

ST MARGARET'S PAGE



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 9 July 2023 - Year A

In Peter writes:

Today, Friday 7th, is the last day of the St Richard Reynolds Year 9 'School in Rome.' By now I am an expert in the Leonardo Da Vinci Museum, having given the opening introduction six times, built the safety bridge model with numerous pupils and worked the models of his designs. It is too soon to say how much fruit the visit will generate but it included a rigorous fitness regime with the three twice daily walk up the quickly named 'steps of doom' up to the hotel, sometimes after doing 32,000 steps on the combined Latin and History walks! Most, I imagine, will spend the weekend asleep.

Beginning on Sunday evening and concluding on Thursday evening in St Peter's Square anchored the project in the arms of the Church. St Peter and St Paul gave Rome its Christian identity, and their martyrdom sowed the seeds of a vibrant Christian community in the city. One thousand years of classical history would be incorporated into the Church and those elements open to grace would be seen as a preparation for the Gospel; classical philosophy, the importance of law, and the structure of society. Rome did not make St Peter and Paul, they made Rome.

Thus, my hope had been to emphasise that the Church possesses a living heart, a continuous witness to the person of Jesus Christ, and that the Year 9 are part of that living heart. The authoritative witness and its formative traditions of St Peter and his successors made the city. Seeing the city this way turns it from being a series of dead monuments into a source of inspiration, both religious and cultural. If in some small way the 170 Year 9 pupils could grasp that the Catholic Church is bigger than their parish, that it proposes a coherent culture and consistent way of life, then I feel the visit will have been a success. Drawing at the Spanish Steps, reading Henry James on the Pincian Hill and translating Latin at the Circus Maximus cannot but be beneficial for anyone's education as they participated in the cultural heart of Western European Christian civilisation.

The centre piece of the week was the Wednesday morning Mass at St Peter's. By providence the school was given the altar at the back of St Peter's behind the Papal Altar for the celebration of Mass. It was an immense privilege to celebrate Mass at the altar where the Cardinals gather prior to the Conclave and other Synodal meetings. Looking from the altar I

could see the length of St Peter's through the great doors and into the sunshine beyond. Grasping the size of the basilica takes time as every detail is expanded. The bronze canopy over the Papal altar, through which I gazed into the outside world is the equivalent of a six-storey building. So, the 190 staff and pupils hardly filled the first few rows of the apse. Here was something bigger than our parish churches yet participating in the very same activity, of making present through the ritual of Mass the saving presence of Jesus Christ in the bread and wine which had become His Body and Blood. Here the school engaged in the heart of the Church's mission in the heart of the visible structure that is the Catholic Church.

Despite their tiredness, the staff are talking about making 'school in Rome' a regular feature of school life. This Year 9 had missed out on the right of passage that is school journey in Year 6 at the end of Primary School and other trips owing to Covid-19. My hope is that this visit made up for that lack. Whether these plans come to pass I do not know but this is a laudable aim which I would hope to support. Though I first came to Rome in February 1976 the city still holds for me the same fascination. Much has changed obviously, the increasing number of tourists and flattening of city cultures in front of the global brands of modern capitalism and the mores of the wealthy citizens from nowhere. Yet visiting the city with the mindset has changed from starting with the monuments to starting with the living heart then the richness of the city becomes visible behind the obvious veneer of the tourist economy.

As I write, over-looking the Vatican ramparts that follow the contour of the hill from beyond St Peter's Square to beyond the entrance to the Vatican Museum, and round past the Casa Bonus Pastor where the students are staying, it is easy to think of the eternal nature of the Holy City, but without the heart then it would become an empty shell. The same is true for every parish, without the liturgical and spiritual heart then it becomes a hollow, all too-humane entity. A mighty week with much to reflect upon, to rediscover the heart on which the Catholic project relies.

