

ST MARGARET'S PAGE



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 8th October 2023 - Year A

In Peter writes:

Lost amidst the offertory collection, children returning from their basement liturgy and starting the offertory hymn, are two prayers that unite the work of God with the work of humanity. Two expressions 'fruit of the earth and work of human hands' and 'fruit of the vine and work of human hands' describes the symbiotic relationship between God and humanity. Worship as directed by Jesus at the Last Supper requires both God as the source of everything and the daily work of humanity for the work to be undertaken. Bread and wine are the results of combined human effort.

This dual activity continues with the prayer that begins: 'pray that my sacrifice (the priest standing in the person of Jesus) and yours (the congregation representing humanity in its entirety) enters the heart of the Mass. The sacrifice on the Cross is made possible through our prior participation in the making of bread and wine. God's action stands at the heart, no change from bread to Body, or wine to Blood, would be possible without His intervention. Yet this combination of divine action and human participation sets the tone for His plan for us, a plan that is not imposed but that invites our conscious engagement.

Beginning with the Liturgy is the better way to understand all those issues surrounding the environment and climate change. Human activity is mandated by God from the beginning, consequent to the expulsion from the Garden of Eden but also used as the means to sanctification. Pope Francis' document, 'Laudato Si' begins with praise echoes St Francis' Canticle, 'Laudato si, O mio signore' (Praise be to you, O my Lord).

This Sunday's Gospel parable about the workers in the vineyard's maltreatment of the master's servants is an obvious echo of God's dealings with His chosen people that ends with the crucifixion. This drama does not play out in a barren environment but in a well-cultivated tamed environment, the vineyard. What the workers lacked was any sense that the vineyard was a gift. They acted like a selfish family member who cannot perceive the benefits gained from being part of a larger family, and of the embedded physical, spiritual and cultural capital of the place we call home. Their lack of apprecia-

Mass Times & Liturgical Services (9/10-15/10)		
Weekend	Saturday	10.00 am
	Sunday	8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.30 pm
Weekday	Wednesday	10.00 am
Euch Ser	Mon, Tue, Thur & Fri	10.00 am
Confessions	Saturday	10:30-11:00am
	Sunday	10.00-10.20am

tion made the vineyard workers easy targets for more sinister thoughts to enter their hearts. Such thoughts became actions that ultimately led to the killing of the son in the parable. How easy it is to tread the same path even without following the plot of 'Kind hearts and coronets.'

The vineyard of the parable may be applied to ancient Israel, but to our country, and our world too, as the well-tended environment provided for human life, the fruits being the results of human work, personal and collective, spiritual and material. God gave a world predisposed for our flourishing, a world that required transformation through human effort.

Yet our efforts have become perverted, now that the sense of creation as a gift has been lost. Paradoxically indifference to God and thus to creation demolishes the reasons for the ecological movement, as if truth no longer resides in God as Creator, then the creation becomes merely a place to use and not to cherish. The shrill tones of protestors demonstrate this point as their lack of argument or invitation to share the vision makes their secular understanding all so apparent. Life is not an idea, but continuous activity and so another form of dialogue is needed other than simplistic slogans or inconvenient political actions, to initiate change.

To see life as a gift from the cosmos to embryo, from conception to natural death starts at another place and invites our engagement, because the world as a gift sets up the question as how that gift is used. Is the world the place for resources to make alone or is it the location for the gradual sanctification of the person. At Mass we recognise the participation with Jesus Christ's action, and so creation becomes the place for becoming this holy person. We do not all have to become St Francis, but we are invited to see creation as our ally in our sanctification.

St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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Mass Intentions: 7th — 15th October

7/10	Sat	10.00am	Works of charity in the neighbourhood	
8/10	Sun	8.30am	For you, the people	
		10.30am	Eleanor Drew RIP	Kathleen & Stephen Walker
		6.30pm	Work of missionaries throughout the world	
9/10	Mon	10.00am	Eucharistic Service	
10/10	Tues	10.00am	Eucharistic Service	
11/10	Weds	10.00am	Deceased members of St Margarets Parish	
12/10	Thurs	10.00am	Eucharistic Service	
13/10	Fri	10.00am	Eucharistic Service	
14/10	Sat	10.00am	For you, the people	
15/10	Sun	8.30am	Mary Richardson RIP	Susannah O'Leary
		10.30am	For the Bailey family RIP	Margaret Crowe
		6.30pm	Eleanor Drew RIP & the Drew family	Gretta and Liam Gallagher & family

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

John Forsyth, Rose Blackman, Ursula van der Westhuizen, 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), Tony Tucker, Dr Christopher Khoo, John Wood-Collins, Jim Polland, Theresa Bulpitt, Sue Rolph & Dick Cotter.

Anniversaries - Oswald Durkin, Peter Hammerton, Ronald Martin, Cyril Golden, Chris Winter, Attilia Bonnici, Felicity Collins, Lily Hedges, Eddie Burch, Patrick Regan, John Regan, Mark Ryder, Fr. Maurice Copplestone, Hugo Merola, Jean Hale

Recently deceased - Eleanor Katharine Drew RIP (daughter of Allison & Geoffrey Drew). Frank O'Hara RIP. Kate Harrison RIP

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

Prayer Intentions - October 2023

For the Synod—We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

Entrance Antiphon:

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

Response to the Psalm:

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Parish Pastoral Council Notices from Fr Peter

Every few years the Parish Pastoral Council undergoes a change of personnel as serving the parish should be a joy and not a life-sentence!

Currently I am looking for a new **Secretary/Convener of the Pastoral Council**, someone who co-ordinates the three yearly meetings and has oversight over the parish's different activities as a whole. I would like to thank for her work as secretary for the last three years. Kathryn James will be taking over the Community/Love your parish position.

I am also looking for two further parishioners who might consider overseeing the two posts of **Catechetical co-ordinator** and **Pastoral Outreach**. I am very grateful for the contributions made by Marta Baker (Catechetics) and Cath Brizzell (Pastoral Outreach). Both have ensured that the parish provides different catechetical and faith development courses and events, and that the parish has a sustained outreach into the community, especially with the Richmond Homeless lunches.

Safeguarding Officer

Every parish is required to have a Safeguarding Officer. The Parish Priest can only cover during an inter-regnum like now but is not able to fulfil the role in the long term. Might there be someone who would like to take on this role on behalf of St Margaret's Parish. I am able to send some sheets explaining what is involved.

Please see me if you are interested in these roles

Funeral notice: Kate Harrison, a former member of the parish, passed away recently. Her family have extended an invite for those who knew her to join them at Mortlake Crematorium at 2.40pm on Monday 9th October.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory, Amen.

The Year of the Council: Sharing Faith Course

You are invited to join us in preparation for the Year of the Council with the Diocesan "Sharing Faith" course.

The course will run for 4 Wednesdays from 7.30-9pm in the Lower Sacristy, starting on **Wednesday 8th November** and finishing on **Wednesday 29th November**.

This new course, for faith-sharing communities across the Diocese, seeks to bring us into an act of love, as we journey through the 4 Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council.

All are welcome to join us—teas & coffees provided.



Patronal Feast Weekend Celebrations

18th & 19th November

Saturday 18th November: 5pm in the Hall

Talk by Melanie McDonagh: "The powerful women of the Mediaeval Church, St Margaret of Scotland included".

Melanie McDonagh writes for The Tablet and The Evening Standard, amongst other newspapers.

Sunday 19th November: 12pm in the Hall

The traditional St Margaret's BBQ will take place after the 10.30am Mass. Tickets amazing value! £15 per family, £5 per person—please bring a salad or dessert to share.

The memorial of St Margaret of Scotland is Thursday 16th November, and may be transferred to the nearest Sunday in churches dedicated to her name.



