

ST MARGARET'S PAGE



13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 2 July 2023 - Year A

In Peter writes:

Last Tuesday I watched in the Parish Hall along with a group of parishioners the film called 'The Letter' which charts the invitation to a dozen young people to attend a meeting with Pope Francis to discuss *Laudato Si*, his document on the care of the precious earth. This papal letter taking the title from St Francis' hymn to creation is an invitation to the whole world to care properly for creation.

Each of the delegates came from places that were suffering particularly from the effects of the changing climate owing to increasing temperatures and rising water levels, a global phenomenon that began at the industrial revolution. The pace of pollution has increased and despite a few notable successes such as the banning of CFC gases that were destroying the ozone layer, and creating a hole above the Arctic and Antarctica, now recently closed. Thus, one delegate came from a coastal town in Senegal that was gradually disappearing under the water, another from the Amazon region, a couple from Hawaii, another from coastal India.

To Pope Francis the climate emergency transcends political and religious differences, but what remained unsaid in the film was that the collective human response requires strong political structures in place on the ground and a proper religious understanding of the world. Both are lacking in most parts of the world, a lack of coherent government enables a gangster a business culture to develop, and religious fundamentalism takes no care of the environment. Thus, one delegate was involved in a school for children rescued from a local madrasa, another highlighted the corruption involved in the exploitation of the Amazon. Christianity as a world religion is well placed to initiate such a global project because of its acceptance of cultures open to the spirit (of God) and openness to human creativity, necessary for finding solutions (of the world).

Catholicism as a global organised religion that brings a spiritual methodology for tackling the crisis, that firstly identifies the vision, the need for personal salvation that is connected to the beauty of the world, and secondly the invitation to share the vision with others. This is the task of evangelisation leading to personal conversion. Sharing the vision takes place locally in each community, the parish included.

John Donne wrote that 'no-one is an island' and this might be

extended to 'no community is an island.' Personal conversion always possesses a public face, so our personal decisions about our lifestyle, our carbon footprint, and our ecological responsibility may influence other people even if over the long term. As a community these acts of personal conversion have a wider ramification still, stretching beyond the confines of the parish into the world of local politics. There is such a thing as 'society' but society can only exist through personal engagement, of at least of some, of the community. There is no such thing as 'society working on auto-pilot.'

Sharing and explaining the vision is long term and painstaking, and often met with misunderstanding and opposition. Sadly, for all religious, political and environmental groups, the temptation to lecture and harangue is strong when the majority do not take up the immediate cause. For many years the pro-life and pro-choice movements took contrasting hectoring paths in front of the Abortion Bill of 1967, either anti and pro. Now the pro-life movement is not talking in terms of being anti-abortion alone but of sharing the beauty of life, of listening to the victims of the culture of abortion. Thus, the strident terms of 'my body, my right' just seems out of place and out of date, and such slogans of seeming empowerment forget that all life is shared and for which all are responsible. This has now become an ecological issue too.

Sharing the vision is fundamental for the ecological movement within the Church. Thinking that strident tones are going to achieve much is mistaken. Making progress towards a carbon-neutral society is essential but using legislation and fixating on specific technologies does not allow for freedom of conscience in sharing the vision nor being able to benefit from the fruits of human ingenuity in solving the crisis. Our small-scale shared efforts, joined with countless other communities undertaking the same will make a difference, both in facts on the ground and in the ethos of the culture. More serious decisions will involve hard choices, and these will have to be ours, and not those imply forced on others.

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Mass Intentions Sat 1 July—9 July

01/07	Sat	10.00 am	The families of St Margarets Parish	
02/07	Sun	8.30 am	Special Intentions of a parishioner	
		10.30 am	Carmen Bourne & Aldo Bianchin RIP anniversary	Lily McCaw
		6.30 pm	Special Intentions of a parishioner	
03/07	Mon	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service	
04/07	Tue	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service	
05/07	Wed	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service	
06/07	Thu	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service	
07/07	Fri	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service	
08/07	Sat	10.00 am	Pauline Crowther RIP	Thomas Crowther
09/07	Sun	8.30 am	Jozef Hrin senior RIP	Elizabeth
		10.30 am	Richard Cotter	Corbett & Walsh family
		6.30 pm	For you the people	

