

ST MARGARET'S PAGE

4th SUNDAY OF LENT - 10 March 2024 - Year B



In Peter writes:

Last Wednesday I presented the findings of this parish and that of Hampton Hill, in my role as Dean, to Cardinal Vincent, the auxiliary Bishops, my fellow Deans, and Deanery lay representatives. We made a large crowd, and am pleased to say that Upper Thames Deanery, though second last in terms of the alphabet, was in the upper half in offering a positive contribution.

My abiding impression was the difficulty shared by most parishes, ourselves included, of moving from aspiration to action. Those reports that were not aspirational in tone were often about overworked clergy, overweening bureaucratic demands and the lack of volunteers. The last three are undoubtedly true, but many other people are overworked, all of us can become submerged in the admin of life, and every voluntary association in the country is crying out for volunteers; Scouts and Guides and Strawberry Hill House to name just two. The Church is not unique here. What is unique about the Church are not the problems but the message, the Good News, and the life the Gospel creates and sustains; in prayer; in liturgy; in developing heart; mind and imagination to grasp the enormity of what is being proposed by the Gospel; and in the solidarity between peoples that the Gospel promotes.

Turning to our own contributions please read below what I offered, along with comments from Hampton Hill to the Archbishop and delegates at the gathering in Archbishop's House. Please do not shoot the messenger!

*Reflecting on the Synthesis a pattern is emerging as to the Pontificate of Pope Francis that leads naturally from his opening document, *Evangelii gaudium* to the current synthesis on the Synod. Using such expressions 'village piazza', 'field hospital' to describe the parish has helped parishioners to understand their mission and purpose more clearly.*

So, attitudes are changing as to what constitutes the active role of parishioners. They recognised the need to develop the ministry of welcome, and the need to sustain an invitational culture in the parish. Parishioners realised that this culture needs constant encouragement for it to become habitual and real, rather than simply aspirational.

Moving from an invitational culture to sustaining community life and beyond to community outreach become natural steps. Gracious invitation, love your parish and outreach becomes a seamless progression. These are the small seeds being planted in the soil of the parish.

*Both evangelisation and catechesis were mentioned. Though *Evangelii Gaudium* mentions the simple life-changing reality of the kerygma, this aspect seemed lacking in the cur*

rent document to some. They echoed the sentiments of Bishop Barron, that the Church's 'evangelical mission seemed, more often than not, to designate the Church's work in favour of social justice. Conspicuous by its absence in the texts on mission were references to sin, grace, redemption, cross, resurrection, eternal life and salvation.'

The document does emphasise that every Christian should take responsibility for their formation, and some raised questions as to form and content of their response: some thought that collective 'catechetical responsibility' should begin with Alpha, others of being coached in the hot topics of the day, and the ability to dialogue with conviction. Most felt themselves ill-equipped to take up the invitation of Pope Francis to be actively synodal in dialogue with contemporary culture.

Thinking about Wednesday's meeting, too much of the aspirations expressed were nostalgic in tone, for the old church to be renewed, whether in its pre or post-Vatican II forms or for a new 'dialogue' Church detached from tradition. Pope Francis specifically spoke both about the dangers of nostalgia but also the mind-numbing quality of novelty and danger of abandoning tradition. To him, as the continuous expression of the Church's self-understanding, tradition is creative. The aspirations expressed at the meeting, were in their way, too internally focused but these sentiments cannot be ignored as they set the tone of the community to which we are inviting others to engage, in shared worship or community life. The call to listen to all the voices of parishioners is matched by discerning our common mind, that is not about all being the same, but sharing enough to be able to worship and sustain the community together. There are legitimate differences in styles of worship, in spirituality, the social outreach of the parish and of moral focus, yet none of these should be the cause of fracture between Catholics nor simply the pet project of one person.

Engaging with the Synodal process, of a conversation of hearts and minds, brings up how different our thoughts are about so many issues within the Church. Yet through the differences common purpose can be found and proposals for parish initiatives to be shared. These initiatives may be to reanimate what already exists, identify laxity in provision and establishing new ventures. This is a change of era, not an era of change. Some aspects of this era are frightening, others aspects contain seeds of hope. On the second is the mission of the Church continued.

