

# ST MARGARET'S PAGE



5th SUNDAY OF LENT - 3 APRIL 2022 - Year C

*In Peter writes:*

The superabundance of God's mercy made available through the Church will forever stand in contrast to the sporadic supply of mercy available elsewhere whether that be from us or from the societies in which we live. Rejecting mercy does not lead to strength or peace but to destruction as can be seen throughout the world; now the Ukraine, in recent years in Syria too. War that leads to the loss of life and destruction of so many homes and communities, the collapse of civic society through corruption and violence, subsequent mass migration, and environmental degradation of the globe. Put together it all makes for depressing reading.

The offer of mercy will not solve any of the above problems but the offer of mercy gives back hope to those who seek this divine mercy, and in so doing gives them a reason to live and so help create a society that respects the right to life, individual, familial and communal. The offer of mercy always finds its origin in God alone, but its outcome is always the joint enterprise between Christ and the believer seeking to have his or her life restored. The acceptance of divine mercy sets off a chain reaction and creates a virtuous circle that contributes to creating in the words of Cardinal Hume, 'a civilisation of love'.

This Sunday's Gospel of the potential condemnation of the woman caught in adultery presents a stark contrast between the mechanistic application of the Law demanded by the elders, and the offer of mercy proffered by Jesus Christ. The elders wanted immediate justice. Jesus was looking for conversion so He neither condemned the woman nor did He condone what she had done, nor did He say that it somehow did not matter. The offer of mercy rises above those conversations to seek the higher goal of life restored and redeemed. In so doing Jesus was not denying the necessity of justice, the restoration of what was lost through punishment. He was renewing its exercise so that justice would serve the coming of the kingdom of heaven, rather than follow the cold logic of an immutable law. The exercise of justice, whether at home, or in society at large is a creative activity that should aim ultimately to restore the individual back into the community and not condemn them

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

for eternity since where there is life there is always hope of a change of heart.

To be able to show mercy towards others in our own lives is a very powerful witness to the love of God. To offer mercy is to demonstrate some inner strength because mercy does not mean accepting any and every moral choice as being equally valid. That form of open-mindedness quickly descends into a lack of care for others, especially with respect to the most vulnerable as has been all too often be seen in our own society.

The Church has traditionally divided the works of mercy into the corporal and the spiritual, so that the good ideas of the Gospel are made tangible and realisable in the life of the believer. Those acts that show care for the spiritual wellbeing of the other include, instructing, advising, consoling and comforting. The corporal acts of mercy include feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned and burying the dead.

To show this mercy in these particular ways in our own lives requires first and foremost the acceptance of divine mercy which is probably the most difficult thing to undertake because it cuts so deeply into our pride, that either makes us think we do not need the mercy, or thinks we are not worthy of the mercy. The season of Lent is the time presented by the Church to break down some of that pride and make the celebration of the Triduum the gateway to the gift of mercy.

St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Monday to Friday (9.30 am - 12.30 pm) Emails are not checked out of office hours.

## Mass Intentions Sat 2/4 – Sun 10/4

02/4	Sat	10.00am	Works of charity in the neighbourhood	
		6.30 pm	NO MASS	
03/4	Sun	8.30 am	Thanksgiving for Golden Wedding Anniversary	Maz & Bernard Winter
		10.30am	Golden anniversary - Maz & Bernard Winter	Parishioners of St Margaret's
		6.30 pm	For you the people	
04/4	Mon	10.00 am	Deceased members of St Margaret's Parish	
05/4	Tues	10.00 am	The families of St Margaret's Parish	
06/4	Wed	10.00 am	Missionary spirit of the Parish and the Church	
07/4	Thu	10.00 am	Works of charity in the neighbourhood	
08/4	Fri	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service	
09/4	Sat	10.00am	For you the people	
		6.30 pm	NO MASS	
10/4	Sun	8.30 am	For the intentions of James Gallagher	Mary Gallagher
<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b>				
		10.30am	Eugene McGarvey RIP	O'Leary family
		6.30 pm	John & Rita Lavery and Lynda Ban-Lavery	Gerard Ban-Lavery

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Cathy McKendry, Olga Romero, Sue Rolph, Rose Blackman, Stanislaw Wozniak, Adriana Posse de González (Valeria's Mum), 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 Masterson, Carmen Ruibal, Ann Macpherson, Chris McLoughlin (son of Olga), Christopher Cousins, & Judith Thomas

**Recently deceased** - Fr David Cullen RIP

**Funeral details** - April 29th at 11 am St Peter and St Paul's Church, Northfields, 38 Camborne Avenue, Ealing. Burial will follow at St Mary's Cemetery.

