

ST MARGARET'S PAGE



14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 4th July 2021 Year B

In Peter writes: How can you hear the same story with fresh ears? This is a question for our times. Never has there been so much information but so little wisdom. Information overload has been a theme of many commentators since the 1960s, though I doubt that these pioneers had much conception of the quantities of information available today through the internet. How to make connections between pieces of information is fundamental because building blocks of knowledge become manageable. Over the last year we have become used to random pieces of information being used as battering rams but which lack any connection with anything else. This might be to do with infection rates, climate change, defunding the police, levels of poverty, homophobia, islamophobia etc. All these issues are worthy of attention but none exist in a vacuum. When these issues are seen in isolation it becomes easy to distinguish between those on message and those off message. Thus, failing to jump on the vocal bandwagon hides some guilty secret. This type of analysis is profoundly unhelpful because it pits what might be described as the Pharisees of woke and does little to either advance the causes mentioned above nor to change mindsets.

This either/or, on/off message breeds a contempt for understanding complexity, and fosters a culture of suspicion with regard to commonly accepted viewpoints on every aspect of life. No human society is perfect but may develop with the deepening of conscience as to the nature of good and evil. To view all political or ecclesiastical authority with suspicion is destructive when taken beyond the natural caution that should be expressed in relation to the claims of those in authority.

This Sunday's Gospel demonstrates clearly the dangers of the culture of suspicion which latches onto some known fact and spins the wrong and misleading interpretation. Jesus has returned to His home town, and the town's people know who He is. Paradoxically they call Him Joseph's son rather than Mary's son. Their half knowledge blinds them to Jesus' mission. What they lacked is the ability to questioning the intention of their own questioning, they failed to grasp their own antagonism. They gave the answer before they asked the question, allowing them to confirm their prejudgment as to Jesus' identity.

This inability to question the motivations of one's own questions lies at the heart of the agnosticism of

Saturday	10.00 am & 6.30 pm	
Sunday	8:30 am, 10:30 am (bookings only) & 6.30 pm	
Monday & Tuesday		10.00 am
Eucharistic Service	Wednesday, Thursday & Friday	10.00 am
Rosary	Monday, Tuesday & Saturday (In church)	9.30 am
Confessions	Saturday	10:30-11:00am
	Sunday	10.00 am - 10.20 am

the contemporary world. The ancient writers called this 'world-weariness', a profound lethargy in front of life, and which in the Christian tradition became one of the seven deadly sins, acedia, or sloth. Many years ago, Robertson Davies, a great Canadian novelist, gave an end of year talk at a girls' school saying that he thought acedia was the greatest sin. Catholic tradition thinks that place is held by pride, but the author was touching a reality all face who benefit from the plenty of middle-class life. Acedia is found in those who are unable to feel, those who have lost the power of empathy. The opposite is not required either, the modern obsession with offering intimate feelings on an internet platform and identifying personal struggles to the great unknown mass of internet surfers. There is a middle ground that is both empathetic and communicative which is the Christian way.

Sixteen months after the beginning of the first lockdown has created the perfect environment for the creation of acedia. The fear of catching Covid is a legitimate concern and thus preventative action entirely appropriate but when the fear takes on disproportionate levels something else is at work. Every situation requires the infusion of hope both spiritual and human. The townspeople displayed neither, grudging in their assessment of Jesus and His powers. Nazareth must have been a gloomy place, I imagine, a place of unfulfilled longings and pagan fatalism. Our society is heading in the same direction. Hope is now in short supply. Even the longed-for liberation owing to the vaccination programme now seems rather more illusory, travel into mainland Europe becoming more difficult by the day. There must be another place to find the hope that sloth has so clearly hidden. This hope is found in the person of Jesus who wishes to educate us in seeing and hearing, to glimpse at life's ultimate meaning and restoring us to health through His mission of mercy. Thus, we may begin to see with redeemed eyes both the vision and pain of life held together through Jesus who both died and rose to new life.

St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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Mass Intentions Saturday 3rd July – Sunday 11th July

03/7	Sat	10.00am	No Mass	
		6.30 pm	Pupils and staff of St James School and St Richard Reynolds Catholic College	
04/7	Sun	8.30 am	Katie Halley RIP	Peter & Su Slat-tery
		10.30am	Thanksgiving mass for Anna-Sophia on her birth-day	Lily McCaw
		6.30 pm	For you the people	
05/7	Mon	10.00pm	Pauline Crowther RIP	Thomas Crowther
06/7	Tues	10.00am	Deceased members of St Margarets Parish	
07/7	Wed	10.00am	Eucharistic Service	
08/7	Thur	10.00am	Eucharistic Service	
09/7	Fri	10.00am	Eucharistic Service	
10/7	Sat	10.00am	The families of St Margarets Parish	
		6.30 pm	For the intentions of Judith Thomas	Early family
11/7	Sun	8.30 am	Sally Queenan RIP	Peter & Su Slat-tery
		10.30am	For you the people	
		6.30 pm	Works of charity in the neighbour-hood.	

