

# ST MARGARET'S PAGE



27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 02 OCTOBER 2022 - Year C

## *In Peter writes:*

Nearly every week I say an early morning Mass for one class at St Richard Reynolds. This year the cycle is beginning with Year 11, GCSE year. There did not seem much enthusiasm but I would expect nothing less! Other than fulfilling the timetabling requirement and to provide material for a Section 48 inspection for a Catholic school, why would I bother celebrating Mass. There is something in the celebration of the Liturgy that cannot be communicated in any other way, and the dynamic can touch the most disinterested and antagonistic selves. Jesus' great acts, his teaching, his miracles, his healings are distilled into a sustained action in time and space, the ritual of Mass, and his acts does not remain mere words or memories alone. Liturgy engages us beyond the passing thoughts of the mind, and variable sentiments of the heart. Every participant is entering a drama, of ultimately, cosmic proportions, the conquest over death and the access to eternal life.

Every culture since the dawn of time has recreated its history and its aspirations, in some form of ritual, so in the world of British sport it is; tea and cricket; pims and croquet, rugby and beer, football and lager. Other countries have national days, normally celebrations that mark the overthrow of ancient regimes. Only in Northern Ireland is the defeat of James II celebrated amongst the Protestant community. Elsewhere in Britain national holidays do not take on this nationalistic flavour, nor of any workers revolution. When the Labour government instituted the May Day Bank Holiday in the 1970s, any thought of it being the celebrations of workers' rights, for better or worse, soon evaporated. Our secular liturgies are more sport or family. The funeral of Queen Elizabeth being the most notable exception.

Back to Mass, the two poles of life, journey and homecoming, are brought together. The staple of timeless ritual discovers a deeper unity in the person of Jesus Christ who was both given to the world to undertake the journey of public life, the contents of the Gospel, and return to the Father, having conquered sin and death, his true home.

Journey and homecoming are fecund images of our human condition, and they take particular shape in each of our lives. All of us have a story to tell about our own

Mass Times & Liturgical Services		
Weekend	Saturday Sunday	10.00 am 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 6.30pm
Weekdays	Tuesday & Friday	10.00 am
Eucharistic Service	Mon, Wed & Thurs	10.00 am
Rosary	Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri & Sat	9.30 am
Confessions	Saturday Sunday	10:30-11:00am 10.00 – 10.20 am

life's journey. Each of us possesses a deeply held attachment to home and all the customs attached with that reality. There is though only one journey of life and there is ultimately only one eternal home. This is not always obvious submerged in the flux of daily life and the strident culture that marks modern life. The Mass makes sense of this flux, and just for an hour a week, every participant can enter another zone.

To see life as a journey, however fragmented it may seem at any one time, is to begin to discover God, who both makes the journey possible and who Himself becomes the final destination, the ultimate desire of humanity. To discover God does not entail rejecting all other desires whether of happiness, love, friendship, belonging. Instead belief in God brings order to what would otherwise be inchoate, unattainable and contradictory goals.

The Christian takes further steps. God does not simply bring order into our jumbled-up desires, He intervenes through His Son Jesus Christ who out of love for us, and being one of us, brings healing to the confusion and fragmentation that marks every human life. To see one's own life in fragments, whether good parts, in-different parts or bad parts, is implicitly to recognise life should be a whole, and as whole possess meaning and be orientated to an ultimate destination. Belief in Jesus Christ does not come from personal success but from relative failure.

Thus, the Mass potentially is for everyone, even if receiving Holy Communion, is an expression of true communion might not always be appropriate as when the fragmentation of life turns into serious sin. Another sacrament, that of Reconciliation, becomes necessary. Participation in Mass will always restore and make sense of life, now in fragments and as one seamless whole for eternity.