St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Monday to Friday (9.30 am - 12.30 pm) Emails are not checked out of office hours.

Mass Intentions: 09/3 - 17/3

09/03	Sat	10.00am	Intentions of Teresa Gallagher	Mary Gallagher
		6.00 pm	The souls in purgatory	Adrian
10/03	Sun	8.30am	Joyce O'Connor RIP	Winter
		10.30am	Alf Florio RIP	Mary Ibbett
		6.30 pm	For you the people	
11/03	Mon	10.00am	Deceased members of St Margarets Parish	
12/03	Tue	10.00am	Eucharistic Service	
13/03	Wed	10.00am	The families of St Margarets Parish	
14/03	Thu	10.00am	Eucharistic Service	
15/03	Fri	10.00am	Eucharistic Service	
16/03	Sat	10.00am	Missionary spirit of the Parish and the Church	
17/03	Sun	8.30am	Helen McLeash RIP	Winter
		10.30am	Thanksgiving Mass	Thomson family
		6.30 pm	Gerry Curtin RIP	Adrian

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Natalie Shaw and Larry Fogg, Maria Antonia Orta, Cathy Howard, John Forsyth, Rose Blackman, Ursula van der Westhuizen, Cathy McKendry, Rachel Rose, Arthur Mathewson, Pat Friel, Mary Regan, Pauline Slawson, Ben, Carol Samba, Colin Bartram, Gerry McEntee, Rose Williams, 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 - Kathie Harrington, Rose Wood-Collins, Christopher Bermingham, Eric Bonnici, James Distelhurst, Mark Gapper, Louisa Tobback, Pat Kennedy, Elizabeth Cowell, Marie Ashford

Kindly keep the recently deceased in your prayers - Joyce O'Connor RIP (Mo Walker's mother), who has died at the age of 101 years and Albarosa Maccione RIP

Rest in peace. ~Amen~

March Prayer Intentions - For new Martyrs - Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

Baptism - We pray for Althea Eliza Gilberthorpe, who is Baptised today, may she be blessed with the joy, love and endless blessings that come from God. Congratulations to the family.

Entrance Antiphon - Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning;

Exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Response to the Psalm - O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

Mass Times & Liturgical Services (11/3 - 15/3)

Weekend Mass	Saturday	10.00 am
	Sunday	8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.30 pm
Weekday Mass	Mon & Wed	10.00 am
Eucharistic Service	Tue, Thu & Fri	10.00 am
Confessions	Saturday	10:30-11:00am
	Sunday	10.00-10.20am

Saturday 6.00 pm Mass - 6 pm Mass will take place when the First Holy Communion children meet. The dates are **Feb** - 3, 24, **March** - 2, 9, (No 6 pm Mass on 16 March) **April** - 13, 20, 27, May 4.



CATHOLICISM - If you are a non-Catholic and attend Mass with your Catholic spouse and would like to learn more about what Catholics believe we have a course for you.

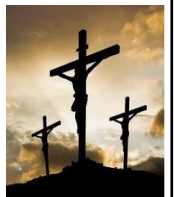


After Easter we will be running a short course especially designed for non-Catholics to explain the beliefs of Catholics and (perhaps) dispel some of the myths about Catholics. The course will be on Tuesday evenings from 8:00-9:00 pm and run for 5 weeks. Please contact Cynthia in the office to register your interest.

Holy Week and Easter Liturgies

Maundy Thursday, 28th March

Mass - 8.00 pm; Night Prayer - 9.45 pm, Watching at the altar of repose to 10.00 pm



Good Friday, 29th March

- Stations of the Cross – 10.30 am
- Children's Stations of the Cross – 12.00 pm
- The Liturgy of the Passion of our Lord – 3.00 pm



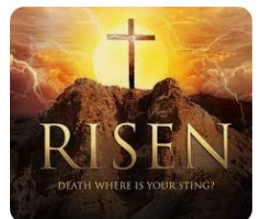
Easter Vigil: Mass - 8.00 pm



Easter Sunday: Mass - 8.30 am and 10.30 am

There will be no evening Mass on Easter Sunday.

