

ST MARGARET'S PAGE



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In Peter writes: Philip Pullman, echoing the sentiments of many, creates a chasm between the Jesus of history and the Christ of faith. As the Jesus of history has been obscured by two thousand years of Christ, his teaching is luckily opaque and lacking in detail. Detail and authority are products of the Church, in this mind-set and not of Jesus Christ. Unbeknown to them, their thinking is the product of the late 18th Enlightenment and 19th century scientific revolution. Thinkers and biblical critics rejected any adherence to tradition and to the literal truth of the Bible. What was discussed in the Universities and salons of Europe throughout the 19th century became the common place of the 20th and now 21st century. These sentiments are difficult to dislodge because they tie in with a self-referential system of thinking, that knows the answers before the questions are asked, and which lazily prefers general moral maxims than individual moral precepts. The first denies real wonder about the world, myself and my circle, the second any real sense of moral conversion.

Over throwing family and cultural traditions and responsibilities becomes normal, indeed almost necessary. Universities have become places for unmasking the hidden pattern of power, today gender or race, rather than wealth and psyche. Now students leave with £50,000 debt, being able to wax lyrically about perceived injustices and little about the subject they studied. This is not solely their fault because institutions have lost confidence in the narrative traditions of European learning from the ancient Greeks to the Modern movement, from Homer to Elliott, and feel the constant need to respond to every criticism about their conduct, their courses, their funding, their prejudices, their marking, whether merited or not. The Churches find themselves in the same position forever having to respond to crises, constantly apologising on others' terms, many of whom have little interest in seeking reconciliation. Apology should be made to those effected but that is best done in private and in person, not in public and generically.

This process of decline is not inevitable and Sunday's Gospel demonstrates why. Jesus appoints seventy-two disciples and sends them out on the same mission He himself was undertaking. This detail is fundamental as there is no difference between the mission of the historic Jesus and the continuing mission of the church of which we are the contemporary members. Jesus gives them power to preach and to heal, His own activities. After the mission He commends their success demonstrating the continuity of purpose between Him and His disciples.

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

The collective body of seventy-two disciples share in the power of Jesus, and working in pairs reinforces the fact that His power is not their personal possession alone. The power to speak of Jesus, and to offer His healing, is a shared enterprise animated by Jesus and is the nascent Church within the life of the Jesus. The community of the Apostles embraces temporarily an association of seventy-two disciples and this mass mission is turned into a visible society when the Holy Spirit descends upon the Apostles at Pentecost.

There is no break between the Jesus of history and the Christ of faith because the historic figure Jesus already had in mind the society He would establish to be animated by the same power as Himself. Every age of the Church is therefore sustained by the originating word of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, and so develops a tradition of understanding and practice. We see the same in our families, the background influence of grandparents and even great-grandparents, in our parishes, the animating influence of former Parish Priests. The Church is similar to school and university is a tradition-based organisation forever being fed from its founder and his mission.

It is easy to think that the world is an unprepossessing place for the advancement of the Gospel. Modern culture feels even less inviting than Galilee and Judaea of two thousand years ago. Yet the disciples were told that will find those predisposed to hear. The same is true today, modern culture is not a hermetically sealed non-religious society. Some people do have questions; peace remains elusive for the non-religious and religious alike, understanding in front of suffering needs reflection and explanation even if none can be found. Peoples' questions do not always come quickly, they only emerge as confidence builds in the Christians, whether individuals or communities they encounter.

A truly welcoming community should have the ability to gather, to keep together, to listen and to explain. All four facets make a proper welcoming Christian community, charged, as seen in the Gospel, with the power of Jesus Christ. There already exist those who want to hear the saving message of the Gospel.

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Mass Intentions Sat 2nd July – Sun 10th July

02/7	Sat	11.00 am	First Holy Communion children and their families	
03/7	Sun	8.30 am	For you the people	
		10.30 am	Margaret O'Shea RIP	Mary Martin
		6.30 pm	Anne Garcia RIP	Barbara de Souza
04/7	Mon	10.00 am	Deceased members of St Margarets Parish	
05/7	Tues	10.00 am	The families of St Margarets Parish	
06/7	Wed	10.00 am	Missionary spirit of the Parish and the Church	
07/7	Thu	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service	
08/7	Fri	10.00 am	Works of charity in the neighbourhood	
09/7	Sat	10.00 am	Pupils and staff of St James School and St Richard Reynolds Catholic	
10/7	Sun	8.30 am	For you the people	
		10.30 am	Mark Koscieza RIP	Nephew of Olga McLaughlin
		6.30 pm	Dr Christopher Khoo	Dr Timothy Chambers

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Cathy McKendry, Olga Romero, Sue Rolph, Rose Blackman, Stanislaw Wozniak, 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, Chris McLoughlin (son of Olga), Judith Thomas, Allan de Souza, Tony Tucker & Dr Christopher Khoo

Anniversaries - Ida Kosciesza, Mary Farrell, Emily Bartholomew, Rita Farrell, Alice McCarthy, Fr. Louis Boudier, Freda Liney, Albert Collins, Trixie Tobback, Paddy Kennedy, Jack Dwyer, John Nash, Pat Haydon, Rupert Aldrich, Margaret Wood-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 Mila Rose Bell who was Baptised last week. May the light of Christ burn brightly within her. Congratulations to the family.