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Cathy McKendry, Rose Blackman, Rachel Rose, Arthur Mathewson, Pat Friel, Mary Regan, Pauline Slawson, Ben, Carol Samba, Colin Bartram, Gerry McEntee, Rose Williams, Peter Coughlan, Hilary Sudell, Rose Lorden, William Hamilton, Mary Arnold, Cesar Juan Urrutigoity, Mary Ethel Arnolda, Sydney Parkes, Christopher Browne, Antonella Sesta, Margaret Masterson, Carmen Ruibal, Chris McLoughlin (son of Olga), Tony Tucker, Dr Christopher Khoo, John Wood-Collins, Eleanor Drew, Jim Polland, Theresa Bulpitt, Sue Rolph & Dick Cotter.

Anniversaries - Ida Kosciesza, Mary Farrell, Emily Bartholomew, Rita Farrell, Alice McCarthy, Fr. Louis Boudier, Freda Liney, Albert Collins, Trixie Tobback, Paddy Kennedy, Jack Dwyer

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the Mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

July Prayer Intentions - For a Eucharistic life: We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

Baptisms - God's blessings to Oscar George Zernys & Edith Bridget Harris Pullen, who were Baptised in the last two weeks. May the light of Christ burn brightly within them and guide and protect them always. Congratulations to the family.

Entrance Antiphon:

All peoples, clap your hands,
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

Response to the Psalm:

I will sing forever of your love, O Lord.

Mass Times & Liturgical Services (3/07—9/07)

Weekend Mass	Saturday	10.00 am
	Sunday	8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.30 pm
Weekday Mass	NO WEEKDAY MASS THIS WEEK	
Eucharistic Service	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday	10.00 am
Confessions	Saturday	10:30-11:00am
	Sunday	10.00–10.20am

Holy Hour

Please note that we will break for the summer after our final Holy Hour on 30th June.

We will return in September.



New Readers Rota - July, August & September

Please look out for an email with the rota for the summer months. This is always a tricky one, as many are on holiday. So if you know you will be away, please do try and swap with a fellow reader in advance and mark it up on the rota in the church porch.

Other news: after two years of excellent rota organisation and delightful emails, Emily Nestor is stepping down from the role of coordinating the readers rota, having taken on extra responsibilities at work and further training as a podiatrist. Thank you Emily / we wish you every success.

We welcome Lucy Ayliffe who will take on the task of organising the rotas - Lucy's daughter Cecily received her 1st Holy Communion this year. Thanks also to Lucy for stepping into the role.



ST. MARGARET'S FAIR Saturday 8th July



The church has booked a stall at the above event. The main aim of the stall is to advertise our presence in the community.

We shall be selling religious items and bric-a-brac. " We URGENTLY need items for sale on the stall. Religious items such as rosaries, icons, religious pictures, bibles and books. Also general bric-a-brac which attracts people to the stall and raises some money. If you have any of the above to spare please leave at the office or contact Jimmy Green as below."

We will need volunteers to erect and operate the stall. If you can volunteer please give your name to the parish office or Jimmy Green on 07400 475 950.

It is a day full of fun for the entire family, so join in. Please find more details on the website of St Margarets Fair — www.stmargaretsfair.org Thankyou.

World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of young people from all over the world with Pope Francis, taking place in Lisbon this summer.

If you can't attend the main event, why not join **WYD in London** - a day celebration on **Saturday 5th August 2023** from 11am-5pm in the church by **Leicester Square**.



Programme: music • prayer • talks • activities • Mass, bringing together a young community of different nationalities in one faith! Venue: Notre Dame de France, 5 Leicester Place, London WC2H 7BX. Donations only. **To register** a group or individually, fill in the form: bit.ly/wydlondon

If you would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact us!

Anne Marie Salgo, **Religious of the Assumption**.
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www.assumptionreligious.org | www.assumptionvolunteers.org.uk

School Santa Teresa Del Nino Jesus, Madagascar - Message from Sister Josefina

I am writing to express my heartfelt appreciation and gratitude for your generosity in assisting the poor children of Antsenavolo and Ampitakely, Fianarantsoa, Madagascar.