St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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Mass Intentions Sat 8 July—16 July

08/07	Sat	10.00 am	Pauline Crowther RIP	Thomas Crowther
09/07	Sun	8.30 am	Jozef Hrin senior RIP	Elizabeth
		10.30 am	Richard Cotter	Corbett & Walsh family
		6.30 pm	For you the people	
10/07	Mon	10.00 am	Deceased members of St Margarets Parish	
11/07	Tue	10.00 am	The families of St Margarets Parish	
12/07	Wed	10.00 am	Alain Lebleu RIP	Olivier Lebleu
13/07	Thu	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service	
14/07	Fri	10.00 am	Missionary spirit of the Parish and the Church	
15/07	Sat	10.00 am	Intentions of the Secular Clergy Common Fund	
16/07	Sun	8.30 am	Special Intentions of a parishioner	
		10.30 am	Maura Jane Evenhuis RIP	Barbara de Souza
		6.30 pm	William Davis RIP anniversary	Maureen Davis

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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, Eleanor Drew, Jim Polland, Theresa Bulpitt, Sue Rolph & Dick Cotter.

Anniversaries - Trixie Tobback, Paddy Kennedy, Jack Dwyer, John Nash, Pat Haydon, Rupert Aldrich, Margaret Wood-Collins, Daniel O'Hare, Rosemary Rendall, Olive Ashford, Bill West, Margaret Flynn, Julia Bendy, Mrs Slater, Nicholas Stanley

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

July Prayer Intentions - For a Eucharistic life: We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

Entrance Antiphon:

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Response to the Psalm:

I will bless your name forever, O God my King.

Mass Times & Liturgical Services (10/07—16/07)

Weekend Mass	Saturday	10.00 am
	Sunday	8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.30 pm
Weekday Mass	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday	
		10.00 am
Eucharistic Service	Thursday	10.00 am
Confessions	Saturday	10:30-11:00am
	Sunday	10.00-10.20am

Holy Hour

Please note that we will break for the summer after our final Holy Hour on 30th June. We will return in September.



James (and Marjorie) Welch were parishioners from 1956 until 1986.

JAMES WELCH 26.09.1925 – 02.07.2023

The family of James Welch wish to let you know that James died peacefully on the evening of Sunday 2nd July 2023 aged 97. He died at home as he wished.



His requiem mass will be held on Monday 24th July at 2pm at the Church of Christ the King, Steyning BN44 3PB followed by refreshments at the church hall. At 4.30pm the burial will take place nearby at Botolphs Cemetery, Annington Road, Nr Bramber BN44 3WB.

It would be helpful if you could let us know if you are able to come on 24th July. Please use the contact details below: Clare 07745 610 796 clare.osgood@gmail.com Ruth 07714 235569 ruth.keeley28@gmail.com

The family requests no flowers but donations may be made direct to Sussex Wildlife Trust (www.sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk) or Pax Christi (www.paxchristi.org.uk) in James Welch's name or visit <https://jameswelch.muchloved.com/> which has links to both charities.

Sea Sunday—16th July

Seafarers and the fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions.



In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health.

Sea Sunday, at St Margarets will take place on 16th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5/-. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you,

"ECO church is an interdenominational Christian environmental award for churches.



The awards work by completing an online survey to gauge where our church is in: worship and teaching, building and land, how we engage with our local community and the personal lifestyles of our congregation."

We have decided to approach this by having a focal point each month:

May: Water Butt - already installed

June: Compost bins - reallocate the 5 old bins at the back of the church garden.

July: Recycling in hall

August: Change hall light bulbs for energy efficient units
The following months' focal points will be decided shortly.

This is a great opportunity for our church community to become more environmentally involved. For instance, by reduction of car use or reducing personal energy consumption. We are also looking for people to become more involved by becoming a champion to lead one of the areas. Do contact the parish office if you would like to be more involved.

Mission Unleashed: an event with Cardinal Tagle. The Church has a mission but what is it? And how should we do it? Cardinal Tagle of the Philippines has responsibilities for evangelisation and mission in the Vatican and is an inspirational speaker. Join CAFOD online for **Mission Unleashed: Embracing the Social Dimension of Evangelisation hosted by CAFOD on 14 July 7:00-8:30pm.**

Please see www.bigmarker.com/cafod/evangelisation to book your place for this webinar and be sent the recording. All welcome.

CORRECTION to last week's article regarding the mission appeal.

28 May 2023 appeal from Sr Ann for the Missionary sisters raised £1242.18. Thank you to parishioners for their generous donations.

Twickenham Repair Cafe - 15th July.

It is the last session before we break until September so please come along and bring us something to fix.

Also, our customers (and repairers) are crying out for your wonderful baking skills so can we have some lovely homemade cakes please.



