

ST MARGARET'S PAGE



28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 09 OCTOBER 2022 - Year C

In Peter writes:

Nearly every funeral or school Mass follows much the same pattern; confusion as to whether to stand, sit or occasionally kneel. Vague mumbling of responses can be heard echoing from the penumbra until it comes to the Our Father when even the most lapsed of Catholics manages somehow to recite the prayer. There is something memorable about the Our Father. Obviously, it is the prayer given directly by Jesus to His apostles while the prayers of the Mass are amalgams of scripture passages and statements of faith hallowed by tradition. They are the works of inspiration and worthy of study as the prayers of the Mass but they lack the immediacy of the Our Father.

This prayer is described as a mini-Gospel in itself. The Our Father lays forth the mission of Jesus but more memorably the prayer also resonates with our current predicament (deliver us from evil) and the seed of hope that everyone possesses (on earth as it is in heaven). Jesus places Himself between the two positions and offers Himself. He has hallowed the name of the Father; He has established the kingdom; He has followed the will of the Father to the end. His identity ensures that every believer is able to travel from their current condition to their preferred destination. My faith journey is made possible only through the distribution of daily bread and the offer of forgiveness. This last is achieved by forgiving the sins of others thus creating the place that recognises the spiritual fact that we are all the sons and daughters of the Father (Our Father)

Reciting the Our Father demonstrates the one obvious fact about human life that a fracture exists between what is and what could be. Moving forward becomes more problematic. Many people desire to bridge the gap by wishful thinking or self-improvement. Both the technocrat and the bureaucrat think they know how best to achieve the best possible world. Their naive optimism quickly morphs into vitriol and disdain when it is neither accepted by the ungrateful multitude nor when challenged. Obsessives about optimism are always antagonistic about those who think differently. Much of the vitriol about the present government bears little relationship to the complexity of the facts, national and international and more to the damaged egos of those who think they should run the country. The last Labour government faced just the same vitriol.

Perhaps others who have fallen away think that the gap is no longer a spiritual issue but a psychological one, and so turn back into on themselves and mistakenly blame themselves for a problem beyond their power to resolve. Thus, they look

Mass Times & Liturgical Services		
Weekend	Saturday Sunday	10.00 am 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 6.30pm
Weekdays	Wednesday, Friday and Saturday	10.00 am
Eucharistic Service	Mon, Tue, and Thurs	10.00 am
Rosary	Monday to Saturday	9.30 am
Confessions	Saturday Sunday	10:30-11:00am 10.00 – 10.20 am

to successfully resolve spiritual issues with psychological means alone. Reciting the Our Father testifies otherwise and we all recognise this fact deep down. We all need the power of grace and it is freely given. All we need is the largeness of heart to accept the grace but that goes against the contemporary culture of self-assertion, of self-promotion, and the inability to be grateful.

This Sunday's Gospel reflects on the need for gratitude. Jesus freely heals ten lepers. Only one returns to say thank you. Saying thank you demonstrates faith, because he has recognised the working of a transcendent power, of Jesus in his life. For the Christian saying thank you, being grateful, is the central act of worship, the Mass. The Eucharist translate the biblical Greek 'The Thank you'. Gratitude is woven into the fabric of the Church's rituals. The Church celebrates the sacraments, not imply acts them out. The rites and words of the sacraments are dramatic in form but they are exercised with thanks.

Every activity exercised with thanks requires full commitment, not just half-hearted assent. This is the moment to reflect on our collective response to the Mass in this parish. I am always amazed how nearly 50% of the 10:30am congregation arrives late. I wonder what this is saying? May be the familiarity of arriving late becomes the norm and remains unquestioned. Together with frequent lavatory breaks and crisp eating I think our collective gratitude is fraying at the edges. Just as we all need to review the bad habits of our eating, drinking, and use of the internet, so we need to this with our Mass practice. Consumer culture generates the sentiment that nothing really matters in life.

However, like those who dredge up the Our Father from the recesses of their memory banks we can do the same by reflecting on our own practice in relation to Mass. Only those who know they need healing and who have the largeness of heart to thank you can be saved.

St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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Mass Intentions Sat 8 Oct – Sun 16 Oct

8/10	Sat	10.00 am	Intentions of the Secular Clergy Common Fund
9/10	Sun	8.30 am	For you the people
		10.30 am	Philip Crowe RIP Margaret Crowe
		6.30 pm	Mary Coughlan RIP Davis family Anniversary
10/10	Mon	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service
11/10	Tues	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service
12/10	Wed	10.00 am	Homer Baker RIP
13/10	Thu	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service
14/10	Fri	10.00 am	The families of St Margarets Par- ish
15/10	Sat	10.00 am	Intentions of the Parish
16/10	Sun	8.30 am	Deceased members of St Mar- garets Parish
		10.30 am	For you the people
		6.30 pm	Eileen Humphries Liam & Greta RIP Gallagher

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Cathy McKendry, Olga Romero, Sue Rolph, 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), Judith Thomas, Allan de Souza, Tony Tucker, Dr Christopher Khoo, & John Wood-Collins.

Anniversaries - Attilia Bonnici, Felicity Collins, Lily Hedges, Eddie Burch, Patrick Regan, John Regan, Mark Ryder, Fr. Maurice Copplestone, Hugo Merola, Jean Hale, Thomas Casson Peel

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

Baptism - God's blessings to **Jonah Bernard Hill** and **Hannah Kobylarski**, who were Baptised last week. May the light of Christ burn brightly within them and guide and protect them always. Congratulations to the families.

Entrance Antiphon:

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

Response to the Psalm:

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations..

