk

Churches Together in Twickenham

General Election Hustings Meeting with the

Twickenham Constituency Parliamentary Candidates

Teddington Baptist Church

17 Church Road, Teddington, TW11 8 PF

Thursday 5th Dec at 7.30 p.m

100 Club

Congratulations to our November winners:

First Prize £100 No. 37 Catherine Wigington

Second Prize £50 No. 50 Marianne Messenger



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A huge thank you to Maggie Thompson and all those who were involved in the grand 50th anniversary concert last week. A very special evening with many talented musicians, which raised just over £1000 towards our Project 2019 development fund.

Thank you also to the young people who baked and sold cakes and other delights on Sunday, raising £120.

Advent Penitential Service

Wednesday 4th December at 7.30pm

with visiting Confessors

Sick & Retired Priests Fund

£485 collected

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to the Sick & Retired Priest's collection recently.

This helps to ensure that the sick and retired priests will receive the care and support they need.



7 more sleeps until it's back The Angel Tree

Our angel tree will be up from **next Saturday** for two weeks over Advent. Remember to pick up one (or two!) angels before or after Mass and you could make the difference for someone who is unlikely to receive a gift this Christmas.

If you have any wicker hamper baskets or boxes that you no longer need we would love to take them off your hands as they are perfect for our hamper presents. Please leave them in the sacristy and we will collect them.

Finally, please put **Monday 16th December** in your diary as we need you to help wrap the angel tree presents. Join us in the hall **from 6.30pm**

Caroline Estorninho

50th Anniversary Talk on

St Margaret of Scotland:

History and Legacy

By John Joe Watts, parishioner

To coincide with the 50th anniversary of the parish, this talk will examine the historical reality of St Margaret and her times, and will explore her legacy as queen and saint.

All welcome. Bar open. Light refreshments

**Friday 13th December; 7:30 pm—9 p.m.
in the Church hall**

