

ST MARGARET'S PAGE



1st SUNDAY OF LENT - 6 MARCH 2022 - Year C

In Peter writes:

Sitting at my desk after four Ash Wednesday Masses, two at St Richard Reynolds Catholic College, one at St Marys University, and one here with another scheduled for this evening, I can safely say that the day catches the catholic imagination. Catholics are often criticised for an over-emphasis on sin, but 'sin' as understood through the catholic faith is never only a matter of right and wrong, but of fractured relationship. Guilt is not something to either fear or deny, it is the moral equivalent of feeling physical pain. Guilt lets us know that there is something wrong, in our actions, dispositions or ambitions. Were we not to feel guilt our actions could become deeply flawed unbeknown to ourselves. Someone who cannot feel pain is open to hurting themselves badly without knowing.

Just as the experience of guilt acts as a moral safety device, so temptation demonstrates that we are pursuing, however ramshackle, a path through life, of living some coherent pattern of shared life, commonly family life. Life without temptation would be without sense or coherence and instead become a never-ending sequence of random events. This Sunday Jesus is tempted by the devil after his forty days in the desert. He was hungry and weak, fully human and, being human, in need. Three times, after each temptation, Jesus responds with a quote from Scripture implying the supportive role of God the Father, that 'man does not live on bread alone'; that 'you must worship Him and serve Him alone'; that 'you must not put the Lord your God to the test'. Each time Jesus looks temptation in the face, He reiterates the all-encompassing providential love of the Father. Jesus is dependent on the Father, and the same is true for each of us – we too are dependent on Jesus who was tempted on our behalf.

Recognising that Jesus both experienced temptation in the face and dependency on the Father opens for us a new vista on our own faith relationship. Both disciple and master share in dependency and temptation in their humanity.

The secular world demands perfection from the

Mass Times & Liturgical Services		
Saturday	10.00 am, 6.30 pm	
Sunday	8:30 am, 10:30 am & 6.30 pm	
Mass	Tue, Wed & Thur	10.00 am
Funeral Mass	Monday	12.00 pm
Eucharistic Service	Friday	10.00 am
Rosary	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri & Sat	9.30 am
Confessions	Saturday	10:30-11:00am
	Sunday	10.00 – 10.20 am

religious person, because the only alternative, in their eyes, to this perfection is hypocrisy. Today's Gospel is offering another way, of recognising the reality of temptation but also of dependency. Thus, it might be appropriate not just to seek forgiveness after temptation but also to pray during temptation for a stronger dependency on grace. Jesus' own successful response to the devil's temptation was not just in His power but in His dependency on the Father who sustains His Son while relying on Him to initiate His plan for salvation through the visible society that is the Church.

Jesus Christ is successful in rejecting satan's temptations but even so he will return at the appointed time, and find some way on entering the inner circle of apostles. The public life of Jesus is book-ended by temptation. Throughout the public life the forces of opposition are ever present, and in response Jesus is seen at prayer, of being in active dependence on the Father. This ever-present twin of temptation and dependency is true for us too, yet unlike Jesus, succumbing to temptation is all too frequent and unlike Jesus again, our inbuilt reluctance to accept our dependency cauterises our ability to resist.

As we begin Lent we might reflect on the twin spiritual realities of temptation and dependency. Bringing them together is the path out of darkness and into the light. Our focus on our Lenten practices will help us along this journey.

St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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Parish Priest: Canon Peter Newby. Deacon Joseph Estorninho; Parish Administrator: Cynthia Souza; Bookkeeper: Ann Edes
Office Hours: Monday to Friday (9.30 am - 12.30 pm) Emails are not checked out of office hours.