St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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## Mass Intentions Sat 1 Oct – Sun 9 Oct

1/10	Sat	10.00 am	Missionary spirit of the Parish and the Church	
2/10	Sun	8.30 am	For you the people	
		10.30 am	For The Intentions of Thomson & McCarthy families	
		6.30 pm	For wellbeing of Ellie	
3/10	Mon	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service	
4/10	Tues	10.00 am	Mollie Helen RIP	Maria Drennan
5/10	Wed	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service	
6/10	Thu	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service	
7/10	Fri	10.00 am	Joe & Kathleen Lucey RIP Anniversary	Maria Drennan
8/10	Sat	10.00 am	Intentions of the Secular Clergy Common Fund	
9/10	Sun	8.30 am	For you the people	
		10.30 am	Philip Crowe RIP	Margaret Crowe
		6.30 pm	Mary Coughlan RIP Anniversary	Davis family

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Cathy McKendry, Olga Romero, Sue Rolph, Rose Blackman, Rachel Rose, Fr Paul Bigirwa, 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 Master-son, Carmen Ruibal, Chris McLoughlin (son of Olga), Judith Thomas, Allan de Souza, Tony Tucker, Dr Christopher Khoo, Mary Ibbett & John Wood-Collins.

**Anniversaries** - Anne O'Hare, Mary Deal, Josephine Chivers, Ben Orton, Joseph McAlees, Bridie Barry, Joe Miller, Oswald Durkin, Peter Hammerton, Ronald Martin, Cyril Golden, Chris Winter, Attilia Bonnici, Felicity Collins

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

**Baptism** - God's blessings to Joseph Bahoshy, who was Baptised last week. May the light of Christ burn brightly within him and guide and protect him always. Congratulations to the family.

## Entrance Antiphon:

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will.

For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

## Response to the Psalm:

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts.

## Eucharistic Service

We will have Eucharistic Service taking place on Monday 3rd, Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th October.

## Sacramental Programmes

**Sacramental preparations are open for parishioners and those who attend Mass regularly at St Margaret's.**

### Baptism

Should you wish to have your child baptised in this parish, attendance at our Pre Baptism course is compulsory. Please either speak to Fr Peter after Mass or contact the parish office. Our November course dates - 18th & 25th November 2022.



### First Holy Communion 2023

Applications are now open. If you would like your child to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, please speak to Fr Peter after any Mass that you attend. The closing date for applications is 16th October 2022.



### Confirmation 2023

Applications are now open for the Confirmation 2023 course. Kindly speak to Fr Peter after any weekend Mass that you attend.



### Marriage Preparation course

St Margaret's will hold a course in the first half of 2023. The London Oratory will have their marriage preparation day on **Saturday 5th November.**

For further information on courses at The Brompton Oratory kindly contact Fr Michael Lang (michaellang@rcdow.org.uk)



## St Margaret's Forthcoming events



**Monday, 7th November** - New parishioners evening taking place on Zoom at 8.00 pm. Invitations will be sent out shortly and the joining details will be emailed to you nearing the event. Please contact the Parish Office via email if you are interested.



**Sunday, 13th November at 2.00 pm**

Blessing of the graves  
Twickenham cemetery  
Hospital Bridge Rd, Twickenham TW2 6LD



**Sunday, 20th November**  
Feast day of St Margaret's  
10.30 am Mass

There will be a shared lunch in the hall after Mass. All are welcome.

## Certificate of Catholic Practice

Fr Peter will be available to sign the CCP's as below



**8th October between 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm**

**&**

**23rd October between 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm**

Kindly ring the doorbell at the Presbytery and wait till you are received. Fr Peter will have the standard CCP forms available with him. Please bring your child's details written out clearly in BLOCK LETTERS on a piece of paper with the Full Name, Address, Post Code and the date of birth.

If you are bringing in any form other than the standard CCP form, kindly make sure that all the relevant details are completed before you visit Fr Peter.

## Children's Liturgy Workshop evening

Thursday 6th October



7.30pm in the Parish Hall

If your children enjoy the sessions and you are keen to get more involved please join us for an informal evening this Thursday to learn more about how you can become involved and how we try to deliver the Gospel in ways children can grow in Faith.

Any questions do contact

Kathryn 07889952111

## Helpers needed to be on a rota to serve tea/coffee after 1030 am Sunday Mass



The opportunity to meet each other socially is an important part of our parish community life and the "sliding doors" between the Mass room and the social area were a key concept of architectural design of the church, envisaged more than 50 years ago. "Build the community and then we will build the church" famously declared Fr Sidney Dommerson, parish priest in the 1960s.