Bereavement Café St Margaret of Scotland Church Hall



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OUR NEXT ONE IS ON 15TH JULY

Everyone experiences grief in a unique way. The Bereavement Cafe 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. All are welcome

Contact 07547 976953 or Email: stmargaretson-thames@rcdow.org.uk with any questions, Or just drop in on the day.

St Margarets Youth Group Volunteer leaders sought!

From September the Parish will launch a monthly group for Years 7,8,9 here at St Margarets, meeting on the second Sunday of each month from 5:00pm to 6:15pm followed by Mass at 6:30pm after the first meeting.



The evenings would include sport, games, discussion and pizza.

If you are between 18 and late 30s, and have an interest in this ministry, please contact Fr Peter or the Parish Office. If possible, I would like to find two leaders before the summer so that all the necessary procedures may be undertaken before the first meeting on Sunday 17th September. Future dates would revert to the second Sunday of the month, October 8th, November 12th, December 10th.

World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of young people from all over the world with Pope Francis, taking place in Lisbon this summer.



If you can't attend the main event, why not join **WYD in London** - a day celebration on **Saturday 5th August 2023** from 11am-5pm in the church by **Leicester Square**.

Programme: music • prayer • talks • activities • Mass, bringing together a young community of different nationalities in one faith! Venue: Notre Dame de France, 5 Leicester Place, London WC2H 7BX. Donations only. **To register** a group or individually, fill in the form: bit.ly/wydlondon If you would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact us!

Anne Marie Salgo, **Religious of the Assumption**.
20 Kensington Square, London W8 5HH
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A celebration of Our Lady's birthday, on Friday, September 8th

A one-day pilgrimage is being organised for all by the CWL at one of the largest churches in London, a diocesan Shrine to promote the Rosary since 2016: Our Lady of the Rosary and St Dominic Church, Southampton Road, NW5 4LB.



The full program will include:

11.00: Arrival and welcome (with tea, coffee, biscuits); Holy Mass; refreshments (bring our own packed lunch); praying the Joyful Mysteries around the church; a visit to the Rosary Garden; a final cup of tea and good-bye, by about 16.00

We shall need to know how many are coming by August 14th. A contribution of £10 will be needed to support the event.

Please, contact Aline Cook, Catholic Women's League Branch (diocesan) secretary on alinejcook@hotmail.com

Pilgrimage of Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life, to Walsingham

Saturday 5th August, led by Archbishop Kevin McDonald.

For details see the poster on the noticeboard, or go to www.prolifepilgrimage.org

Please join in the 'great prayer for life' asked for by Pope Saint John Paul II.

There is great need of prayer. The UK Government have pressed on with their determination to impose abortion on the unwilling population of Northern Ireland. Abortions in Scotland have reached a record high. There is continued pressure to introduce Assisted Suicide, a Parliamentary Committee in England and Wales currently taking evidence. Looking more widely there is increasingly aggressive silencing of views opposed to the liberal agenda, the latest examples being the arrest of a woman for silently praying outside an abortion clinic which was not even open, and the imposition of 'buffer zones' around abortion facilities.

We hope that you will encourage many parishioners to join the pilgrimage, if not in person then online, and through the year to come to help as many as possible to 'accept the gift' of life.

More information is available at www.prolifepilgrimage.org,

with our grateful thanks,

Christopher & Margaret Langley

Pilgrimage organisers



Pilgrimage to Walsingham in Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life

led by **Most Rev. Kevin McDonald** Archbishop Emeritus of Southwark commencing at the 12 Noon Pilgrim Mass in the Chapel of Reconciliation

Saturday 5th August 2023

DEPARTURE 7.30 a.m. (prompt)
Westminster Cathedral
Ambrosden Avenue
Tickets : £25.00
from **Domenica** 07913 434357

for more details www.prolifepilgrimage.org
follow online at walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/

Next Sunday lunch 6 August- please help!



We need your help on Sunday 6th August- it's the summer holidays and we are short of helpers. We cannot carry on our amazing lunches without you.

Please sign up to:

Make a simple veg soup or main meal or dessert (off site) to serve 6-8 OR, on the day help to welcome and chat with guests, or stay in the background and wash up! If helping on the day, you'd need to be around sometime between 1130 and 2.30pm. Signing up is easy- follow the link here for 6 August and onwards:

<https://volunteersignup.org/R7HMJ> Or call Cath on 07754893846 or email cathmcddee@yahoo.com