Mass schedule—Please note

- There will be Eucharistic Service taking place next week on Monday 9th, Tuesday 10th, Thursday 12th & Friday 13th October at 10.00 am.

Holy Hour

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Friday evenings at 8:00 pm—9:00 pm. All are welcome to attend. For those not able to attend we will be starting a book of intentions in which you are welcome to write your intentions. Those attending Adoration will present your intentions before the Blessed Sacrament.



Join us for a "Tea & Chat" from 1:45 pm – 3:15 pm on:

Friday 20 October

All are welcome! Please feel free to bring along a friend or a neighbour.



Reader's Rota

The current organiser has had to step down and so the Parish is looking for some kind individual to take up the task of organising the three monthly rota.

If you would like to volunteer please contact Fr Peter.

Mary's Meals wants to collect all your foreign currency and turn it into cash to feed hungry children in the 18 countries it works in. You will find envelopes at the back of church today, please take one when you leave and put all your foreign coins and notes* into it. Then bring your envelope back into church a few weeks later. Mary's Meals feeds children for only 10p per meal so a little goes a long way. Thank you for your support.

*We will also take UK coins/notes that aren't legal tender



**ProParent
Navigating the Challenges of
Modern Family Life**



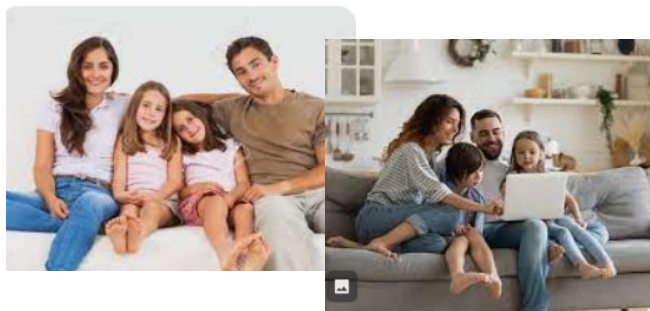
**Sunday 15th October, 3.00 pm at
St Margarets Church. 130 St Margarets Road, Twickenham TW1 1RL**

ProParent was founded by former headmaster Ciro Candia. He has given presentations to thousands of parents across the UK and Ireland. He and his wife, Caroline, have seven children.

In his talk, Ciro will discuss how to find happiness in the midst of modern family life – focusing on the mission of raising children to become people of great character.

This is useful for parents with children of any age, including teens and young adults. Babies on laps are welcome, there is also a limited amount of childcare available but this needs to be booked ahead.

For booking and further information contact Melanie – 07831 871 923



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Sacramental Programmes

Sacramental preparations are open for parishioners and those who attend Mass regularly at St Margaret's.

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

First Holy Communion 2024: If you would like your child to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, please speak to Fr Peter after any Mass that you attend. Enrol on the course during the first half term, from September 1st to October 22nd. Collect attendance card. Applications will close on that date. Attendance on to the Children's Liturgy at Sunday 10.30 am Mass is required.

Confirmation 2024: The 2024 Confirmation Course will begin in January 2024 and will continue till after Easter, date yet to be established. Kindly speak to Fr Peter or Deacon Joseph after any weekend Mass that you attend. Enrol on the course during the first half-term from September 1st to October 22nd.

Marriage Preparation: St Margarets alternates with The Brompton Oratory for the courses. We will hold a course on Saturday, 13th April 2024. Please contact the parish office to register your interest. The Brompton Oratory will hold a course on Saturday, 7th October 2023. For information on courses at The Brompton Oratory, kindly contact Fr Michael Lang (michaellang@rcdow.org.uk) for further details.

Adult preparation for the sacraments: This autumn, beginning on September, Deacon Joseph will be leading a ten session enquiry course for those interested in becoming Catholics, or for those adults who already Christian would like to be received into the Church, or who wish to be confirmed as adults. The next course begins on Monday 18th September.

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