

ST MARGARET'S PAGE

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER - 9th May 2021 Year B



In Peter writes:

Tomorrow building work will finally commence with regard to the refurbishment of the Hall, facilities and basement. This is an exciting project that will help advance the mission of the parish despite the obvious inconveniences that will emerge during the building work itself. The restoration of the lavatories is long overdue and turning the basement into a single space with full disabled access will allow parish groups to meet any night of the week, irrespective of whoever is renting the hall. Thank you to all those of you who have contributed to the fund-raising over the last few years. Your commitment to the future of the parish is gratefully acknowledged and I hope that you will then see your generous contributions being to good use.

The refurbished Hall, basement and facilities will enable the parish to undertake the twin mission set for every Parish by Pope Francis, that of being both a field hospital and village square. Sustaining these twin realities is the liturgy of the Church, the Mass and other sacraments. I am full of hope for the future because the spiritual engine for the parish to become a village square or field hospital is firing at 60%. The numbers attending Mass have been slowly increasing as parishioners become more confident in coming to the parish, and government regulations begin to ease. The good work of the stewards has made the church as safe as possible, and I am very grateful for their continued efforts, because I do not suppose any of us thought we would still be in lockdown measures over a year later from the start.

Cardinal Vincent has asked every Deanery, a cluster of parishes arranged around local authorities, to discuss amongst the priests three points with respect to planning for the post-pandemic era. The three points are Re-evaluation and restart; sacramental deepening and embracing the mission anew. These three topics will be discussed at the next Parish Pastoral Council steering group on Wednesday 12th May. Their thoughts will then be communicated through the Page and discussed when we can meet up face to face.

The first task is to reflect whether everything that took place before the pandemic should be restored in the same format or has the time come to initiate new ways of undertaking the parish's mission to make disciples, evangelise the neighbourhood, provide catechetical activities for young and old, and to reflect on those activi-

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

ties that make for a field hospital and village square.

Making disciples was the key command of the risen Jesus to the apostles after His Resurrection. How this is achieved depends on the person concerned. Some Catholics become disciples through their prayer life, others through the study of the faith, others through social outreach. None of this is possible unless we remain convinced ourselves of the central message of the faith: "Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you." Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium* no 164.

The second task becomes possible when the preparation for sacraments becomes the privileged moments to communicate how this basic truth of the message becomes effective in the life of the Christian. Each sacrament communicates the love of Jesus in a particular way; letting Him save you through Baptism; letting Him free you in Reconciliation, letting Him give His life for you in the Eucharist; letting Him strengthen you through the power of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation; and let Him walk by your side in Marriage. Placing the central message at the heart of the sacraments give them their proper context and they become part of our life journey.

This Sunday's Gospel brings together both the basic message of the love of Jesus; 'a man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends', and the path of discipleship, 'I chose you and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last'. The celebration of the sacraments gives the spiritual energy to make this or any parish both a village square and a field hospital. Thus, the natural flow of community life should be encouraged here to blossom forth once again at St Margaret's, as well as the resumption of the field hospital activities such as the Vineyard Lunches and possibly other homeless initiatives.

I am under no illusion as to the task ahead, but with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the good will of yourselves we may, together, be able to gather our community once again and open our doors to new parishioners and new ways of fulfilling our missionary mandate.

St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

• E-mail: stmargaretonthames@rcdow.org.uk • Website: www.stmargaretsrchurch.co.uk
Parish Priest: Canon Peter Newby. Deacon Joseph Estorninho; Parish Administrator: Cynthia Souza; Bookkeeper: Ann Edes
Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9.30 am – 12.30 pm. Emails are checked regularly.

