

ST MARGARET'S PAGE

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) - 6th June 2021 Year B



In Peter writes:

Despite the trials of lockdown, I am pleased to say that sixteen children are preparing for their First Holy Communion, scheduled to take place here at St Margarets on Saturday 17th July. They will be joined by a number of children from last year who did not make their Communion last time round. These are always joyful occasions when the whole Parish can rejoice in a group of parish children who will be able to participate fully at Mass for the first time.

The preparation of these children over the last few months reflects the practise of Jesus who patiently educated both the disciples and the crowds. Jesus educated their hunger for the kingdom of God, which is another expression for Himself. In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus does not feed the crowd's immediate hunger, nor does he ever respond positively to human greed. Instead He invites us to develop an appreciation for what we truly hunger. The desire for God is not an abstract desire but expresses itself in the desire for belonging, for friendship, and the illumination to walk the way of life. These desires are met by Jesus Christ who points both to an eternal destiny, life after death, and to living the meaningful life on earth now.

These two paths, one to eternal life and the way of life on earth may be distinguished but they are not in fact separated. There is no way to eternal life that would by-pass the way of life on earth. Jesus demonstrates their essential unity. This unity is made visible in the Mass where the elements of bread and wine are firstly presented as the combination of 'fruits of the earth and work of human hands.' During the Eucharistic prayer the bread and wine through the power of the Holy Spirit and words of consecration change from bread and wine into His body and blood. They remain physical food while at the same time becoming the means through which Jesus communicates Himself. The physical and spiritual cannot be divided within the Eucharist.

Many people ask, how do I know this is true. My answer would start by saying that there is no one reason but a series of converging reasons, firstly the ritual left by Jesus Himself, secondly the testimony of scripture and the continuous tra-

Mass Times & Liturgical Services		
Saturday	10.00 am & 6.30 pm	
Sunday	8:30 am, 10:30 am (bookings only) & 6.30 pm	
Thursday & Friday		10.00 am
Eucharistic Service	Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday	10.00 am
Rosary	Thursday & Friday (via Zoom; please email the office for link)	9.30 am
Confessions	Saturday	10:30-11:00am
	Sunday	10.00 am – 10.20 am

dition of the church, and thirdly the celebration of the rite itself – the rite coheres within itself and makes sense. I have nearly always finished Mass in more tranquillity than I started, concerned as I am with everything being ready, and now with the added trauma of whether the livestream is working as well! Many lay people would express the same sentiments as well, and all these reasons combined together point to the truthfulness of what is undertaken at Mass. This might not seem not immediately obvious and hence the need for preparation of the children and adults to receive communion, the high point of Mass.

The Institution of the Eucharist could therefore only occur as one of the final moments of His life, since the Eucharist both anticipates His imminent sacrificial death and His rising from the dead, but also gathers up all His public life. The public life of Jesus was a demonstration of His love for His Father's creation through His healings, His teaching and conduct, and therefore the 'real presence' of the Eucharist is not an abstract concept, but the real presence of a real human life. This real presence is always a life for us and its full expression is seen in the Cross and Resurrection. Thus, the Eucharist is the real presence of a 'life for us' that bears the marks both of the Cross and the Resurrection. It now becomes the food for the journey that sustains the Christian's search and practise of the full human life, not in any of its sinful or greedy dimensions, but in the offering of ourselves to others in the situations of our daily life.

Please pray for the Parish's First Holy Communion children as they complete their preparation that the Holy Spirit will inspire them to begin to grasp in their way the richness of what the Church celebrates every Sunday. May their enthusiasm enkindle our own as well.

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Mass Intentions Saturday 5th June – Sunday 13th June

5/6	Sat	10.00am	Private Intention	JC
		6.30 pm	The families of St Margarets Parish	
6/6	Sun	8.30 am	Special Intention	Maria Sharratt
		10.30am	For the repose of soul of Edwin Padilla (RIP)	Lily McCaw
		6.30 pm	For you the people	
7/6	Mon	10.00pm	Eucharistic service	
8/6	Tues	10.00am	Eucharistic service	
9/6	Wed	10.00am	Eucharistic service	
10/6	Thur	10.00am	Families struggling with debt	
11/6	Fri	10.00am	The families of St Margarets Parish	
12/6	Sat	10.00am	Works of charity in the neighbourhood	
		6.30 pm	Those suffering loss of a loved one	
13/6	Sun	8.30 am	Charlotte Wycherly RIP	Su Slattery
		10.30am	For you the people	
		6.30 pm	Pupils and staff of St James School and St Richard Reynolds Catholic College.	

