

# ST MARGARET'S PAGE



4th SUNDAY OF EASTER - 8 MAY 2022 - Year C

*In Peter writes:* I still remember, for obvious reasons, the first time I told my mother about wanting to become a priest. I was twelve and had gone to have lunch where my mother worked near the British Museum. I shocked both her and myself too! The words came out without thinking, from nowhere it seemed. Teenage years past, O levels and A levels, then University. I was too busy doing other stuff to think much about the longer-term future, though the thought of being a priest did occasionally burst into this flow of things to do. Six months in Rome as an intern in an architect's office and meeting seminary students amongst the ex-pats occupying the seats of the then only Irish Bar in Rome (The Fiddlers Elbow – still going) must have rubbed off in some mysterious way.

What struck me now as it did then in Rome both in the 1970s, and then later as a seminarian in the 1980s was the quality of so many priests, religious and sisters their spiritual, intellectual and cultural depth of knowledge and practice. It was a quality I can see now looking back at the monks who taught at Downside, a monastic boarding school near Bath. Now I know that, but did not appreciate fully at the time, that the monk who taught philosophy and English was one of Wittgenstein's greatest pupils. It is these qualities, intellectual and pastoral, that to me has been one of the signs of the Church as the place to discover God, oneself and the other. The Church as founded by Jesus Christ through His death and Resurrection, and sending of the Holy Spirit. This was a group to which I would be happy to be numbered, a living laboratory of the Holy Spirit where spirituality, learning and culture were fundamental.

What brought them together was the Good Shepherd who called them as they were, each with their own story. None were called because they were perfect but rather because Jesus was committed to them as He is to each of us. This divine commitment helped them and help us transform our baptism from membership into life within the body of the Church and thus becoming in modern church parlance 'intentional disciples'. So though today the focus is on vocation to the priesthood and religious life, no such vocation can take place in a vacuum, every Christian is invited to transform their baptismal promises into life, and life shared with others.

This Sunday, the 4th Sunday of Eastertide is called Vocation Sunday as the Gospel is part of St John's account of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Jesus calls His

| Mass Times & Liturgical Services |                                  |  |
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| Weekend                          | Saturday<br>Sunday               | No Mass<br>8:30 am, 10:30 am & 6.30 pm |
| Weekdays                         | Mon, Tue, Wed & Friday           | 10.00 am                               |
| Eucharistic Service              | Thursday                         | 10.00 am                               |
| Rosary                           | Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri &<br>Sat | 9.30 am                                |
| Confessions                      | Saturday                         | 10:30-11:00am                          |
|                                  | Sunday                           | 10.00 – 10.20 am                       |

sheep one by one, leads them in and out of pasture and protects them with His life, demonstrating a depth of concern that outweighs those of the hired hand. Yet can we 'the sheep' priests and people really hear what the Good Shepherd is telling us. Such listening takes place in reading the Scriptures, participation at Mass; plumbing the depths of our heart, and engaging with the lives of other Christians. Then the heart of the priestly vocation can be discerned, of being a good shepherd in the style of Jesus.

One of the qualities that stood out when I first arrived at St Margaret's were the number of parishioners who still talked about Fr Sydney Dommerson nearly fifty years after his death. This priest made an impact because he was a good shepherd in the style of Jesus. It is a remarkable testament that he is actively remembered all these years later.

Pope Francis recently gave a presentation on the priesthood and identified three forms of closeness that follow from the closeness of the Good Shepherd to every Christian. These are closeness to the Bishop, closeness to other priests and closeness to the people. This closeness to the people recognises the pain of the world, the pain within people's lives, neither wishing it away, nor saying this is the last word, but continually giving words of hope. On Good Friday it was dark from the sixth to the ninth hour only. Even the Father called an end to the suffering of His Son. Since the message of Jesus Christ offers hope, the Church, His Body, becomes the place of hope, and thus the People of God who make the Church, have the spiritual resources to create the culture of hope. Now years later I can see that it is the culture of hope that nurtures faith and sustains charity and that what I saw in those remarkable men and women involved with the Church was a structured expression of hope. Hope that was both personal through their closeness to Jesus Christ and communal through their vocation to serve the Church in a particular way.