With Fran & Joe having moved to Scotland, we now need a rota of "teams" who will be on duty once a month. What's involved?

- Arrive about 20 minutes before Mass to set up the teas/coffees in the kitchen, turn on the hot water heaters/prepare the dishwasher, etc.
- Serving the teas/coffees from approx 1130 - 1200
- Clearing away/sweeping the floor etc approx 1215 - 1230 so that the hall is left clean and tidy for the next user.

Please let Cynthia in the parish office know if you would be happy to take a turn.

Thank you.

**The Parish Pastoral Council**

**VOLUNTEER**





Come and join us for Our  
much loved  
"Tea & Chat" afternoons

every alternate **Wednesday**  
from **1:45 pm – 3:15 pm**



Next dates for your diary  
**October - 12th & 26th**

*All are welcome.*

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

Youth Alpha taking place at **St James Parish** and St Margaret's children are invited. We would also like to invite them to the Youth Club:



**Youth Alpha** – For young people in Years 9 to 11. Come and see, join us for our open evening on **Wednesdays** from **7pm to 8.30pm** starting on the **21<sup>st</sup> of September**. You are invited to a delicious evening meal and will also have the opportunity to watch the intro video and find out more about the course. The Youth Alpha production is specially tailored for you and is hosted by Ben and Jason who as they travel the world, they unpack the basics of the Christian faith in a fun, interesting and humorous way. Sign up form <https://forms.office.com/r/mGePbY9F0K> For more information you can email [twickenhamgroups@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:twickenhamgroups@rcdow.org.uk)

**Youth Club** - From September St James' Church will be hosting their YOUTH CLUB for school **years 7 to 11** which will be divided in 2 groups: Group A for school years 7 and 8 and **Group B** for **years 9, 10 and 11**. The Club offers a safe environment where young people can meet up, make new friends, and participate in a range of fun activities and outings. There will also be time for prayer and to reflect on light faith topics. Dates: **Alternative Fridays** starting on the 30th Sep, then on Oct 14th, Nov 4th, 18th; Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> / Time: **7pm-9pm** / Place: **St James Church Parish Hall, 29 Radnor Rd, Twickenham TW1 4NE**. To sign up please use the link: <https://forms.office.com/r/dxK4CQdWWc> For more information email [twickenhamgroups@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:twickenhamgroups@rcdow.org.uk)

**Volunteering Opportunities** – We have volunteering job vacancies for **young adults aged 16+**: Youths Leader at Youth Club or/and helpers for the general running of Youth Alpha. This is a great opportunity for those doing DofE or St. Pope John Paul II Award, great to add to your personal statement for uni application or in general for your CV! For more information, please email [twickenhamgroups@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:twickenhamgroups@rcdow.org.uk)

**Congratulations to our  
100 Club Winners**

**Winners for the month of  
September 2022**

**1st Prize No. 16 Patricia Friel £100/-**

**2nd Prize No 79 Joseph A Estorninho £50/-**

(Numbers are generated by a random number generating website)

### Children starting school in Reception 2023



St James's Catholic Primary School in Twickenham is a high achieving, vibrant school (rated 'Outstanding' by OFSTED), serving our local Catholic community. Each individual child at St. James's grows in the knowledge and love of Christ. In partnership with parents and the whole community, our purpose is to provide a high standard of education appropriate to the child's age, giving the maximum opportunity to realise their potential.

Due to the generosity of previous parishioners who funded part of the new build some years ago, the Admissions Policy gives priority places to 15 Catholic children who live within the geographical boundaries of St Margaret's parish.

The headteacher Mr Beatty warmly invites you to come and visit the school. Tours of the school take place every Friday morning at 9:30 am. Please reserve a place by emailing the school office [info@st-james.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-james.richmond.sch.uk)

Application forms and information about how to apply for a place are available on the school's website.



### CAFOD Family Fast Day – World Food Crisis Appeal

Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. As each day goes by, the situation worsens. As people of faith we must act. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. Please give today or start a monthly gift to CAFOD. Use the envelope for our parish collection or go to [cafod.org.uk/fastday](http://cafod.org.uk/fastday).