

ST MARGARET'S PAGE



32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 7 NOVEMBER 2021 Year B

In Peter writes:

Last month Pope Francis initiated a worldwide 'Synodal Pathway', a global exercise in listening within the Church. The Church is entering new waters. Since the Second Vatican Council Popes have called numerous synods dedicated to a particular subject such as the vocation of the laity, the place of marriage, the ministry to youth to name but a few. This forthcoming Synod, does not have any particular title, but concerns the broader concern of how to become the listening Church, of listening and moving forward together.

To many such an intention sounds too nebulous, fixated as we are on finding solutions to particular problems. Such specific questions might be, in our own context here at St Margarets, running children liturgy, the parish sacramental programmes, ministry to young people, pastoral outreach to the housebound. These are valid questions that must be answered. However, behind such questions lies something deeper, the reason why these activities should be organised in the first place, and what is the ethos being nurtured by such endeavours.

Pope Francis is inviting us to step back from those practical questions and to listen to the experience of faith that each of us possess that will form the material of journeying together. By force of circumstances the pandemic has made parishes rethink their mission, whether it be livestreaming Mass, zoom catechesis, mission drops to the housebound. Strangely Covid-19 has ignited a burst of creativity within many parishes. The Synodal Pathway aims to capture the essence of that creativity and understanding why it produced such good fruit. The past brought us to this place but the situation was new and the past gave little clue as to the present.

Now the aim of this Synodal Pathway, of seeing how every parish community can listen to each other's experience of faith, and of finding new ways of being a living community. During lockdown a large number of new families and people have joined the parish. It is almost as if the new way of being a parish, forced upon us by the pandemic, is already bearing fruit. The face of the parish is changing whilst remaining the same parish of St Margarets.

Within the first few months of arriving in summer 2016 I organised a number of house meetings in order to meet small groups of parishioners to discuss their experiences and listen to their hopes and frustrations. It was a very helpful exercise as it made it possible to meet a numerous parishioners quite quickly and assess the parish landscape. This synodal pathway follows a similar pattern but because of Covid, I do not think it appro-

Mass Times & Liturgical Services (8/11 - 14/11)		
Saturday	10.00 am	
Sunday	8:30 am, 10:30 am & 6.30 pm	
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday	10.00 am	
Eucharistic Service	Friday	10.00 am
Rosary (In church)	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu & Sat	9.30 am
Confessions	Saturday	10:30-11:00am
	Sunday	10.00 – 10.20 am

priate to meet in parishioners' houses, so wish to offer the possibility of meeting here in our newly refurbished hall on a few different occasions.

These sessions will be exercises in listening to each other, to our current real experience of our faith and church. Everyone wants the parish to be better in some undefined way, but that is not the point of this exercise. The fundamental question becomes, *how is our journeying together as the Church happening today in our parish? What steps does the spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our journeying together?*

To give flesh to our answers and help us discern, the Diocese invites us to reflect on what has our experience taught us as to what we mean by my 'Church', who is included, who is missing; what is the Holy Spirit saying to us now, and what steps is the Spirit inviting us to undertake to make our community more welcoming, inclusive and missionary?

My suggestion is that those who wish to engage in this listening process meet on **one** of three possible meetings; **Saturday 13th or 20th November 11:00am—12:30pm or Tuesday 23rd November 7:00pm to 8:30pm.**

Please could we all say the Synod Prayer that this listening exercise will bear fruit

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,

As we gather together in Your name.

With you alone to guide us,

Make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go

And how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;

Do not let us promote disorder,

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path

Nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity

So that we may journey together to eternal life

And not stay from the way of truth

And what is right.

All this we ask of You,

Who are at work in every place and time,

In the communion of the Father and the Son,

Forever and ever. Amen

St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Monday to Friday (9.30 am - 12.30 pm) Emails will not be checked out of office hours

Mass Intentions Sat 6th Nov – Sun 14th November

6/11	Sat	10.00am	Holy Souls
7/10	Sun	8.30 am	Repose of the soul of Nowell Anderson
		10.30am	Holy Souls
		6.30 pm	For you the people
8/11	Mon	10.00am	Holy Souls
9/11	Tues	10.00am	Irene Perry RIP Kenneth James
10/11	Wed	10.00am	Holy Souls
11/11	Thu	10.00am	Holy Souls
12/11	Fri	10.00am	Eucharistic Service
13/11	Sat	10.00am	Holy Souls
14/10	Sun	8.30 am	Deceased members of St Margarets Parish
		10.30am	For you the people
		6.30 pm	Holy Souls



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



Rose Blackman, 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, 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), Kevin Sweeney, Christopher Cousins, Irena Starzecki & Judith Thomas

Anniversaries - Winifred Kingdon, Dennis Scaibe, Mary Barron, Joan Scriven, Agnes Walsh, Molly Maxwell, Jean Heavey, Bill Duncan, Tom Barron, Julia Dinnage

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 you want 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.

Entrance Antiphon:

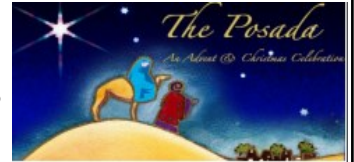
Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

Response to the Psalm:

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

LAS POSADA 2021

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 <https://volunteersignup.org/78MJ9> 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

32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 7 NOV 1 Kings 17:10-16

Psalm 145 Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 14 NOV Daniel 12:1-3

Psalm 15 Hebrews 10:11-14. 18

Mark 13:24-32

Tea, Coffee & Chat

Our next tea afternoon will take place on



Wednesday 24th November

2.15 pm - 3:45pm in the Church hall. All are welcome. Please feel free to bring a friend or neighbour.