Entrance Antiphon:

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

Response to the Psalm:

The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name.



Mass Arrangement for week commencing 7th June

Fr Peter is away for a few days so the weekday Mass schedule is slightly different to normal.

Eucharistic Services

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 10.00 am

Mass on 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: Thursday & Friday at 9.30 am (in the church and on zoom)

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 Reagan, 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 - Catherine Gale, Agnes Kenna, Bridie McDonnell, Richard Drew

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed

through the Mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

Tea & Cake in the Parish Garden

Do join us on a summer afternoon for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat in the parish garden.

Wednesdays 2:30pm—4 pm

June 16th, 23rd, 30th

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST Exodus 24:3-8 Psalm 115 Hebrews 9:11-15 Mark 14:12-16. 22-26 (CORPUS CHRISTI) - 6TH JUNE

11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 13th JUNE Ezekiel 17:22-24 Psalm 91 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 Mark 4:26-34



Baptism

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

The next pre-baptism courses for parents will be on **Session 1 & 2** - 15th and 22nd June at 8 pm online / Chapel TBA

Children's Liturgy on Zoom; on alternate Sunday mornings

9:45 – 10:15 am

For children aged 4 – 11 (roughly)



Upcoming dates: June 13, 27 & 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.



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.

“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**

15 June 2021, 6.30-8pm. Registration: [http://bit.ly/](http://bit.ly/CommonGood)

[CommonGood](http://bit.ly/CommonGood) series2021 This is the first of four events on the Common Good. For further details, please visit: <https://togetherforthecommongood.co.uk/news/new-event-series>

Important information regarding practicalities during the building works (May 10th – Sept 3rd)

We are very pleased that the building work to refurbish the hall, lavatories and basement is now ongoing.

Access to lavatories

There will be no access to the lavatories in the church building. Facilities will be provided on the ground floor of the presbytery. Please alert the stewards if you need to use the lavatories and they will unlock the presbytery for you. We ask that parents accompany their children due to safety issues around crossing the car park.

Car Parking

Spaces in the car park are extremely limited. Please consider parking in neighbouring streets on Sundays – residents parking restrictions are weekdays only. Please also try to park elsewhere if you are coming by car to a weekday Mass. Please do not double park in the church car park as the building site needs potential emergency access and it is also very inconvenient for the local businesses who are paying for a parking permit.

Sunday 10:30am Mass – overflow seating

There will be no overflow seating available in the hall so numbers at the 10:30 am Mass will be more restricted. Please could everyone wanting to attend the 10:30am Mass book their place in advance (by Saturday evening). If you arrive without having reserved a place, we may need to turn you away.

Alternatively, please consider coming to one of the other Masses which are less busy and there is no need to book.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

On behalf of the parish, the Finance Committee extends thanks once again to all those who have contributed to the building fund that is enabling these works to go ahead. Any additional contributions are welcome and will reduce the amount of the Diocesan loan that we will need to cover the remaining costs of the works. If you would like to make a contribution, please speak to Fr Peter.

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!



2021 Lenten Project Richmond Furniture Scheme



On behalf of the Parish, Fr Peter presented a cheque for £6,000 to the Richmond Furniture Scheme, which was the amount donated by Parishioners to the Lenten Project this year.

This money will be used to provide starter packs of essential household items for those coming to the charity in extreme crises and moving into housing with little or nothing. It will make a huge difference in helping them to make a new start often after very difficult periods in their lives.

Thank you to all those who made donations and who have enabled the parish to support this worthy cause.



Philip Booth
St Mary's University
Twickenham



Jenny Sinclair
Together for the
Common Good



Sam Bruce
Centre for Social
Justice



Ruth Kelly (Chair)
St Mary's
Twickenham

The Common Good: What does it mean?

#1 in a new series of four public conversations

6.30-8pm, Tuesday 15 June 2021, online via zoom

Booking: http://bit.ly/CommonGood_series2021