

ST MARGARET'S PAGE



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - 4th June 2023- Year A

In Peter writes:

Throughout my seminary days in Rome, Trinity Sunday marked out the end of lectures and the beginning of three weeks of oral and written exams. The academic year ended on a high point, liturgically and culturally, the Franciscan Sisters of St Elizabeth of Hungary would cook an extravaganza as the culinary last hurrah. It always seemed to me a good point to change tempo, a foretaste of summer. As a liturgical moment the year ended on the Solemnity about the living God, and contrary to most who think that the Trinity is a doctrine about the idea of God alone.

Moving from understanding God as idea to experience God as life, is at the heart of the Christian faith, of moving from generalities to meeting. It is so easy to find oneself trapped in conversations about God as an idea with individuals who probably think of God as a bad idea on top. God, as understood by Christians, is not an idea but existence, and existence not as mute and unknowable but as life, life with more consciousness and depth of conscience that any human could possibly comprehend. Everything, however diverse, apart from sin finds its resolution in God. To meet the Trinitarian God is to allow one's imagination to explode, because the living God embraces the mystery of everything and the mystery of the individual. Young children intuit this relationship without much prompting, their thinking structure unencumbered by the cares of the world.

Yet as adults with duties and responsibilities, too often weighed down by cares and disappointments, imagination grows cold and thought patterns become fossilised. Losing the power of imagination dents the impact of the Gospel message about mine and your possible transfiguration when encountering the living God. Religious practice is then all too easily shrinks to duty alone, Sunday Mass practice and a rapidly shrinking number of sacramentals, those small acts of piety that keep faith going: genuflecting in front of the Blessed Sacrament; using Holy Water on entrance and exit to the Church; of abstaining from meat on Friday; of saying grace before meals.

If God does not live in the Holy Spirit then 'God', other than duty, becomes merely a matter of memory,

an echo from the past, possibly relived when visiting parents and grandparents, or at a family funeral. Jesus Christ remains a memory, and the celebration of sacraments a history play, or dated ritual only. Experiencing the living God is to experience the power of the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit sent by both the Father and the Son. To encounter this Holy Spirit is not to meet the source of some vague spiritual sentiments, but the Holy Spirit of Jesus Christ whose task is to constantly remind the believer of the teaching and impact of Jesus in life now.

Trinity Sunday follows the conclusion of Lent, Holy Week, Easter and Eastertide, the solemnity recognises that the historical events of the last three months have created a new situation for the believer, the ability to live in the Holy Spirit. At the same time, the distinct roles of Father, Son (Jesus Christ) and Holy Spirit in the Paschal Mystery (the events listed above) express their eternal dynamic within God. Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, is the consequence of God thinking Himself. Different to us whose thoughts are distinct to ourselves, God is His thought, thus Jesus makes known everything there is to know about God. God takes delight in Himself is not just internal to Himself but pours forth into creation. This pouring forth takes different forms throughout human history, as described in the great events in the Bible, through the ministry of the Church, but also personally in our own lives.

To be a Catholic is to recognise that the sacraments are the privileged and necessary places to encounter the living God. Yet the sacraments do not stand in isolation, the Holy Spirit is at work in the world and in all our lives, mostly unrecognised, prompting us to fulfil God's will in the small circumstances that mark our existence. Surrounding the sacraments in this way reinforces our understanding as privileged moments of grace, because living in the Holy Spirit makes us more aware of God's active presence and the unique mission of Jesus Christ. Reflecting on the Most Holy Trinity far from being an exercise best left to theological boffins is the acceptance that God is alive and working in the world as well as in and through us.

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 3 June – Sun 11 June

03/06	Sat	10.00 am	The families of St Margarets Parish	
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY				
04/06	Sun	8.30 am	Nela Hornikova for God's blessing upon her and peace in the heart	Elizabeth Hobbs
		10.30 am	Charles Bowen RIP recently deceased	Veronica Friel
		6.30 pm	Joseph Coughlan RIP	Davis family
05/06	Mon	10.00 am	For you the people	
06/06	Tue	10.00 am	The Green family	Mary Ibbett
07/06	Wed	10.00 am	Deceased members of St Margarets Parish	
08/06	Thu	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service	
09/06	Fri	10.00 am	The families of St Margarets Parish	
10/06	Sat	10.00 am	For you the people	
THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST				
11/06	Sun	8.30 am	Works of charity in the neighbourhood	
		10.30 am	Matthew Green RIP & the Green family	Maggie Thomson
		6.30 pm	Marta Phillips RIP	Una Byrne

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 Master-son, Carmen Ruibal, Chris McLoughlin (son of Olga), Tony Tucker, Dr Christopher Khoo, John Wood-Collins, Eleanor Drew, Jim Polland, Theresa Bulpitt & Sue Rolph.

Anniversaries - Kathleen Axton, Catherine Gale, Agnes Kenna, Bridie McDonnell, Richard Drew

Recently deceased - Judith Thomas RIP

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

Entrance Antiphon:

Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten Son of God,
and also the Holy Spirit,
for he has shown us his merciful love.

Response to the Psalm:

To you glory and praise for evermore.

Mass Times & Liturgical Services (05/06—11/06)

Weekend Mass	Saturday	10.00 am
	Sunday	8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.30 pm
Weekday Mass	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday	10.00 am
	Thursday	10.00 am
Eucharistic Service	Thursday	10.00 am
Confessions	Saturday	10:30-11:00am
	Sunday	10.00–10.20am

Call out to be an Altar Server

Calling all young people who have made their First Communion. They are now able to serve on the altar if they would like. In fact anyone of any age are welcome!