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 07/5 – Sun 15/5

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| 07/5 | Sat  | 10.00 am | Works of charity in the neighbourhood         |                        |
|      |      | 6.30 pm  | Deceased members of St Margarets Parish       |                        |
| 08/5 | Sun  | 8.30 am  | Cathy Bannister RIP                           |                        |
|      |      | 10.30 am | Adriana Posse de González RIP (Valeria's Mum) | Lily McCaw             |
|      |      | 6.30 pm  | Juliette Grafton RIP 2nd Anniversary          | Jilly Grafton-williams |
| 09/5 | Mon  | 10.00 am | John Coughlan RIP Anniversary Mass            | Davis family           |
| 10/5 | Tues | 10.00 am | Margaret O'Shea RIP                           | Maz & Bernard Winter   |
| 11/5 | Wed  | 10.00 am | Deceased members of St Margarets Parish       |                        |
| 12/5 | Thu  | 10.00 am | Eucharistic Service                           |                        |
| 13/5 | Fri  | 10.00 am | The families of St Margarets Parish           |                        |
| 14/5 | Sat  | 10.00 am | No Mass                                       |                        |
|      |      | 6.30 pm  | No Mass                                       |                        |
| 15/5 | Sun  | 8.30 am  | Ronald Yore RIP                               | Pat & Jeanne Gogarty   |
|      |      | 10.30 am | For you the people                            |                        |
|      |      | 6.30 pm  | John & Rita Lavery and Lynda Ban-Lavery       | Gerard Ban-Lavery      |

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Cathy McKendry, Olga Romero, Sue Rolph, Rose Blackman, Stanislaw Wozniak, 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, Christopher Browne, Antonella Sesta, Margaret Masterson, Carmen Ruibal, Ann Macpherson, Chris McLoughlin (son of Olga) & Judith Thomas

**Recently deceased** - Christopher Cousins RIP, Adriana Posse de González RIP (Valeria's Mum), Margaret O'Shea RIP, Christopher Bermingham RIP, Cathy Bannister RIP

**Anniversaries** - Louise Godfrey, Dorothy Gavigan, Charles Knott, Daniel Delaney, Annie Palmer, Nell Walsh, Desmond Child, Chris Anderson, Rosemary Aldrich

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

**Entrance Antiphon:** The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

**Response to the Psalm:** We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

### Holy Hour

Holy hour will resume on Friday evenings at 8:00 pm. Please do come and join us before the blessed sacrament as we pray for our parish: that we may grow as a community in Christ.



There will be No Mass on Saturday morning, 14th May at 10.00 am or Saturday evening at 6.30 pm.

No Eucharistic Service is scheduled for the day.

Funeral of well loved former parishioner  
**Margaret O'Shea**

Will take place on  
Tuesday  
10th May,  
at 11.30

Our Lady of England church, 1 Fern Road, Storrington. RH20 4LW



## Sacramental Programmes

### Baptism

The next Baptism course will take place on **5 & 12 July**.

Should you wish to have your child baptised in this parish, attendance at these courses is compulsory. Please either speak to Fr Peter after Mass or contact the parish office.



### First Holy Communion 2022

Children who are taking classes for 2022 will be receiving the sacrament on 2nd July 2022.

### Confirmation 2023

We are seeking expressions of interest for our Confirmation programme 2023. If your child will be in year 9 next year please register their name with Cynthia in the parish office.



### Marriage Preparation



The next course will run at St Margaret's in the month of November. The date will be announced soon. Please contact the parish office to register.