Your generosity has helped raise £1,242.18.

Your contribution will have a tremendous impact on those we are helping. Your kindness will enable us to provide meals for the approximately 200 children who we provide meals for during the school day. Thank you for your great commitment in providing for them. With warmest regards, God bless you all. Sister Josefina de Jesus, Religious of the Assumption in Madagascar.

St Margarets Youth Group - Volunteer leaders sought!

From September the Parish will launch a monthly group for Years 7,8,9 here at St Margarets, meeting on the second Sunday of each month from 5:00pm to 6:15pm followed by Mass at 6:30pm after the first meeting.



The evenings would include sport, games, discussion and pizza.

If you are between 18 and late 30s, and have an interest in this ministry, please contact Fr Peter or the Parish Office. If possible, I would like to find two leaders before the summer so that all the necessary procedures may be undertaken before the first meeting on Sunday 17th September. Future dates would revert to the second Sunday of the month, October 8th, November 12th, December 10th.



Mission Unleashed: an event with Cardinal Tagle

The Church has a mission but what is it? And how should we do it? Cardinal Tagle of the Philippines has responsibilities for evangelisation and mission in the Vatican and is an inspirational speaker. Join CAFOD online for **Mission Unleashed: Embracing the Social Dimension of Evangelisation hosted by CAFOD on 14 July 7:00-8:30pm.**



Please see www.bigmarker.com/cafod/evangelisation to book your place for this webinar and be sent the recording. All welcome.

"ECO church is an interdenominational Christian environmental award for churches.



The awards work by completing an online survey to gauge where our church is in: worship and teaching, building and land, how we engage with our local community and the personal lifestyles of our congregation."

We have decided to approach this by having a focal point each month:

May: Water Butt - already installed

June: Compost bins - reallocate the 5 old bins at the back of the church garden.

July: Recycling in hall

August: Change hall light bulbs for energy efficient units

The following months' focal points will be decided shortly.

This is a great opportunity for our church community to become more environmentally involved. For instance, by reduction of car use or reducing personal energy consumption.

We are also looking for people to become more involved by becoming a champion to lead one of the areas.

Do contact the parish office if you would like to be more involved.

Pilgrimage of Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life, to Walsingham

Saturday 5th August, led by Archbishop Kevin McDonald.

For details see the poster on the noticeboard, or go to www.prolifepilgrimage.org

Please join in the 'great prayer for life' asked for by Pope Saint John Paul II.

There is great need of prayer. The UK Government have pressed on with their determination to impose abortion on the unwilling population of Northern Ireland. Abortions in Scotland have reached a record high. There is continued pressure to introduce Assisted Suicide, a Parliamentary Committee in England and Wales currently taking evidence. Looking more widely there is increasingly aggressive silencing of views opposed to the liberal agenda, the latest examples being the arrest of a woman for silently praying outside an abortion clinic which was not even open, and the imposition of 'buffer zones' around abortion facilities.

We hope that you will encourage many parishioners to join the pilgrimage, if not in person then online, and through the year to come to help as many as possible to 'accept the gift' of life.

More information is available at www.prolifepilgrimage.org,

with our grateful thanks,

Christopher & Margaret Langley

Pilgrimage organisers



Pilgrimage to Walsingham in Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life

led by

Most Rev. Kevin McDonald
Archbishop Emeritus of Southwark
commencing at the 12 Noon Pilgrim Mass
in the Chapel of Reconciliation

Saturday 5th August 2023

DEPARTURE 7.30 a.m. (prompt)

Westminster Cathedral

Ambrosden Avenue

Tickets : £25.00

from **Domenica** 07913 434357

for more details
www.prolifepilgrimage.org

follow online at walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/

*Enjoy warmth and good company
here at St Margaret's
at our much loved
"Tea & Chat"
every alternate
Wednesday*

from 1:45 pm – 3:15 pm

Dates for your diary.

5th July & 19th July



All are welcome.

Please feel free to bring along a friend or a neighbour.

Congratulations to our 100 Club Winners

Winners for the month of June 2023

1st Prize No.31 Helma Jotischky £100/-

2nd Prize No 50 Catherine Wigington £50/-

(Numbers are generated by a random number generating website)