Mass Intentions Saturday 8th May – Sunday 16th May

08/5	Sat	10.00am	Deceased members of St Margarets Parish
		6.30 pm	The families of St Margarets Parish
09/5	Sun	8.30 am	Missionary spirit of the Parish and the Church
		10.30am	Olga Cordero Solis RIP
			Angela
		6.30 pm	For you the people
10/5	Mon	10.00pm	Deceased members of St Margaret's Parish
11/5	Tues	10.00am	The families of St Margaret's Parish
12/5	Wed	10.00am	Missionary spirit of the Parish and the Church
13/5	The Feast of Ascension		
13/5	Thur	10.00am	For you the people
14/5	Fri	10.00am	Eucharistic Service
15/5	Sat	10.00am	Work of missionaries throughout the world
		6.30 pm	Pupils and staff of St James School and St Richard Reynolds Catholic College
16/5	Sun	8.30 am	For you the people
		10.30am	Richard Watkins RIP Anniversary
		6.30 pm	Deceased members of St Margaret's Parish

Entrance Antiphon:

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth:

The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Response to the Psalm:

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Mass Arrangement

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday - 10.00 am. (No booking needed) (live stream available)

Friday - Eucharistic Service 10.00 am

Saturday - 10.00 am & 6.30 pm

Sunday—8.30 am , 10.30 am (Booking needed) (live streamed) 6.30 pm

Rosary on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday's at 9.30 am (on zoom)

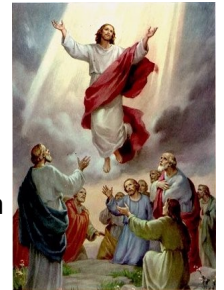
Solemnity of the Ascension

10:00am Mass St Margaret's

1:05pm Mass St Mary's University

5:00pm Mass St Mary's University

(Extra-ordinary form: Missa Cantata with four-part choir



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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 - 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*

Refurbishment of the Parish Hall, Facilities and Basement

May I write to impart the good news that the building work has been given permission to proceed by the Finance Office of the Diocese. The builders will arrive on **Monday May 10th** and with a fair wind conclude on **Friday September 3rd**.

Please note the following changes for the construction period.

During building works the carpark will be severely restricted so please think of parking on the street instead on Sundays. During the weekday double-parking will not be allowed as the building site needs potential emergency access. Thank you for your consideration.

This is also the moment to thank once again all those who have contributed to the building fund which has reached nearly £130,000 donated and pledged. The financing of the project is divided into the three parts, the fundraising campaign, the partial use of the cash balance in the bank and a loan from the Diocese of £125,000 payable over seven years. The loan will be paid back through additional Hall rentals, some fundraising and regular donations from the existing building fund.

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER - 9TH MAY

Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

Psalm 97

1 John 4:7-10

John 15:9-17

7th SUNDAY OF EASTER - 16TH MAY

Acts 1:15-17. 20-26

Psalm 102

1 John 4:11-16

John 17:11-19



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** - 11th May & 18th May at 8 pm (online)

Youth Prayer Evening

Friday 21st May (in conjunction with St Elizabeth's Parish, Richmond)

Prayer, Praise, Faith and Worship music provided by St Elizabeth's music group, 7:00pm - 9:00pm. During Adoration there will be the possibility of confessions with visiting confessor.

This is a joint venture with St Elizabeth's, and the venue will alternate between the two churches.

Thank you

Children's Liturgy on Zoom; on alternate Sunday mornings

9:45 – 10:15 am

For children aged 4 – 11 (roughly)



Upcoming dates: May 16, 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.

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 will begin next week.

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.

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.

HELLO!



New Parishioners evening

Every few months the Parish holds a New Parishioner meet to welcome those who have arrived in the neighbourhood and have started coming to Mass at St Margarets.

If you are a new parishioner, come and hear about Parish life here at St Margarets and share in our mission as a catholic community.

I look forward to meeting you zoom-wise and speaking in person here at the Church.

Wednesday, 19th May

8.00 pm - 8.45 pm

Please email parish office for joining details.



Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, via live-stream from Westminster Cathedral, on Saturday 15th May 2021 at 3.00pm



The Cardinal will be celebrating a live-streamed Mass for all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2021.

If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy/parish office the following details:

- ◆ husband and wife's names
- ◆ wedding date
- ◆ full postal address and
- ◆ email (or telephone number if no email)

and these details will be sent to those organizing this celebration.

An Order of Service can be downloaded from the Cathedral website before the event


www.westminstercathedral.org.uk.

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](https://www.virginmoneygiving.com). Thank you!

The Day of the Lord.