We alternate our sessions with The Brompton Oratory. Kindly contact Fr Michael Lang ([michaellang@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:michaellang@rcdow.org.uk)) for further details if you would like to take the course at the Brompton Oratory.

### Our First Holy Communion candidates from 2020 & 2021

whose celebrations were restricted because of Covid, will be joining us for Mass on 8th May at 10.30 am and having a reception afterwards. Please keep our children and their families in your prayers. God's blessings to each one of them. Pictures of the cohort of 2020 & 2021 children.

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## REPAIR CAFE

### Twickenham Repair Café

#### Twickenham Repair Cafe - Next event is Saturday 21st May

Get there early as we are sure to be pretty busy, we have already had interest from people with all sorts of weird and wonderful stuff for us to repair! We just can't wait!

**25** repairers with a huge range of skills and generously give their time and expertise.

With talented IT experts and bike repairers to keep your bike running safely and for longer.

We have already had **130** repairs over three sessions.

With **60** different types of items, from: iPad, Nespresso machine, sewing machine, jumper with holes in, laptop, silver teapot with broken leg, many bikes, ripped jeans, garden strimmer, teddy with holes in hat, wind-up clock, hairdryer, foot massager, wooden birdhouse, lamp, suitcase, walkman, sharpening for tools and knives and even a lightsaber - very difficult but we did it!

Have a look at our site: [www.twickenhamrepaircafe.org](http://www.twickenhamrepaircafe.org). See our local MP Munira Wilson, and what we repaired for her. Also, read our story "Men what do coffee" and experiences from our customers and keep up with our Blog!

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)



#### Foundation Governor Vacancy



Would you like to serve the local Catholic community in an important and strategic way, ensuring that our children benefit from an education that reflects a Catholic vision and ethos?

St James's Catholic Primary School, Twickenham, has a vacancy for a Foundation Governor. St James's is an outstanding school and Governors play a strategic role in the school's development.

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Governors need to be willing to work as part of a team, read papers, attend meetings and ask constructive questions. There is free training available from the Borough and the Diocese.

For this vacancy, we are particularly seeking applicants with commercial, contract or legal experience. This vacancy is open to Catholics who are not parents of children currently attending the school. Governors are appointed for a four-year term of office, which can be renewed.

If you would like to learn more about being a school governor, please email Edel Hindley, Vice Chair of St James's Governing Body at [edelhindley@gmail.com](mailto:edelhindley@gmail.com).

#### School SENDCo Staff Vacancy at St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School in Richmond



St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School is seeking an inspirational SENDCo to lead the strategic vision for SEND provision in the school. The successful candidate will be joining a dedicated and friendly team, who are committed to ensuring that all pupils have the best possible school experience.

For further information and to apply, please visit the vacancy information on the GOV.UK Teaching Vacancies website: <https://teaching-vacancies.service.gov.uk/jobs/sendco-st-elizabeth-s-catholic-primary-school>. Application deadline is 16 May 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Thank you for your interest.

#### New Foundation Governor needed



St Mary's School, Isleworth are recruiting a new foundation governor. Governors at St Mary's play an important role in the running of the school, co-creating the strategic leadership of the school, providing support and offering challenge to ensure that the school and all its staff and pupils are achieving the best they can.

St Mary's is a Catholic school welcoming people of all faiths and beliefs who are ready to adopt our ethos and values. At St Mary's we put the happiness of the child first and their love for learning. Our aim is to create well-rounded children who can adapt well to the next phase of their educational journey and future lives.

The full Governing Body meet at least termly and Governors will be part of committees – there are 3 in total plus the Admissions committee. Governors are not all on every Committee, however, any Governor may attend any meeting, and have voting rights at any meeting attended.

We are a really committed and dedicated team of Governors and we would love you to join us. Please get in touch if you would like to have a more detailed chat about what the role by calling 020 85607166 or email [reply@smi.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:reply@smi.hounslow.sch.uk) with 'Foundation Governor' in the subject line.