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:

Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy.



**Mass Arrangement
for week commencing 5th July**

Weekday Mass

Monday & Tuesday 10.00 am

Eucharistic Services

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 10.00 am

Weekend Mass

Saturday - 10.00 am & 6.30 pm

Sunday - 8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.30 pm

(Bookings required for 10:30 am Mass)

Rosary: Monday, Tuesday & Saturday at 9.30 am
in the Church

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Georgina Lotitto, 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, Luca, Mary Arnold, Cesar Juan Urrutigoity, Mary Ethel Arnolda, Sydney & Patricia Parkes, Wanda Ostrowska, Christopher Browne, Antonella Sesta, Margaret Masterson, Carmen Ruibal, Ann Macpherson, Chris McLoughlin (son of Olga), Kevin Sweeney, Christopher Cousins & Simon Barber

Anniversaries - 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, Daniel O'Hare, Rosemary Rendall

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed

through the Mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

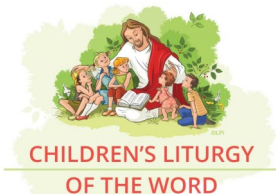
14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 4th JULY	Ezekiel 2:2-5	Psalm 122	2 Corinthians 12:7-10	Mark 6:1-6
15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 11th JULY	Amos 7:12-15	Psalm 84	Ephesians 1:3-14	Mark 6:7-13

Baptism



Should you wish for your child to be baptised, please either speak to Fr Peter after Mass or contact the parish office.

Children's Liturgy on Zoom;
on alternate Sunday mornings
9:45 – 10:15 am
For children aged 4 – 11
(roughly)



Upcoming dates: July 11

Activity packs with craft materials will be available to pick from the Parish Office.

Suggested voluntary donation of £2.50 for 3 weeks of craft material for activities.



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 who either have a business or commercial background with experience of risk management or HR. 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 Ann Edes, Vice Chair of St James's Governing Body at annxedes@gmail.com

St Margaret's Revive and Reunite Weekend

**Save the Date: September
17th/18th/19th**

A weekend of activities to come together post COVID to rebuild the parish community and celebrate the newly refurbished facilities.



Provisional Timetable - details and exact timings to be confirmed nearer the time

Friday 17th

7 - 9 pm Praise and Worship evening: Music, Prayer and Adoration.



Opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

9 pm: Bar open: Wine, soft drinks & nibbles

Saturday 18th

10 am Mass followed by Adoration & Sacrament of Reconciliation

11 am Visiting Speaker

Parish lunch followed by tea & coffee in the garden

Sunday 19th

10:30 am Family mass

BBQ lunch in the garden

Craft corner and outdoor games for children, teens, and adults

Helpers needed: please register with the parish office.
Thank you.

Donating to St Margaret of Scotland is very simple. You can make one off donations or pay monthly. Click on this link to contribute: [Virgin Money Giving](#). Thank you!

MONEY GIVING



POPE JOHN PAUL II AWARD

The Pope John Paul II Award is a faith achievement award for young people between the **age of 16 and 18**. It is non-competitive, inclusive, flexible and voluntary.

The Award enables participants to take an active part in the life of their Church – in the life of their community and society. It enables young people become more aware of the teaching and role of the Catholic Church in the world and to engage at a deep level with Christ.

The Parish has a number of volunteer opportunities suitable for young people who are working towards their Award. Please contact Fr Peter for more information.

A snapshot of our afternoon Tea/Coffee & Cake which took place on 30th June

The event was a great success and enjoyed by all.



*Our next tea afternoon will be on
Wednesday, 14th July*



“The Common Good: What does it mean?”

Join us on zoom to hear Philip Booth, Sam Bruce and Jenny Sinclair in conversation with Professor Ruth Kelly.

Tuesday 13 July 2021, 6.30-8pm (Event 2 of 4)

Registration: http://bit.ly/CommonGood_series2021

For further details, please visit: <https://togetherforthecommongood.co.uk/news/new-event-series>

EVENT 2: The common good and the family 13 July 2021, 6.30pm-8pm, online.



- **Edward Hadas**, Research Fellow at Blackfriars, Oxford working on Moral Economics and Finance and Catholic Social Teaching, and freelance journalist writing on financial and economic topics for *Reuters Breakingviews*
- **Cristina Odone**, Head of Family Policy at the Centre for Social Justice, founder of Parenting Circle charity and author “Concentrated Parenting”
- **Mercy Muroki**, writer, commentator and journalist. Until recently she was a Senior Researcher at the Centre for Social Justice and a Commissioner on the Commission on Race and Ethnic Disparities.
- Chair: **Ruth Gledhill**, online editor at The Tablet, and former religion affairs correspondent for The Times

Congratulations to our 100 Club Winners

Winners for the month of June

1st Prize No. 11 £100/- Hazel Cardoza

2nd Prize No 63 £50/- Mary Marriage

(Numbers are generated by a random number generating website)