

# ST MARGARET'S PAGE

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER - 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021 Year B



*In Peter writes:* One point that often strikes me when reading about the saints of the Church is their constant search for forgiveness and the sense of their sinfulness. At first sight it, would not the opposite would be the case. They are saints, more holy than ourselves, and surely their need for forgiveness consequently less. Yet reading St Augustine's Confessions or St Teresa of Avila's life by herself, their minutely and keenly observed personal reflection pinpointed the entry of sin into their lives. Augustine wanted to be like the other boys so stole the pears from the orchard, a trivial incident that bore him down, likewise St Teresa read novels as a young woman in imitation of her mother, but unlike her mother gave up on her life of prayer.

Both saints discover what the Psalmist wrote three thousand years ago, 'Lord, free me from my unknown faults'. How, one might ask could they or us be guilty if one's conscience was clear at the time. Age and the passage of time demonstrate that though our conscience at the time was untroubled, it had also yet to be formed. Being able to reflect backwards into childhood is always bitter-sweet experience, the original innocence has disappeared but also that a developed conscience accepts that adult sensibilities cannot be retrospectively applied unilaterally to one's own or anyone else's childhood.

Charles Ryder, the chief protagonist of Evelyn Waugh's *Brideshead Revisited*, does not lament the 'cocksure certainties of his youth', and compared his moral development to the production of port that takes years to mellow to its naturally rich flavour having begun as a bitter liquid. Conscience seen in this developmental way cannot be divorced from the search for truth and goodness. Thus, if you hear yourself saying all too easily, 'my conscience is clear'. This may well be the case but very subtly it may be just an excuse for a convenient stop on the path towards goodness. Life may be characterised as a series of compromises but to see them as inevitable is to begin to let iron into the soul. They are compromises and bring with them both individual

Mass Times & Liturgical Services		
Saturday	10.00 am & 6.30 pm	
Sunday	8:30 am, 10:30 am & 6.30 pm	
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday		10.00 am
Eucharistic Service	Thursday & Friday	10.00 am
Rosary	Mon, Tue, Wed (via Zoom; please email the office for link)	9.30 am
Confessions	Saturday	10:30-11:00am
	Sunday	10.00 am - 10.20 am

and social consequences. The recent populist movements of Black Lives Matter, Me Too and Everyone's Included have identified the social consequences of collective blindness. I doubt the list will end here. These movements bring other ideological baggage with them, but their originating sentiments touch this collective blindness and lack of formation of conscience.

This Sunday's Gospel of the vine offers an alternative viewpoint. The Christian disciple is a pilgrim whose conscience is in a process of constant formation through engagement in his or her faith, the full life of the Church, its sacramental, teaching and community roles. The vinedresser, God the Father, prunes the branches, makes us sit up and recognise the need for change both in myself and in the world. Seeing a vine laden with fruit is such a beautiful image of the possibilities of human life, that it makes the statement, 'basically I am a good person' seem rather small minded in comparison. Not because one might not be. This is not a judgement on the moral qualities on those who use such expressions, but rather to question the measure. Is our limited humanity a better scale to use rather than the superabundance of God's grace and mercy?

The Christian religion does not start with a moral code but a living relationship with Jesus Christ. Our dynamic relationship with Jesus within His community, the Church, will make us see that sanctity, the really good life is the goal of faith. Grace keeps our eyes open and makes sure that any attempts at self-justification should be taken very with caution. The Church is inviting us to a greater vision. Recent events demonstrate that this might not be a bad idea and would indeed bring authentic cultural change.

St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9.30 am - 12.30 pm. Emails are checked regularly.

## Mass Intentions Saturday 1st May – Sunday 9th May

01/5	Sat	10.00 am	Pupils and staff of St James School & St Richard Reynolds Catholic College	
		6.30 pm	Jonathon Ware RIP & family	Maggie Thomson
02/5	Sun	8.30 am	Deceased members of St Margarets Parish	
		10.30am	For you the people	
		6.30 pm	The families of St Margarets Parish	
03/5	Mon	12.00pm	The families of St Margarets Parish	
04/5	Tues	10.00am	Feast day of St Richard Reynolds Catholic College	
05/5	Wed	10.00am	Stanislawa Ociepkova RIP	Margaret Ociepka
06/5	Thur	10.00am	Eucharistic Service	
07/5	Fri	10.00am	Eucharistic Service	
08/5	Sat	10.00am	Deceased members of St Margarets Parish	
		6.30 pm	The families of St Margarets Parish	
09/5	Sun	8.30 am	Missionary spirit of the Parish and the Church	
		10.30am	For you the people	
		6.30 pm	Work of missionaries throughout the world	

### Entrance Antiphon:

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
for he has worked wonders;  
in the sight of the nations  
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

### Response to the Psalm:

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly

### Mass Arrangement

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday - 10.00 am  
(No booking needed) (live stream available)

Thursday & Friday - Eucharistic Service 10.00 am

**Saturday** - 10.00 am & 6.30 pm

**Sunday**—8.30 am , 10.30 am (Booking needed) (live streamed)  
6.30 pm

**Rosary on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday** at 9.30 am (on zoom)

### Refurbishment of the Parish Hall, Facilities and Basement

May I write to impart the good news that the building work has been given permission to proceed by the Finance Office of the Diocese. The builders will arrive on **Monday May 10<sup>th</sup>** and with a fair wind conclude on **Friday September 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

Please note the following changes for the construction period.

The Hall, lavatories and basement will be out of action and inaccessible. Facilities will be provided on the Presbytery ground floor for the four months. The carpark will also be partially occupied by the builders. Weekday parking will be difficult and Sunday parking restricted. My hope is that these temporary inconveniences will be outweighed by the emergence of a restored hall, enlarged kitchen and better facilities in September. Please may I ask for your patience during this period.

This is also the moment to thank once again all those who have contributed to the building fund which has reached nearly £130,000 donated and pledged. The financing of the project is divided into the three parts, the fundraising campaign, the partial use of the cash balance in the bank and a loan from the Diocese of £125,000 payable over seven years. The loan will be paid back through additional Hall rentals, some fundraising and regular donations from the existing building fund.

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Stanislaw Wozniak, Adriana Posse de González (Valeria's Mum), Rachel Rose, Fr Paul Bigirwa, Arthur Mathewson, Pat Friel, Mary Reagan, Pauline Slawson, Ben, Carol Samba, Colin Bartram, Gerry McEntee, Rose Williams, Peter Coughlan, Hilary Sudell, Rose Lorden, William Hamilton, Luca, Mary Arnold, Cesar Juan Urrutigoity, Mary Ethel Arnolda, Sydney & Patricia Parkes, Wanda Ostrowska, Christopher Browne, Antonella Sesta, Margaret Master-son, Carmen Ruibal, Ann Macpherson, Chris McLoughlin (son of Olga), Kevin Sweeney, Christopher Cousins & Simon Barber

**Anniversaries** - Ignatius Ashton, Charles Rowe, Ann Osborne, Dorota Leszczynska, George Hamilton, Thomas O'Connor, Lourdes Pereira, Louise Godfrey, Dorothy Gavigan, Charles Knott, Daniel Delaney

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed*

*through the Mercy of God rest in peace. Amen*

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 2ND MAY

Acts 9:26-31

Ps 21:26-28, 30-32 r. 26

1 John 3:18-24

John 15:1-8

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER - 9TH MAY

Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

Psalm 97

1 John 4:7-10

John 15:9-17

# LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

We have raised an *amazing £4500/-* via donations for Richmond Furniture Scheme to procure starter packs of essential home items for those being re-housed or moving into accommodation for the first time.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping us raise this fantastic amount.



## Diocese of Westminster

**Thy Kingdom Come - *Lighting up the world in prayer* –  
13<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021**

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/thy-kingdom-come/>

Once again, alongside other Catholic dioceses we are pleased to be participating in this timely ecumenical initiative to help us reflect more deeply on our journey with Christ and personal call to discipleship. A variety of rich Catholic resources are available for use in our parish communities, which can enable us to prepare more fully to celebrate the great Feast of Pentecost. In a year that has been beset by many personal challenges and worries, we hope that these resources may provide a useful source of spiritual nourishment and reflection.

**We would like to highlight the following key resources:**

### **Pentecost Novena:**

A beautiful way to prepare ourselves for the joy of Pentecost, This resource is available as a download, booklet, or podcast: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/thy-kingdom-come/pentecost-novena/>

### **Journey with Mary:**

This special playlist has been created for us to journey with Mary from the Ascension to Pentecost. What would we say, or share with Mary?

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/thy-kingdom-come/journey-with-mary/>

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### **Praying for 5:**

During the novena which 5 friends, family, neighbours, who may be away from the Church, or have yet to discover the love offered them by Jesus would you pray for. Simply do so throughout the day and ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit for them.