Saturday, 27th November 2021 at 8.15 am

Men's Breakfast - "COP27 - The sequel"

We can feel the clamouring for another Men's Breakfast and, would you believe it, this time we are going for a live event.

Our friend Peter Desmond, who was a very involved parishioner at St Margaret's for many years, will give a talk on his work on climate change and how Christians can respond in the aftermath of COP26.

Peter will share some of his story about how he became involved in climate action and how he has brought his Christian faith into his work on sustainability in the UK and Africa.

We are aiming for the breakfast to be "Carbon neutral". Please plan your travel accordingly, we will have a little quiz and see if we can share some good ideas.

We are making this a hybrid event so will also be on Zoom in case you can't come to the church.

Please share this around. Colin Messenger

"The Passage, a Christian Charity working with homeless people, is holding a fundraising concert at the Royal Festival Hall on Thursday 25 November on the theme Bohemian Rhapsody, featuring popular works by Dvořák, Mahler and Smetana.



The performers includes Andrei Ioniță, Cello; Anush Kovahannisyan, Soprano; Streetwise Opera; Toby Purser, Conductor; and the Orion Orchestra.

Full details and booking at <https://passage.org.uk/night-under-the-stars-2021/> or telephone 020 75921856.

Kind regards, Andrew

Sacramental Preparation Baptism



The next Baptism courses are as below:

January 12th & 19th 2022

March 8th & 15th 2022

November courses are fully booked.

Should you wish to have your child baptised in this parish, attendance at these courses is compulsory. Currently taking place on Zoom.

Please either speak to Fr Peter after Mass or contact the parish office.

First Holy Communion 2022



This year course will be composed of a number of parts -

1. 10.30am Sunday Mass with children's liturgy. (November 7th till December 12th)
2. 10:30am Sunday Mass with children's liturgy (January 9th to February 6th)
3. 5:15pm Saturday Classes followed by 6:30pm Mass (27th February—3rd April)
4. 5:15pm Saturday Classes followed b 6:30pm Mass (1st May—22nd May)
5. First Holy Communion in June 2022

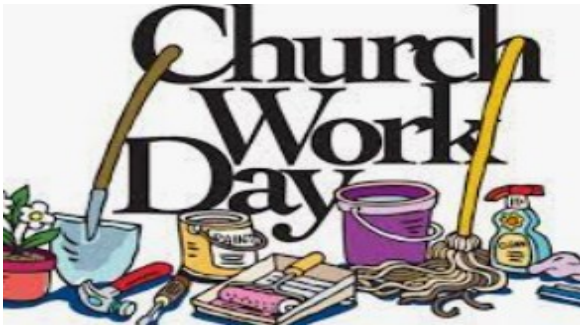
Should you wish your child to participate, please collect an attendance card from Fr Peter after Mass.

The First Holy Communion course is for those families who either live in the parish of have been coming here for a long time. Those from outside the parish who have not come to Mass here before, are advised to contact your local parish for FHC.

Adult Confirmation



The development of faith through the sacraments used to follow a well-trood path, of First Holy Communion Year 3 and Confirmation Year 9. If you missed the Year 9 slot for whatever reason and you would like to be confirmed, please contact Fr Peter. The next Adult Confirmation Course will take place after the New Year on a day and time to be mutually arranged.



“Spring” clean the church for Advent

Sat Nov 27th 10:30 am – 1 pm

Could you spare one hour or so to help spruce up the church up ready for Advent and the Christmas celebrations? Lots of small jobs needing undertaking, come for an hour or come for the whole morning. Refreshments provided. Please sign up at the back of church or drop a note to the parish office if you can come.

More info: chat to Patrick Collins & Jimmy Green

Calling all gardeners



Parish gardening – dates for your diary

It's time to get on top of some of those autumn and winter gardening jobs, clear up the borders and plant some spring bulbs ready for a show of colour next year. Could you join us on either:

Sat Nov 20th 2pm – 4 pm

Sat Nov 27th 10:30 am – 1 pm

If you have gardening tools to hand, please bring them with you (hand forks, secateurs, gardening gloves). Refreshments provided.

Also: Garden drop ins; Wednesday mornings

Have you noticed the garden and the church grounds looking tidier and more cared for? That is because our regular gardening team come every Wednesday morning to keep on top of the gardening jobs.

Come and join them between 10 am – 12 noon (term times only).

More info: Cath Brizzell 07754 893846

After an absence of 2 years Richmond ACTSA is thrilled to be able to have a stall in the hall after the **10:30 Mass on November 21st.**



We are a small local charity which raises funds for education projects, feeding schemes, micro farms and other projects which help combat poverty and encourage sustainability amongst the poor residents in the townships in South Africa.

We will be selling African artefacts including some Christmas tree decorations, Christmas cards, books and an eclectic mix of other items.

Please come and support us!



Diocese of Westminster
SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND

Annual collection for sick and retired priests

There are more than 80 sick and retired priests who receive support after a lifetime of service to their parishes. By 2025 the number of priests in retirement is set to double.

Most priests offer their resignation as a parish priest at the age of 75, but many continue to serve in our parishes, schools, hospices, and hospitals. At this time, they are dependent on the Diocese for their care – for essentials like housing, any health needs and other essentials.

These priests have baptised us. They have welcomed us, and our families, into the Church. They have counselled us at times of crisis, sat with us through grief and sorrow, and shared in times of joy. They have given to us all and now, in their old age or sickness, they need us to give back.

By giving to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can ensure our priests are cared for. You can take a donation envelope as you leave Church today, but the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online, reducing the risks to everyone of handling cash or touching the envelopes.

Please continue to pray for all our clergy: active, retired or ill. Thank you.