HOLY HOUR



'Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God'. (Phil 4:6)

Holy Hour at 8:00 pm ending with Benediction.

Please come and join us in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Sacramental Programmes

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

Baptism

Our November course dates - 18th & 25th November 2022.



First Holy Communion 2023

Applications are now open. 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. The closing date for applications is 16th October 2022.



Confirmation 2023

Applications are now open for the Confirmation 2023 course. Kindly speak to Fr Peter or Deacon Joseph after any weekend Mass that you attend.



Marriage Preparation course

St Margaret's will hold a course in the first half of 2023. The London Oratory will have their marriage preparation day on

Saturday 5th November.

For further information on courses at The Brompton Oratory Kindly contact Fr Michael Lang (michaellang@rcdow.org.uk)



28th SUNDAY IN OT - 9 OCT 2022

2 Kings 5:14-17

Psalm 97

2 Timothy 2:8-13

Luke 17:11-19

29th SUNDAY IN OT - 16 OCT 2022

Exodus 17:8-13

Psalm 120

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Luke 18:1-8

St Margaret's Forthcoming events



Monday, 7th November - New parishioners evening taking place on Zoom at 8.00 pm. Invitations will be sent out shortly and the joining details will be emailed to you nearing the event. Please contact the Parish Office via email if you are interested.



Sunday, 13th November at 2.00 pm
Blessing of the graves Twickenham cemetery, Hospital Bridge Rd, Twickenham TW2 6LD



Sunday, 20th November 10.30 am Mass
Feast day of St Margaret's
There will be a shared lunch in the hall after Mass. All are welcome.

Certificate of Catholic Practice

Fr Peter will be available to sign the CCP's as below



23 October between 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm

Kindly ring the doorbell at the Presbytery and wait till you are received. Fr Peter will have the standard CCP forms available with him. Please bring your child's details written out clearly in BLOCK LETTERS on a piece of paper with the Full Name, Address, Post Code and the date of birth.

If you are bringing in any form other than the standard CCP form, kindly make sure that all the relevant details are completed before you visit Fr Peter.

Come and join us for Our
much loved
"Tea & Chat" afternoons



every alternate **Wednesday**
from **1:45 pm – 3:15 pm**

Dates for your diary
October - 12th & 26th

All are welcome.

Please feel free to bring along a friend or a neighbour.

**Helpers needed to be on a rota to
serve tea/coffee after 1030 am Sun-
day Mass**



The opportunity to meet each other socially is an important part of our parish community life and the "sliding doors" between the Mass room and the social area were a key concept of architectural design of the church, envisaged more than 50 years ago. "Build the community and then we will build the church" famously declared Fr Sidney Dommerson, parish priest in the 1960s.

With Fran & Joe having moved to Scotland, we now need a rota of "teams" who will be on duty once a month. What's involved?

- Arrive about 20 minutes before Mass to set up the teas/coffees in the kitchen, turn on the hot water heaters/prep the dishwasher, etc.
- Serving the teas/coffees from approx 1130 - 1200
- Clearing away/sweeping the floor etc approx 1215 - 1230 so that the hall is left clean and tidy for the next user.

Please let Cynthia in the parish office know if you would be happy to take a turn.

Thank you.

The Parish Pastoral Council



Bereavement café

2.30 - 4.00 pm on the
3rd Saturday of every month.

In association with

Princess Alice
Hospice



The first will take place on 15th October
2.30—4.00 pm at St Margarets Church Hall, 130 St
Margarets Road, Twickenham TW1 1RL

Everyone experiences grief in a unique way.

The Bereavement Café is a place to meet others
who have had a similar experiences to your own.

It is somewhere you can speak freely and share sto-
ries with others coping with losing a loved one.

Want to join.. Call this number for any enquiries
07547 976 953

The National Mass For Altar Servers 2022 held at West- minster Cathedral on Saturday 1st Oc- tober 2022

Picture of our team
who visited from St
Margarets.

After the Annual Servers mass outside the cathedral



REPAIR CAFE

Twickenham Repair Café

**Next event 15th October from 10:30
to 13:00**

At St Margarets Church Hall, TW1 1RL.
Third Saturday of each month

What does a toy tank, Mulberry
handbag, Roberts radio, Philishave
and Nespresso coffee machine have
in common?

Answer: *All of them were repaired at
Twickenham Repair Cafe.*

St Margaret's Monthly Soup Lunch

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give education to all



You are cordially invited to join our
next soup lunch event on
Friday, 14th October
from 12.15 to 1.30p.m.

in the Parish Hall where you can enjoy not only deli-
cious soups and desserts provided by our team of vol-
unteers but also the convivial company of other mem-
bers of St Margaret's Parish Community.

Donations will be for the benefit of Fr Paul Bigirwa's
school, St Theresa's, in Uganda which has been sup-
ported by GETA since 2015.



CAFOD Fami- ly Fast Day – World Food Crisis Appeal

CAFOD
Just one world

Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be
the worst in living memory. As each day goes by, the
situation worsens. As people of faith we must act. Your
donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide
emergency food supplies to families in the worst
affected countries in East Africa and support communi-
ties around the world working hard to put food on the
table. Please give today or start a monthly gift to
CAFOD. Use the envelope for our parish collection or
go to cafod.org.uk/fastday.

Looking for a party venue?

The newly refurbished church hall, kitch-
en and bar facilities, with access to the
lovely outdoor space, are available for
hire during the day and at week-
ends. £125 for a 4-hour booking for chil-
dren's birthday parties. Some slots for regular weekday bookings
are available - rates on application. Please contact the parish
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