A simple Prayer Journal has been produced to support our personal prayer during the novena,

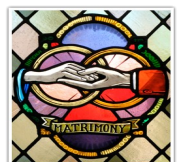
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### **For Families:**

There are some delightful resources to help families, particularly those with young children praying Thy Kingdom Come. To explore what is on offer please click below; <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/cheekypandas>

**Sharing your good news:** We would love to hear **Thy Kingdom Come** stories from your parish – before, during, or after the Novena. Please send these, and any pictures you might want to share, to Deacon Roger Carr-Jones at the Agency for Evangelisation – [roger-carrjones@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:roger-carrjones@rcdow.org.uk).

**Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the  
Sacrament of Holy Matrimony,  
via live-stream from  
Westminster Cathedral,  
on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 3.00pm**



The Cardinal will be celebrating a live-streamed Mass for all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2021.

If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy/parish office the following details:

- ◆ husband and wife's names
- ◆ wedding date
- ◆ full postal address and
- ◆ email (or telephone number if no email)

and these details will be sent to those organizing this celebration.

An Order of Service can be downloaded from the Cathedral website before the event

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



### Baptism

Should you wish for your child to be baptised, please either speak to Fr Peter after Mass or contact the parish office to arrange a meeting.

The next pre-baptism courses for parents will be on **Session 1 & 2** - 11th May & 18th May at 8 pm (online)

**Children's Liturgy on Zoom;** on alternate Sunday mornings  
**9:45 – 10:15 am**

For children aged 4 – 11 (roughly)

**Upcoming dates: May 16**

Activity packs with craft materials will be available to pick from the Parish Office.

Suggested voluntary donation of £2.50 for 3 weeks of craft material for activities.



### First Holy Communion Programme 2021



The celebration of First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 17th July.

The course has begun on 17th April and will run over 12 weeks.

### Marriage Course 2021



Next marriage course will be at the Oratory on Saturday October 30th. If you would like to book please contact Fr Michael Lang, on michael-lang@rcdow.org.uk St Margaret's alternates with the Oratory in providing Marriage Preparation Courses.

### The Day of the Lord.



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It is a reflection by the Bishops of England and Wales, developed during their recent Plenary Meeting. It pays tribute to the work of so many people over the past year of the pandemic, and seeks to elucidate some of the challenge that faces us as a Church in the months ahead. As you will see, the centrality of the Eucharist and the greatness of the gift of the Mass are stressed.

To read the reflection online you can find it in full in this article on the diocesan website: <https://rcdow.org.uk/news/bishops-encourage-catholics-to-place-sunday-mass-at-the-heart-of-their-post-pandemic-lives/>

To view The Day of the Lord in pdf ([click here](#)).

**Cardinal Vincent Nichols**

# HELLO!



### New Parishioners evening

*Every few months the Parish holds a New Parishioner meet to welcome those who have arrived in the neighbourhood and have started coming to Mass at St Margarets.*

*If you are a new parishioner, come and hear about Parish life here at St Margarets and share in our mission as a catholic community.*

*I look forward to meeting you zoom-wise and speaking in person here at the Church.*

**Wednesday, 19th May**

**8.00 pm - 8.45 pm**

*Please email parish office for joining details.*



### Vaccine Confidence Webinar - Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May from 10am to 11.30am

A Covid-19 vaccine confidence webinar has been organized for the of Dioceses of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster, with the cooperation of Hertfordshire County Council and Hammersmith & Fulham Council, and other local authorities. It will take place on Saturday 15th May 2021 from 10am to 11.30am and will feature a panel of eminent medical experts led by Prof Kevin Fenton, Regional Director of Public Health London. The panel will share the latest information on COVID-19 vaccination. There will be an opportunity for participants to ask questions anonymously. To join the webinar: <https://zoom.us/j/99627319556> Passcode: 546617 (click for POSTER)

### Priest training fund

If you do not have a donation leaflet, plenty are still available on the foyer at the church. You can donate online anytime at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations)

### Do you speak Turkish or Ukranian?

Fr Peter is looking for a parishioner who might speak either Ukranian or Turkish, or both to help with preparing a family for Baptism. If you might be able to help, please contact the parish office.

Donating to St Margaret of Scotland is very simple. You can make one off donations or pay monthly. Click on this link to contribute: [Virgin Money Giving](#). Thank you!

