

# ST MARGARET'S PAGE



5th SUNDAY OF EASTER - 7 May 2023- Year A

*In Peter writes:*

Last Monday saw the annual Alpha Conference return to the Albert Hall after a lapse of three years owing to Covid and its aftermath. Testimony and 'faith and worship' music marks the shared activities of the morning. After lunch the delegates split into groups and I attended one on 'the city and the church'. This is a theme close to my heart because today's city mirrors in a much greater scale that of the city of Jerusalem at the time of Pentecost and early Church, an amalgamation of many nations all speaking different languages, each coming to the same city with their own culture of origin. Yet out of this cultural melting-pot emerged the one Catholic Church.

Two presenters gave an account of their evangelical activities in today's city, the first explained what, 'Love Singapore' was attempting to achieve by gradually building up a prayer room in every tower block within the city; the second about establishing a youth church in a forgotten housing estate in Blackburn, a depressed town in Lancashire. Her testimony about giving hope to the teenage children of drug addicts, to the victims of every form of abuse was inspirational. She explained it was her calling to be present to them in this way. She gave the impression that her methods of engagement mystified the council on both the spiritual and secular plane. Both groups, in contrasting social situations, were bringing Jesus Christ to the city. Sharing practices between the delegates demonstrated that the theme of the conference, 'Look up the harvest is ready' was not just elsewhere but everywhere. None of the projects were large scale but their number spoke of a church already alive at the base in the city.

These conferences always possess a feel-good factor, of like-minded delegates gathered together and keen to fan the flames of faith and build the kingdom of God. They are necessary spiritual tonic and counterblast when it can often seem to those in the field of the world, as if churches like pubs are declining, dying out and being sold. It might be better to think that the Church is changing its public face, of becoming more mission focused rather than just absorbed with the maintenance of past ways of conducting her life. Many people have a romantic attachment to their local pub but if they never enter the front door to buy a drink, economic forces will dictate closure. The same is not quite true of the Church but the belief that somehow the ancient timetables will be perpetuated in aspic, whether it be Mass times, annual sacramental

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Eucharistic Service	Tue & Thur	10.00 am
Confessions	Saturday	10:30-11:00am
	Sunday	10.00 – 10.20 am

programmes designed for consumers, or the traditional round of social events, along with all the costs attached, is sadly off the mark. There is no longer the priests, religious and sisters to keep such timetables afloat.

However, there is plenty of untapped spiritual energy in the city, of potential converts to Jesus Christ and His Church, of re-evangelising those who have disappeared for one reason or another. The execution is just going to be different. This Sunday's Gospel describes the many rooms in my Father's House, both the image of the City of God, heaven, but also of the City of humanity, transient and changeable as is its nature. The Church has a place for potentially everybody, no-one is excluded by divine design in anticipation. There are many rooms, the invitation is always open, extended to all but always an offer that requires a conscious and informed response.

The 'many rooms' of the Father's house find their organisational key, their spiritual floor-plan, in the person of Jesus Christ. As Jesus says to Philip, 'to have seen me is to have seen the Father.' Therefore the 'many rooms' found in Jesus Christ, become His body, the Church, an imperfect but visible image of God. It would only be a short stretch of the imagination to see the 'many rooms' as the different Parishes, communities and groups that make up the Body of Christ. Our room of St Margarets fits into this bigger building, the Diocese of Westminster, and within that the largest building, the universal Church, itself an imperfect foretaste of the City of God.

What sort of 'room' does our Parish project to the human city, and how does it both reflect the Body of Christ, and City of God in its life of worship, catechesis, social outreach and community? This is a question that can never definitively answered in history but always needs to be asked. By asking the question and listening to the answers in prayer and conversation is to recognise the call of the Holy Spirit, and so becomes the best way of maintaining a proper focus on the mission of this parish and the Church.

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 6 May – Sun 14 May

06/05	Sat	10.00 am	Missionary spirit of the Parish and the Church	
		6.00 pm	The families of St Margarets Parish	
7/05	Sun	8.30 am	Tony Bailey RIP	
		10.30 am	Henry & Dorothy Nelson RIP	Margaret Crowe
		6.30 pm	Juliet Grafton RIP	Jilly Grafton
08/05	Mon	10.00 am	Deceased members of St Margarets Parish	
09/05	Tue	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service	
10/05	Wed	10.00 am	The families of St Margarets Parish	
11/05	Thu	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service	
12/05	Fri	10.00 am	Missionary spirit of the Parish and the Church	
13/05	Sat	11.00 am	Children receiving their FHC and their families	
14/05	Sun	8.30 am	Matthew Green RIP	Bernard & Maz
		10.30 am	Matthew Green RIP	Kathleen & Stephen Walker
		6.30 pm	For you the people	

## Entrance Antiphon:

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
for he has worked wonders;  
in the sight of the nations  
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

## Response to the Psalm:

May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you.

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

**Anniversaries** - Thomas O'Connor, Lourdes Pereira, Louise Godfrey, Dorothy Gavigan, Charles Knott, Daniel Delaney, Ann Macpherson, Annie Palmer, Anne Garcia

**Recently deceased** - Matthew Green, son of Jimmy Green, died at St Thomas's Hospital on 5th April after a long illness. Funeral to take place at St Margarets on Friday 19th May at 11.00 am.

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

From 13th May, there will no longer be Saturday evening Mass taking place, till the end of the year.