**Anniversaries** - Dorothy Kinstley, Margaret Sidey, Joe Romer, Louis Desombre, Len Haughty, Peggy Chambers, Agnes Good

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

**Entrance Antiphon:** Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

**Response to the Psalm:** What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

### Holy Week & Easter Sunday Mass arrangements

**Monday - 11th April** - Lenten Service of music and Penance, 7.00 pm—8.00 pm

**Maunder Thursday Mass** - 14th April, 7.30 pm. Watching at the altar of repose until 10.00 pm.

Night Prayer - 9.45 pm

**Good Friday** - 15th April, The Liturgy of the Passion, 3.00 pm. Children's Stations of the Cross (TBC)

**Easter Vigil** - 16th April 8.00 pm (Confessions from 10.00 to 11.30 am).

**Easter Sunday** - 17th April 8.30 am & 10.30 am

**There will be no evening Mass on Easter Sunday.**



### Lent at St Margarets

**LENT**  
Pray + Fast + Give

During Lent the following times of prayer, catechesis and almsgiving will be offered to give an anchor to whatever we have decided will be our Lenten practices this year.

#### Lent Course

Fr Mark Toups: A personal encounter with the power of the Gospel

7:00pm – 8:00pm led by Fr Peter and Marta Baker (in person in the Church hall and by zoom). Kindly contact the parish office if you would like to receive the link.

#### Stations of the Cross

Wednesday's (7.30 pm led by Fr Peter or Deacon Joseph). Friday's 7:30pm led by Deacon Joseph.

#### Eucharistic Adoration

Friday's 8:00pm – 9:00pm

**Lenten Project**—Please see details of fundraising events overleaf. Envelopes for donations are available at the back of the Church and can be added to the collection basket.

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - 10 APRIL 2022      Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm 125    Philippians 3:8-14      John 8:1-11  
Psalm 21      Philippians 2:6-11      Luke 22:14 – 23:56

## Sunday Lunches

Our parish will be hosting an occasional simple Sunday lunch for people who may or may not be homeless, but are in need of a healthy home cooked meal and some company.

Can you spare some time to help make this happen? We will be on a rota with other Richmond churches and may be catering for up to 25 guests each time.

Sunday lunch dates: (lunch served from 1230 after morning coffee)

- 24th April - 17th July
- 11th September - 9th October

We need people to help with any of the following tasks:

- Making a veg soup
- Cooking a main meal (eg shepherds pie, pasta bake, lasagne (meat plus veg option))
- Making a desert
- Welcome and chat
- Clear and wash up

Food may be prepared off site and guidance will be given as needed.

Please join our signup sheet online for any of the dates, or sign the sheet at the back of the church and we will be in touch.

[volunteersignup.org/PPBQT](https://volunteersignup.org/PPBQT)

Thank you in advance for helping us to make this happen. Cath Brizzell (on behalf of Fr Peter & The Parish Pastoral Council)

Phone - 07754893846, Email - [Cathmcdee@yahoo.com](mailto:Cathmcdee@yahoo.com)

It is with deep regret that we report the death of Fr David Cullen and give details of the funeral:-

**April 29th at 11 am St Peter and St Paul`s Church, Northfields, 38 Camborne Avenue, Ealing**

For some years we have supported the Missionaries of Africa, until recently known as the White Fathers, through monthly donations, usually from the soup lunch, till Covid, but recently through donations from several parishioners. Since Fr David returned to this country, for health reasons, he has sent the money to his former assistants in Zambia who arranged for it to be distributed to the most needy. We currently have over £300 in hand and will arrange for his confrere in Ealing to send it.

There will be discussions by parishioners, after the funeral, to decide whether we, as a parish, will continue to support this work in Zambia

With best wishes  
Bernard and Maz

*Wishing the golden couple,*

*Maz & Bernard Winter,*

*a very happy Wedding anniversary on 3rd April 2022.*



*From Fr Peter and all at St Margaret's.*

## Lenten Project fundraising events

**LENT**  
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**Soup Lunch - raising funds for the Lenten Project Charities**

**Friday April 8th; 12:15 - 2:00 pm**



Come & join us for a bowl of soup and some delicious home-made cakes. £5 per person.