It is a reflection by the Bishops of  Diocese of Westminster England and Wales, developed during their recent Plenary Meeting. It pays tribute to the work of so many people over the past year of the pandemic, and seeks to elucidate some of the challenge that faces us as a Church in the months ahead. As you will see, the centrality of the Eucharist and the greatness of the gift of the Mass are stressed.

To read the reflection online you can find it in full in this article on the diocesan website: <https://rcdow.org.uk/news/bishops-encourage-catholics-to-place-sunday-mass-at-the-heart-of-their-post-pandemic-lives/>

To view The Day of the Lord in pdf ([click here](#)).

Cardinal Vincent Nichols

Forthcoming Catholic History Walks

Sunday May 9th meet 3pm outside St George's Cathedral Southwark. We'll learn the story of this Cathedral and walk to the river and Archbishop's Park. **Saturday May 15th meet 3pm St Elizabeth's Church**, The Vineyard, Richmond...we'll look at Richmond then cross the river and walk along to St Mary's, Strawberry Hill. **Tuesday May 18th meet 6.30pm** (after 6pm Mass) at St Dominic's, Haverstock Hill, London NW5 4LB. We'll learn the story of this Rosary Shrine and walk to Hampstead Heath, discovering links with Lord Mansfield and with General de Gaulle. **Thursday May 20th, meet 6.15pm** Westminster Cathedral, London SW1 after the 5.30pm Mass. We'll walk to St James' Park and finish at Parliament. It's not essential to book, but it would be helpful. Contact us at chwalkslondon@gmail.com



Diocese of Westminster

Thy Kingdom Come - Lighting up the world in prayer – 13th-23rd May 2021

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/thy-kingdom-come/>

Once again, alongside other Catholic dioceses we are pleased to be participating in this timely ecumenical initiative to help us reflect more deeply on our journey with Christ and personal call to discipleship. A variety of rich Catholic resources are available for use in our parish communities, which can enable us to prepare more fully to celebrate the great Feast of Pentecost. In a year that has been beset by many personal challenges and worries, we hope that these resources may provide a useful source of spiritual nourishment and reflection.

We would like to highlight the following key resources:

Pentecost Novena:

A beautiful way to prepare ourselves for the joy of Pentecost, This resource is available as a download, booklet, or podcast: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/thy-kingdom-come/pentecost-novena/>

Continued...

....Continued



Diocese of Westminster

Journey with Mary:

This special playlist has been created for us to journey with Mary from the Ascension to Pentecost . What would we say, or share with Mary? <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/thy-kingdom-come/journey-with-mary/>

Praying for 5: During the novena which 5 friends, family, neighbours, who may be away from the Church, or have yet to discover the love offered them by Jesus would you pray for. Simply do so throughout the day and ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit for them.

A simple Prayer Journal has been produced to support our personal prayer during the novena, https://www.thykingdomcome.global/sites/default/files/2021-03/TKC%20Prayer%20Journal%202021%20DOWNLOAD_0.pdf

For Families: There are some delightful resources to help families, particularly those with young children praying Thy Kingdom Come. To explore what is on offer please click below; <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/cheekypandas>

Sharing your good news: We would love to hear **Thy Kingdom Come** stories from your parish – before, during, or after the Novena. Please send these, and any pictures you might want to share, to Deacon Roger Carr-Jones at the Agency for Evangelisation – rogercarrjones@rcdow.org.uk.

St Richard Reynolds Primary School are recruiting for a KS2 Primary School Teacher.

Please visit our website for more information: <https://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk/our-college/work-at-srr>

Or contact recruitment@srrcc.org.uk for further details.

Vaccine Confidence Webinar

Saturday 15th May from 10am to 11.30am A Covid-19 vaccine confidence webinar has been organized for the of Dioceses of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster, with the cooperation of Hertfordshire County Council and Hammer-smith & Fulham Council, and other local authorities. It will take place on Saturday 15th May 2021 from 10am to 11.30am and will feature a panel of eminent medical experts led by Prof Kevin Fenton, Regional Director of Public Health London. The panel will share the latest information on COVID-19 vaccination.

There will be an opportunity for participants to ask questions anonymously.

To join the webinar: <https://zoom.us/j/99627319556> Passcode: 546617 (click for POSTER)