### “Lewis and Tolkien on the Beauty of the Gospel.”

*Sunday 14 May 2023, 4-5pm, St Mary's Church, 4 Holly Walk, Hampstead, London NW3 6QU*

Rev Fr Dr Michael Ward is an English literary critic and theologian. His academic focus is theological imagination, especially in the writings of CS Lewis, JRR Tolkien and GK Chesterton. He is best known for his book *Planet Narnia* in which he argues that CS Lewis structured *The Chronicles of Narnia* so as to embody and express the imagery of the seven heavens. It promises to be a fascinating insight into the Gospel through the lens of CS Lewis and JRR Tolkien from a renowned scholar.

If you are planning on attending in person please email the Parish Administrator at [hampstead@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:hampstead@rcdow.org.uk) to book your place. You are welcome to livestream the lecture by visiting <https://www.churchservices.tv/hampstead>

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Acts 6:1-7

Psalm 32

1 Peter 2:4-9

John 14:1-12

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER - 14 MAY 2023

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Psalm 65

1 Peter 3:15-18

John 14:15-21

## Dates for your diary

⇒ Saturday 17th June, Parish Quiz Night.



### **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:** Tuesday evenings starting with a meal from 7.00 pm till 9.30 pm on the 2nd, 9th, 16th May & 6th June 2023 and Saturday 27th May 11 am—5.00 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.**



3rd Saturday of every month

## **Bereavement café**

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



**Save the dates**

**20 May, 17 June, 15 July, 19 August, 16 September,  
21 October, 18 November & 16 December**

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

## **Soup Lunch**

You are cordially invited to join our next soup lunch event on

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**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May from 12.15 to 1.30p.m.**

in the Parish Hall where you can enjoy not only delicious soups, a selection of cakes and hot refreshments provided by the team of volunteers, but also the convivial company of other members of St Margaret's Parish Community.

Donations are for the benefit of Fr Paul Bigirwa's educational initiatives in Uganda, which have been supported by GETA (Give Education to All) since 2015.

charity no. 1167092 [www.geta.org.uk](http://www.geta.org.uk)



David Rose

## **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**

**May -10th & 24th**

**June - 7th & 21st**

All are welcome.

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

**REPAIR CAFE**

**Twickenham Repair Café**

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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](mailto:info@twickenhamrepaircafe.org)

Have a look at our site:

[www.twickenhamrepaircafe.org](http://www.twickenhamrepaircafe.org).

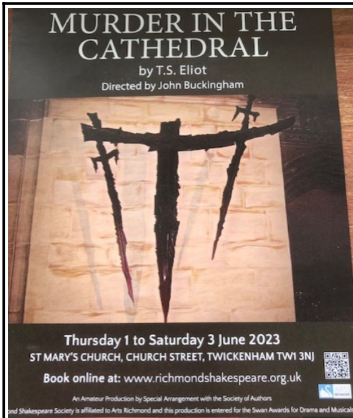


**Priest Training Fund -  
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Diocese of Westminster

Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. It is not too late to make a donation if you wish. Envelopes are available in the back of the church, or by contacting the parish office. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information, or to make a donation, visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations)



**Murder in the Cathedral by T S Eliot**

is to be performed by the Richmond Shakespeare Society in St Mary's Church, Twickenham on Thursday 1 to Saturday 3 June 2023 at 7:45 pm

Tickets £17 or £14 for RSS members can be booked online at [www.richmondshakespeare.org.uk](http://www.richmondshakespeare.org.uk)

**Catholic Listeners**

Catholic Listeners is a confidential telephone helpline service. A Diocese of Westminster initiative, it has been set up for those who are returning to the faith. The helpline is all about listening to others, listening to those who might have become isolated due to the pandemic. This service is based on the Landings ethos of compassionate listening. Although not a counselling service, the helpline is staffed by a professional team of volunteers who are trained to signpost callers to other services and agencies. Sometimes just communicating with someone who listens and understands can help clarify a way forward. Simply talking about a problem can ease a burden. We aim to help those in need of a safe space to talk.

Operating three days a week from 4pm-7pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays calls are free on **0800 448 0704**

For further information please email us at [Catholiclisteners@gmail.com](mailto:Catholiclisteners@gmail.com).

**Catholic Listeners are here to listen.**

The London Jesuit Centre is a place for the teaching and discussion of theology, the study and practice of the spiritual life, and engagement with issues of social and environmental justice, for the greater glory of God and the common good. It offers a programme of events, courses, and retreats. It is also a centre for individual spiritual direction and training and professional development in spiritual accompaniment. All are welcome to participate in the London Jesuit Centre programme.



**LONDON  
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Below is a sampling of some upcoming events. For more information and to sign up to their mailing list for regular updates on events, please visit <https://londonjesuitcentre.org/>. For more information, contact Federica Fiore at [ffiore@jesuit.org.uk](mailto:ffiore@jesuit.org.uk).

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Congratulations to our Confirmands, who received the Sacrament on Saturday 29th April at the 6.30 pm Mass and were sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the presence of their sponsors, family, friends, teachers and catechists. As you continue your journey of faith, may you use the gifts given to you to love and serve others.



Anna-Sophia Edna McCaw

Cátia Anastasia Estorninho

Charlotte Roy

Edward Phineas Harold McCaw

Felix Michael Drummond

Henry Jacob Rudolph

Max Onabanjo-James

Maya Anais Horellou Vera

Patrick David Moroney

Pietra Marques

Sokol Avdia

Thomas Alexander Hill

Thomas Higham

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