We need to know numbers in advance to help cater for everyone. Please book a place using the link below. Thank you. <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/stmargaretsonthames/events/964/>

## AN EASTER GARDEN COMPETITION FOR ALL AGES

Unleash your hidden creativity and make an Easter Garden as part of your Holy Week reflections.

It should contain these 5 things:-

- A tomb
- A flat stone to roughly cover the entrance to the tomb
- A small piece of white cloth to fold & leave inside the tomb
- Flowers (real or crafted) · A line from scripture or a word eg 'He is risen!'

**Suggested entry donation £5. Deadline Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> April.**

It could also contain if you chose: A small hill with tomb buried inside or 3 crosses on top for Calvary. Figures, Animals, Battery operated candles etc., any other lovely ideas you may have. This is a competition for all ages, so you can create a garden as a family or a couple or as a single person. There will be a small prize for the best gardens. The gardens will be displayed in church over the Triduum. Some examples are below.



## Wednesday "Tea & Chat"

**Come and join us every alternate Wednesday - 2.00 pm - 3.30 pm**  
Next on - April 6 & 20th

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



## GOOD FRIDAY

### WALK OF CHRISTIAN WITNESS

Ecumenical walk of witness organised by

St. Mary's, Twickenham



#### Good Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April

Meet at 9:00 am on Twickenham Green (outside Arthur's Café). Process along Heath Road and Wharf Lane to the riverside.

A short service will be held at the end of the walk at the Diamond Jubilee Gardens, Twickenham riverside at 9:15 am. If you prefer not to walk, you are welcome to attend the prayer service only.

All Christian groups have been invited and everyone is welcome including accompanied children. If you would like, please bring crosses.

### JOIN THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR AT ST MARGARET'S

The next opportunity to join the choir will be on **Palm Sunday, 10 April**, when we will sing some simple chants during the procession and after the Passion reading.

If your child would like to join please come to Church at 10.00 am and see Mark Underwood, our regular 10.30 am organist and Emma, 8.30 am organist, who look forward to seeing you.



Now that our regular booker has concluded their sessions in the Parish hall, I would like to re-establish a parish based Parent & Toddler group. This will be a simple affair, minimal cost, meeting once a week on **Thursdays between 10.00 am—12.00 pm.**

I am looking for 4 pairs of volunteers who might like to run this group.

Kindly contact the Parish Office or Fr Peter if you would like to help.



### Calling all Doctors and Nurses and Carers

The Catholic Medical Association

Annual Conference 2022

At St Mary's University, Twickenham

**April 23rd 2022**

"Palliative Care : The Christian Way "

Details and Application - [cygnetdoc@aol.com](mailto:cygnetdoc@aol.com)

[cmacnf39@gmail.com](mailto:cmacnf39@gmail.com)

<https://catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk>



We are advertising some teacher and support staff vacancies on our web-site, link to follow - <https://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk/our-college/vacancies>



The current vacancies we have are:

Primary School Teacher

Teacher of Design Technology

Site Assistants

Casual Readers/Scribes

Kind regards, Mrs C. Richardson, SRRCC Recruitment



**St James's Catholic Primary School**  
*'Put out into the deep'*

### Foundation Governor Vacancy

Would you like to serve the local Catholic community in an important and strategic way, ensuring that our children benefit from an education that reflects a Catholic vision and ethos?

St James's Catholic Primary School, Twickenham, has a vacancy for a Foundation Governor. St James's is an outstanding school and Governors play a strategic role in the school's development. Governors need to be willing to work as part of a team, read papers, attend meetings and ask constructive questions. There is free training available from the Borough and the Diocese.

For this vacancy, we are particularly seeking applicants with commercial, contract or legal experience. This vacancy is open to Catholics who are not parents of children currently attending the school. Governors are appointed for a four-year term of office, which can be renewed.

If you would like to learn more about being a school governor, please email Edel Hindley, Vice Chair of St James's Governing Body at [edelhindley@gmail.com](mailto:edelhindley@gmail.com).