Mass Intentions Sat 5/3 – Sun 13/3

05/3	Sat	10.00am	Missionary spirit of the Parish and the Church	
		5.30 pm	Pupils and staff of St James School and St Richard Reynolds Catholic College.	
06/3	Sun	8.30 am	For you the people	
		10.30am	Jim O'Mahoney recently deceased - friend of Olga McLoughlin.	
		6.30 pm	John & Rita Lavery and Lynda Ban-Lavery	Gerard Ban-Lavery
07/3	Mon	12.00 pm	Funeral - Mrs Grace Boakye RIP	
08/3	Tues	10.00 am	Deceased members of St Margarets Parish	
09/3	Wed	10.00 am	The families of St Margarets Parish	
10/3	Thu	10.00 am	Missionary spirit of the Parish and the Church	
11/3	Fri	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service	
12/3	Sat	10.00am	Works of charity in the neighbourhood	
		6.30 pm	Ian MacWhannel RIP recently deceased	Una Byrne
13/3	Sun	8.30 am	For you the people	
		10.30am	Madeleine Key RIP	Chris Key
		6.30 pm	Work of missionaries throughout the world	

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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, Wanda Ostrowska, Christopher Browne, Antonella Sesta, Margaret Masterson, Carmen Ruibal, Ann Macpherson, Chris McLoughlin (son of Olga), Christopher Cousins, & Judith Thomas

Anniversaries - Charles Byrne, Antoinette Lunn, Cyril Bowers, Hans Michels, Kathie Harrington, Rose Wood-Collins, Eric Bonnici, James Distelhurst, Mark Gapper

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

Entrance Antiphon:

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

Response to the Psalm: Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

Lent at St Margarets

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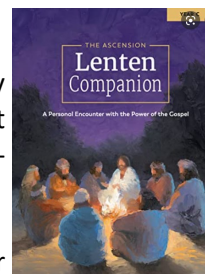
Pray + Fast + Give

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

Mondays 11:00am – 12:00pm, led by Angie Keane (by zoom). Kindly contact the parish office if you would like to receive the link.



and 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

Friday's 7:30pm led by Fr Peter or Deacon Joseph.

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday's 8:00pm – 9:00pm Exposition concluding with compline. Every Friday, there will be a Holy Hour with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction starting at 8:00 pm followed by Compline. Please join us as we pray for the grace to move our parish and the church forward following two years of living with the pandemic.



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.

1st SUNDAY OF LENT - 6 MARCH 2022

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Psalm 90

Romans 10:8-13

Luke 4:1-13

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT - 13 MARCH 2022

Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18

Psalm 26

Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

Luke 9:28-36

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SPONSORED FUNDRAISER

Lenten Project sponsored fun-run

Join our 2-mile family fun-run...jog...walk...or saunter along a stretch of Twickenham's finest riverside and through Marble Hill Park raising funds for St Margaret's Lenten Project in the process.

When: Sunday 20th March, from 2.00p.m.
Where: meet at the Church table outside the Barmy Arms.

(This is also the finishing point for this circular route)

Sponsorship forms are in the Church, the Hall and the Parish Office.

For more details see the Lenten Project information boards or visit www.geta.org.uk where there is a downloadable map of the route.



Donations to Parish Funds

If you would like to set up a standing order, please complete a form available on the website or from the parish office or you can do this yourself through online banking. The parish bank account is:

Bank: HSBC

Account Name: WRCDT St Margarets on Thames

Sort Code: 40 05 20 Account No: 01094823

For offertory giving, please use the bank reference: XOF your surname and initials

For donations to the building fund and refurbishment project, please use the bank reference: XBF your surname and initials

If you are a UK tax payer, please gift aid your donation which increases the amount the parish receives by 25% at no additional cost to you. Gift Aid forms are available from the parish office or on the website. Thank you.



Middlesex Association for the Blind

Working locally to support people who are blind and partially sighted

We are delighted to have a visit at St Margaret's on **15 Mar 2022 from 9:30 am – 4.30 pm.**

The Mobile Resource Unit (MRU) is a converted motorhome that visits various venues on a monthly basis. The MRU provides advice and support to visually impaired people and demonstrate specialist equipment. Below is a short list of some of the items we have on board.

- CCTV magnifiers
- Handheld magnifiers (both electronic and conventional)
- Talking clocks
- Talking wrist watches
- Lighting equipment
- Sunglasses in various sizes and shades
- Cooking / kitchen items such as level indicators, easy grip openers, etc
- Tactile CD Stereos / Radios / USB Players

Advance notice of free event at St Mary's University celebrating the launch of the book 'Reclaiming the Piazza III – Communicating Catholic Culture'.