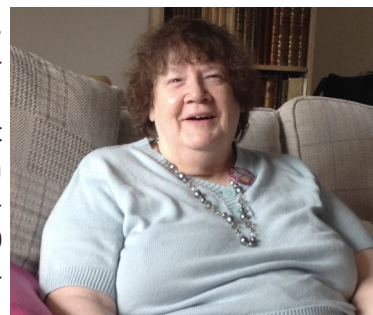
Come and join the altar server training on Saturday 17th June at 2.30 pm. If you would like to know more, please get in touch with Pat as below.

Pat [Keane pat@hotmail.com](mailto:pat@hotmail.com)

Judith Thomas RIP

A long term parishioner, Judith passed away on Sunday 21st May 2023.

Her funeral will be held at St Margarets on Tuesday, 20th June 2023 at 10.30 am followed by cremation at 12.00 noon at Mortlake Crematorium, Townmead Road, Richmond TW9 4EN Committal.



Judith's family would like to invite all who knew her to join us at either or at both services.

Wearing black is optional - Judith loved colour
Family flowers only please but there will be a collection for the Royal Marsden after the service.

"I will come to you."
John 14:18

THIS EASTERTIDE ACROSS SOUTHWARK LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS 2023

Explore what it means to be filled with the Holy Spirit.
Weekly talks and discussion - Daily reflections - All day retreat

When: May dates (lapsed). 6th June 2023 starting with a meal at 7.00 pm, session continues till 9.30 pm.

Venue : St Margaret's Parish hall, 130 St Margarets TW1 1RL

Contact: 07717 473 160 for any queries.

LEAFLETS AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.

Life in the Spirit
Seminars 2023

3rd Saturday of every month Bereavement

Save the dates



2.30 - 4.00 pm on the
3rd Saturday of every month.

**17 June, 15 July, 19 August, 16
September, 21 October, 18 November & 16 Decem-
ber**

2.30—4.00 pm at St Margarets Church Hall, 130 St Margarets Road, Twickenham TW1 1RL

Everyone experiences grief in a unique way.

The Bereavement Café is a place to meet others who have had similar experiences to your own.

It is somewhere you can speak freely and share stories with others coping with losing a loved one. Want to join.. Call this number for any enquiries 07547 976 953

Save the date

Enjoy warmth and good company here at St Margaret's at our much loved "Tea & Chat" every alternate Wed from 1:45 pm – 3:15 pm



Dates for your diary

June - 7th & 21st

All are welcome.

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

REPAIR CAFE

Twickenham Repair Café

Twickenham Repair Cafe - Save the date

17 June, 15 July, 16 September, 21 October, 18 November & 16 December

From 10:30 to 13:00.

St Margarets Church Hall (opposite St Margarets train station)

130 St Margarets Road, St Margarets, Twickenham. TW1 1RL. Want to know more then give us a shout: info@twickenhamrepaircafe.org

Have a look at our

site: www.twickenhamrepaircafe.org.



"Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski, the Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in London will visit St. Mary's University, our local Catholic University, and concelebrate Mass on Thursday 8 June at 12:30pm in the University chapel. Bishop Kenneth will also preach at Mass. St. Mary's would like to welcome the local community to the Mass to show solidarity with and pray for Ukraine."



"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.

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Retreat 2023 at Sacred Heart RC Church New Priory Quex Road Kilburn London NW6 4PS on **Saturday 17 June 2023 from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm** led by the Marian Fathers.



The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call millie on 07957594646 for more information.

Welcoming the Stranger: At Home

Many of us are wondering what we can do to walk alongside people who have come to the UK seeking safety.

Have you thought about hosting a refugee?

Come and learn about JRS UK's hosting scheme at an information evening on Tuesday 30th May, 7 pm at Arrupe Hall, London Jesuit Centre. Leaflet available at the porch.



Following the footsteps of the Saints



Called to action by our faith- Saturday 10th June

You are invited to CAFOD's International Office on Saturday 10th June for a short time exploring our faith, why we Campaign & how you can help. The morning will include guest speakers & a chance for discussion in workshops to explore activities such as [Live Simply](#), Our unfair Food System and Liturgy resources. The morning will run from 10.30-1pm at CAFOD's Office in Lambeth North SE1. For further information contact Tony tsheen@cafod.org.uk or booking please see <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events>

Looking for a party venue?

The newly refurbished church hall, kitchen and bar facilities, with access to the lovely outdoor space, are available for hire during the day and at weekends. £125 for a 4-hour booking for children's birthday parties. Some slots for regular weekday bookings are available - rates on application.



Please contact the parish office: 020 8892 3902 stmargaretson-thames@rcdow.org.uk



Parish Quiz Night

Saturday 17th June 7:30 pm

**Tickets at £15 per head
includes a fish & chips
supper**



Tables of 8, or you could join with another team. Please contact the parish office to be allocated to a team.

Interval raffle - with lovely prizes to be won.

Tickets on sale after Mass or through the parish office.

We are serving coffee and croissants after 8:30 am Mass on Sunday June 11th. Please do join us if you are free.



Mary Martin and Siobhan Bryant attended CAFOD Supporters' Annual Parliamentary Reception 'Politics for the Common Good' in the Terrace Pavilion, House of Commons, Westminster on Monday 22 May 2023 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm.