

# ST MARGARET'S PAGE



32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 6 NOVEMBER 2022 - Year C

## *In Peter writes:*

During the early 1960s my father bought a former chantry in Mere, South Wiltshire, as a country home to be shared with my grandparents. The house had been originally built in the 1450s to house three priests whose sole task was to pray for the repose of the soul of the founder. Local people wondered how the family could live in such a place, wasn't it haunted with old priests, but the stones of the house exuded the eternal repose; a peaceful arcadia redolent with the memory of the prayers said for a hundred years before King Edward VI suppressed the chantries. The architecture of death was everywhere in mediaeval Britain, the consequence of the Black Death. All had contributed to a culture that involved saying of numerous Masses for the deceased, a process that reached a crescendo at the death of King Henry VII in 1509. Contemporary with the practice of having Masses said for the deceased, a virtually magical understanding of the number of Masses and the dates on which they were to be said developed that was to become a touch paper for the Reformation, since the saying of Mass for the deceased became the financial foundation of the Church.

Both the Reformation and the Council of Trent in the 1550s did away with this culture. Protestantism had, in its extreme forms, rejected praying for the dead or in the Anglican tradition found the practice troublesome. Salvation was achieved through the death and Resurrection of Jesus and the elect, to some Protestants, were already predestined to be saved. The Catholic Church after the Council of Trent validated saying Mass for the deceased as the fruit of the death and Resurrection being applied to the souls gone before. Every Mass is metaphorically celebrated at the foot of Calvary and participates sacramentally in the one sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross, anticipated in the Last Super.

Every believer is saved through Jesus Christ but some die not ready to see God face to face, a fact recognised in the liturgy of the church which distinguishes between All Saints and All Souls. Praying for the dead is one of the spiritual acts of mercy, and praying for the forgotten souls was a common spiritual practice. The Reformers had rejected the Catholic Church's teaching on Purgatory as being unscriptural, having denied inspiration to all the Old Testament books not written in Hebrew. Thus, the Book of Maccabees, written in the language of the time, Aramaic, was not considered as possessing

Mass Times & Liturgical Services		
Weekend	Saturday Sunday	10.00 am & 6.30 pm 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 6.30 pm
Weekdays	Mon, Wed & Friday	10.00 am
Eucharistic Service	Tue & Thurs	10.00 am
Rosary	Monday to Saturday	9.30 am
Confessions	Saturday Sunday	10:30-11:00am 10.00 – 10.20 am

a rightful place in the Scriptures. This book recounts the conflict between the Jews and their Greek overlords. The Jewish soldiers make a sin offering in the Temple for those soldiers who died in combat but who were found to have pagan amulets hanging around their necks. Their souls were thus sullied and needed the prayers of the living in order to be purified before seeing God face to face.

Thus, praying for the dead became a standard spiritual practice in Jewish and Christian culture because everyone was thought, except the Saints, to have died needing the prayers of the living. Beyond death, a choice for or against Jesus Christ and His Church is not an understandable option, and therefore conversion after death impossible. There can be no post-death change of heart. Purgatory is therefore a passive place for the deceased who rely on the actions of others, Jesus Christ and His Church, both for the mercy and for the prayers.

Today most Catholics have little understanding of Purgatory but this brings its own psychological implications. Peace becomes difficult to find, unless one can actively engage in purifying one's own memory of the deceased that combines both love and reconciliation – no relationship or friendship is perfect in this life – everyone needs to reconcile with others and themselves. Rejecting Purgatory is tantamount to accepting unfinished business as being the only outcome for our relationship with the deceased. This I find deeply disturbing.

The Catholic faith is not proved by psychological wellbeing, but finding peace through prayer, through offering of Mass and other spiritual practices in relation to the dead, does offer a mark of credibility. Thus, to pray for the deceased in the month of November recognises all salvation comes from Jesus Christ, that life on this earth is transient and that reconciliation with the deceased through our prayers and grace of Christ benefits them and ourselves simultaneously.

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 5 Nov – Sun 13 Nov

5/11	Sat	10.00 am	For the Holy Souls	
		6.30 pm	The families of St Margarets Parish	
6/11	Sun	8.30 am	For the Holy Souls	
		10.30 am	Madie RIP	Mercedes & Chris
		6.30 pm	For the Holy Souls	
7/11	Mon	10.00 am	For the recovery of Eleanor Drew	Patrick Collins
8/11	Tues	10.00 am	Carmen Rosas Bautista RIP anniv	Elena Larkin
9/11	Wed	10.00 am	For the Holy Souls	
10/11	Thu	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service	
11/11	Fri	10.00 am	Delicia Rose RIP	Cynthia Souza
12/11	Sat	10.00 am	For the Holy Souls	
		6.30 pm	The families of St Margarets Parish	
13/11	Sun	8.30 am	For the Holy Souls	
		10.30 am	Ann Ratcliffe RIP	Cousin of Olga McLoughlin
		6.30 pm	For the Holy Souls	

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Cathy McKendry, Olga Romero, Sue Rolph, 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, Allan de Souza, Tony Tucker, Dr Christopher Khoo, John Wood-Collins & Eleanor Drew.

**Anniversaries** - Marie Wright, Winifred Kingdon, Dennis Scaibe, Mary Barron, Joan Scriven, Agnes Walsh, Molly Maxwell

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

### Month of Holy Souls



There will be 3 Masses a week offered for Holy Souls and a weekend Mass. Please write the names of the deceased family and friends on the purple sheets provided in the Church on the table as you enter and we will put them on the Holy Altar for the duration of November. Kindly put your donation in the envelopes are provided alongside.

### Entrance Antiphon:

Let my prayer come into your presence,  
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

### Response to the Psalm:

I shall be filled, when I awake,  
with the sight of your glory, O Lord.

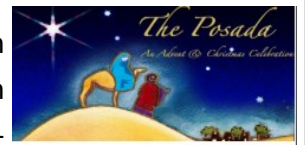
### **Eucharistic Service**

Please note, that on Tuesday, 8th November there will be Eucharistic Service at Church.

## **LAS POSADAS 2022**

### **Innkeepers & Pilgrims Needed in Advent**

Small figures of Mary & Joseph will be travelling through Twickenham this Advent. Innkeepers are needed to host them for a night as they continue their journey. Would you like to welcome them into your home? Innkeepers then become pilgrims as they take Mary and Joseph on the next leg of their journey to the next home they will be staying at.



The tradition of the travelling crib is hundreds of years old and originates from Spain and South America where each evening during Advent "Las Posadas" takes place ("posada" means inn or lodging). Pilgrims re-enact Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem in preparation for the birth of Jesus, travelling on their journey looking for somewhere to stay for the night.

This is a lovely way to do something spiritual in Advent and enhance your anticipation of Christmas and the excitement of receiving again the new life that comes to us with the birth of the baby Jesus.

Young and not-so young; singles, couples and families can all take part.

The sign-up sheet is online. If interested, please sign up for one date on the sign-up sheet at [volunteersignup.org/MDFYD](http://volunteersignup.org/MDFYD) with your name, address and contact details. Ann will then be in touch with further details of Mary and Joseph's journey.

Any questions, please contact Ann Edes on 07837 095 837 or [annxedes@gmail.com](mailto:annxedes@gmail.com)

32ND SUNDAY IN OT - 6TH NOV 22    2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

Psalm 16    2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5    Luke 20:27-38

33rd SUNDAY IN OT - 13TH NOV 22    Malachi 3:19-20

Psalm 97    2 Thessalonians 3:7-12    Luke 21:5-19

## St Margaret's Forthcoming events



**Monday, 7th November** - New parishioners evening taking place on Zoom at 8.00 pm. Invitations will be sent out shortly and the joining details will be emailed to you nearing the event. Please contact the Parish Office via email if you are interested.



**Sunday, 13th November at 2.00 pm**  
Blessing of the graves Twickenham cemetery, Hospital Bridge Rd, Twickenham TW2 6LD

**Sunday, 20th Nov.**  
10.30 am Mass  
**Feast day of St Margaret's**



There will be a shared lunch in the hall after Mass. All are welcome. Please bring a savoury side dish or a pudding to share. Helpers needed on the day. Donations will be gladly received.

### Flower arranging



May we invite anyone in the parish who might be interested in helping with the flower arrangement from time to time at Church. You will be given basic training. Please get in touch with the parish office.



## Commissioned Ministers of Holy Communion

Now that the pandemic is over, I hope to recommission our Ministers of Holy Communion. Would all those who have previously been commissioned, like to resume those duties? Please let the parish office know.



For the moment, Ministers of Holy Communion will only assist in the distribution of the Host. There will be no distribution of the Precious Blood until the Bishops guidelines allow. It is likely that we will only need to rota one Minister at the 8:30 am and 6:30 pm Masses as Deacon Joseph is able to assist at the 10:30 am Mass.

As well as assisting at Mass, I would like the Ministers of Holy Communion to be available, if willing, to visit the sick & the housebound with communion.

Advent Wreath making activity for children after the 10.30 am Mass on

**Sunday 13th November & Sunday 27th November**



### Advent wreath making evening in the Church hall

**Saturday 26th November, 8pm till 10pm**

**Donations requested to cover the cost of materials.**

We will be making a traditional wreath in oasis with foliage, berries, candles etc.



All materials will be provided along with a glass of mulled wine and mince pie.

Places need to be booked and paid in advance to ensure we can provide all the materials.

This is not a tutorial it is just a nice get together to celebrate the start of Advent.

Limited spaces available. Please contact the office if you wish to book and arrange payment.



From January 2023 we will be starting up a new Parent & Toddler group on **Thursday mornings 10am till 12 noon, term time only.**



We are looking for people to join our rota to volunteer at these sessions. If you are interested please contact Kathryn ( 07889952111)

It would be super to have a mixture of Parents and Grandparents involved in this offering from our Parish to the community.

If you are able to donate good quality toys for babies and toddlers that you no longer need at home please can you call Kathryn to discuss.

## PLEASE SUPPORT THE SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND

**The Sick & Retired Priests' collection is next week**

Our second collection today will be in support of the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund.

Most priests offer their resignation as a parish priest at the age of 75, but many continue to serve their communities, working in our parishes, schools, hospitals and chaplaincies. We must ensure no priest is worried about meeting essential costs during their senior years and, as such, Cardinal Nichols and the Diocese of Westminster are committed to ensuring that no retired or sick priest is left without support.

By giving a gift to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you will help ensure all of our sick and retired priests are cared for at their time of need, after years of service to God and their parishioners. The fund will be used to meet essential costs, like making a flat accessible to a disabled priest. It could ensure a priest has regular visits from a carer after undergoing surgery.

Rest assured, the Diocese works closely with the NHS, local councils and social services, but there will nevertheless be gaps in funding and we need to ensure our priests have peace of mind in their senior years.

If you took a donation envelope last weekend, please place it in the collection bag today. If you do not have an envelope, there are some available in the pews and at the back of the church. The envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online. If you are able, please consider filling out a standing order form, meaning you become a Patron and make a regular gift to support our sick and retired priests.

Please be generous and remember our clergy, in active ministry, retired or ill, in your prayers. Thank you.

## Bereavement café

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



**3rd Saturday of every month**

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

## Women's Recollection Every 3rd Wednesday of the month, 10.00 am -12.30 pm

Next one—**Wednesday 16th November**. There will be a mini retreat for Women. This is a chance to recollect and reflect as we head into the new Year. Included in this time will be mass, two meditations. Reconciliation available as well as Tea and Coffee and chat afterwards. All welcome including small children.

### Recollection

A monthly break to pray and meditate on various aspects of Christian life.



## Soup Lunch

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

**Friday 11th November from 12.15 to 1.30p.m.** in the Parish Hall where you can enjoy not only delicious soups, cake 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 work in Uganda, which has been supported by GETA (Give Education to All) since 2015.

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David Rose



## Come and join us for Our much loved "Tea & Chat"

every alternate

**Wednesday from 1:45 pm – 3:15 pm**



**Next dates for your diary  
November 9th & 23rd**

*All are welcome.*

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