Tuesday 15th March 2022, 6.30pm-8pm, at Waldegrave Suite, St Mary's University

Join us for the book launch of 'Reclaiming the Piazza III - Communicating Catholic Culture' edited by Leonardo Franchi, Ronnie Convery, and Jack Valero. Reclaiming the Piazza III is a timely contribution, showing how the Catholic theological tradition in its perennial wisdom engages with, and helps redress, the challenges of our times.

The event is free but booking is essential: <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/events/2022/03/reclaiming-the-piazza-iii>

Wednesday "Tea & Chat"

Come and join us
every alternate
Wednesday afternoon
2.00 pm - 3.30 pm

March 9th & 23rd



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

REPAIR CAFE

Twickenham Repair Café

“Twickenham Repair Cafe” in St Margaret’s Hall

AND IT WAS A COMPLETE SUCCESS !!!

The force was definitely with us as we even repaired a lightsaber at the launch of Twickenham Repair Cafe

This was the event in numbers:

- 14 repairers
- 43 items needing repairing
- 2/3 were repaired fully or partially
- 1/2 items were electrical
- 11 different sources of awareness: (Facebook, WhatsApp, Twitter, local news, personal contacts and word of mouth, etc...)
- 1/2 customers live within 1.5 miles (by road)
- 37 different types of items from: Nespresso machine, sewing machine, teapot with broken leg, teddy with holes in hat, hairdryer, foot massager lamp, suitcase and even a lightsaber - very difficult but we did it!

“Such a wonderful experience, I learnt both about the appliance as well as the general layout”

“Fantastic, everything well explained, very happy”

“An impressive success, amazingly well planned and a lovely atmosphere. Looking forward to the next one.”

REPAIR CAFE Twickenham

The next cafe will 19th March and then the third Saturday of the month, at St Margarets Church Hall (opposite St Margarets train station) from 10:30 to 13:00. 130 St Margarets Road, St Margarets, Twickenham. TW1 1RL.

Want to know more then give me a shout: colinmessenger1@gmail.com

We still need repairers for: Clocks, Jewellery, more electrical and additional volunteers to help run the sessions

Next Café on 19th March from 10.30 am

On behalf of: Twickenham Repair Cafe Team.

Pat, Gavin, David, Cliff, Joe, Colin

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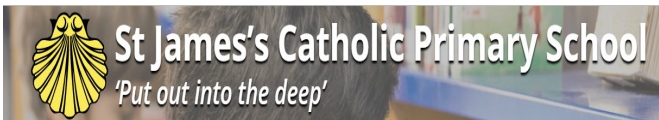
CAFOD
Just one world

Family Fast Day on Friday 11th March

This Family Fast Day, we remember that there are many people who need our love and support all around the world. Children experiencing malnutrition like Amie’s daughter Lombeh did in Sierra Leone or as we are seeing now in Ukraine, families affected by conflict. Your small act of love can make big things happen. Donations to CAFOD this Lent will reach families around the world, enabling local experts to provide support to families in times of need or conflict. You can donate in church using a CAFOD envelope or by visiting the CAFOD website: cafod.org.uk/lent

Acts of love Link to the **Family Fast Day 2 minute video** to share with your parish: <https://vimeo.com/671068271/050e20f8a3> (Vimeo version can be downloaded) or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=znd6WLGVhpm> (YouTube version can be shared on social media)

2 Minute Fast Day Prayer /reflection Film <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/Lent-prayer-2022> downloadable from <https://vimeo.com/680487747>



We are accepting Nursery school applications for this September for children aged three by 31st August 2022. We run sessions Monday – Friday 8.45 – 11.45am.

St James's Catholic Primary School in Twickenham is a high achieving, vibrant school (rated 'Outstanding' by OFSTED), serving the parishes of St James, St Margaret's, St Francis de Sales and St Theodore's. 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.

Tours of the school take place every week. Please contact : info@st-james.richmond.sch.uk for further details. Application forms and Supplementary Information Forms (SIF) can be downloaded from our website and should be completed and returned directly to the school by 4th March.

<http://www.st-james.richmond.sch.uk/admissions>

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony



Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14th May 2022 at 3pm. The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2022. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife’s names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

**Congratulations to our
100 Club Winners**

Winners for the month of February 2022

1st Prize No. 21 Allison Hancock £100/-

2nd Prize No 47 Colin Messenger £50/-

(Numbers are generated by a random number generating website)