Entrance Antiphon:

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Response to the Psalm: Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

Holy Hour



Please note that there will be no Holy Hour during the months of July and August. We will resume our Friday night Holy Hour in September.

Sacramental Programmes

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.



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.

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



The dates for our next course are not yet scheduled. This will take place nearing the end of the year between Oct—Nov. Please contact the parish office to register your interest and an update will be sent to you as soon we have a scheduled date.

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

Parish Summer BBQ

Sunday July 24th
12.30 pm till 4 .00 pm



All welcome; BBQ at 12:30
-- come and spend the
afternoon in the garden.

Tickets on sale after Mass or through the par-
ish office. No ticket sales on the day.

Adults - £5 each
Family ticket (2+2) £15

Bring salads and desserts to share.



SAVE THE DATE

Men's Breakfast Saturday 1st October

We have a cracking subject for you with a
very enlightening speaker, so put it in your
calendar now!

mary's
meals



a simple solution to world hunger

Our vision at Mary's Meals is simple – that every child receives one daily meal in their place of education and that all those who have more than they need, share with those who lack even the most basic things. Our faith in the simple idea that food can change the story for the world's poorest children remains strong and true almost 20 years after our founder Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow embarked on this astonishing journey. This global movement and the meals we serve are making such a huge difference to millions of lives already, but there are many more children waiting. Together we can continue to bring hope in the face of hunger as we move beyond this milestone. Please continue to walk with us as we strive to reach the next child. A representative will be at St Margaret's at the weekend of 9th July after Mass with further information on volunteers for the same.



Monthly Soup Lunch

It is being proposed to re-start the monthly Soup Lunch from September with donations which have gone to Fr David in the past to now go for the benefit of Fr Paul Bigirwa and St Theresa's Nursery and Primary School in Uganda. I would be very grateful if those who have previously prepared and delivered the events would consider continuing, and of course anyone else who wants to offer support would be most welcome.



To find out more, or to volunteer your services, please contact me at: david.rose@geta.org.uk or talk to me after 10.30 mass.

Many thanks for your continuing support.

David Rose, Chairman and Trustee.

Charity no 1167092

Pictures from our much loved tea
afternoon that took place yester-
day.



Richmond Sunday lunch scheme

Our parish will continue to host occasional Sunday lunches for people who may be in need of a healthy home cooked meal and some company.



Can you spare some time to help us make this happen? We are on a rota with other Richmond churches, and aim to cater for 20 - 25 guests each time.

Sunday lunch dates: lunch served from 1230 (after 1030 mass/ morning coffee)

2022

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

2023

- 19th February 2023

Thank you to those of you who have already volunteered your time and amazing cooking and/or washing up skills, or offered to help provide our guests with a warm welcome on the day. We still have some free slots for the next few months and have added a new date in 2023.

Jobs include:

- Welcome and chat
- Making a veg soup
- Cooking a main meal for 6-8 people (eg shepherds pie, pasta bake, lasagne (meat plus veg option))
- Making a desert
- Clearing and washing up

Food may be prepared off site and guidance will be given as needed. Please join our easy signup sheet online volunteersignup.org/PPBQT for any of the dates, or feel free to call me and I will add you to our group of amazing volunteers.

Thank you in advance for continuing to help make this happen.

Cath Brizzell (on behalf of Fr Peter & The Parish Pastoral Council)

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WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 – LOOKING TO LISBON



World Youth Day 2023 will take place in Lisbon in the beginning of August 2023. Diocese of Westminster Youth Ministry with support from Cardinal's Appeal is offering a limited number of places on this pilgrimage with a 50% discount to young people between the ages of 16-25. Any 16 year olds who apply will need to be finishing year 12 by the start of World Youth Day pilgrimage.

These young people will commit to a series of preparatory sessions from September 2022, to prepare them to assist in support roles during the pilgrimage, such as by acting as small group leaders, and also offer formation to them which will be helpful in living their faith post-World Youth Day.

More details can be found at

<https://dowym.com/programmes/world-youth-day-leadership-training/>

or by contacting Westminster Youth Ministry at youth@rcdow.org.uk. Please apply by 31 July 2022.



ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

We are currently advertising two support vacancies for a September start:

- Learning Support Assistant
- Careers Coordinator

For further information on the above, please use the link: <https://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk/our-college/vacancies>

Save the date: 16-17th July 2022.

Marriage Encounter are hosting a non-residential marriage enrichment weekend. This is a wonderful opportunity for couples to spend time reflecting on, refreshing and rejoicing in their wonderful vocation. For details go to:



[Book a weekend - World Wide Marriage Encounter England and Wales \(wwme.org.uk\)](https://www.wwme.org.uk)