Easter Monday: Mass - 12.00 noon



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2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Psalm 136

Ephesians 2:4-10

John 3:14-21

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT - 17 MAR 2024

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 50

Hebrews 5:7-9

John 12:20-33

LENT AT ST MARGARETS

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- **Lenten Faith Formation - We Dare To**
Say had to regrettably be postponed until after Easter.
Sorry for the inconvenience.

- **Lenten Devotions**

⇒ Stations of Stations of the Cross and Holy Hour - On Fridays during Lent held at 7:30 pm followed by Holy Hour.



⇒ Penance & Reconciliation service – Wed 13th March at 7.30 pm. Guest confessors will be available.

⇒ Good Friday - Stations of the Cross at 10.30 am



- **Lenten Alms Project-** Cardinal's Lenten Appeal

Lent is an important season in the Church's liturgical year, the time when we take stock of where we are in our faith and prepare for the death and Resurrection of our

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Saviour. Often we lose sight of the point of this season because we get caught up in ourselves—how hard it is to fast, how bad we are at fasting—and we end up just waiting for the season to be over at Easter. Because of this, we sometimes arrive at Easter with our lives no different than they were on Ash Wednesday.

As a parish, we are seeking to prepare for Jesus' death and Resurrection and experience true transformation in our lives during this powerful season.

Join us for Penance and Reflection Service with music starting at 7.30 pm. Guest confessors will be available.

Bereavement Café St Margaret of Scotland Church Hall

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

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Our next ones are on 16/3, 20/4 & 18/5

Everyone experiences grief in a unique way. The Bereavement Café 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

130 St Margaret's Road, Twickenham, TW1 1RL Tel: 07547 976953 or Email: stmargaretsonthames@rcdow.org.uk with any questions, Or just drop in on the day.

REPAIR CAFE Twickenham

Saturday 16th

WE ARE OPEN

DOORS OPEN 10:30 TO 12:45 AM

Come and join the fun at one of our Repair Parties and meet our wonderful Happy Repair Heroes and Volunteers

and 3rd Saturday of each month at St Margarets Church Hall, TW11RL
twickenhamrepaircafe.org   [@Twickrepaircafe](https://twitter.com/Twickrepaircafe)

Good Friday March 29th

Ecumenical Walk of Witness

Join other Christians from local churches in a walk of witness on Good Friday.

Meet at 9am on Twickenham Green, outside Arthur's café. Father Ulick of St James's RC Church will bless the walkers. The walk will move along Heath Road and Wharf Lane to the Diamond Jubilee Gardens on Twickenham Riverside. If it is difficult for you to walk, please join the service directly at Diamond Jubilee Gardens at 9:20 am. The short service will be led by the Venerable Richard Frank, with a scripture reading by the Reverend Stephen Lewis of the United Reformed Church. Walkers are welcome to carry a cross if they wish.

One of questions we asked ourselves as a Parish in the recent synodal meetings was "how do we witness as a Parish to proclaim our faith to those who have not heard of Christ and those who have ceased walking with Christ?"

Participating in this walk of witness would be one way of doing just that.



Friday 15th March
Adoration followed by
Reconciliation - 6:30—

Pizza & Prayer
 Come along to an evening for youth
 (12+) at St Margaret's Church on
FRIDAY 15th MARCH

7:30 pm—Stay before Jesus for a few minutes, or a little longer.

Opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation from Fr Gregory

Pizza—from 7:30 pm onwards

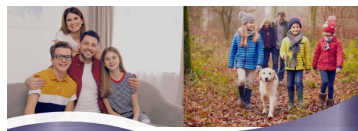
Join your friends for pizza in the hall.

Let us know you are coming—Scan the code



ProParent - Join us for a series of talks on Leadership in the Family—
Saturday 16th March 2 pm - 4.30 pm at St Margarets Church, 130, St Margarets Road, Twickenham TW1 1RL

ProParent



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.



2 - 3pm (for Primary and Pre-School parents) **Creating a Strong Family Culture**

Ciro explores parenting styles and the best ways to foster a strong family culture. He addresses topics like discipline to help parents in shaping their children's character.

3 - 3.30pm - **Afternoon Tea**

3.30 - 4.30pm (for Secondary School parents) **Understanding the Challenges of the Teenage Years**

Ciro offers strategies to navigate the challenges of the teenage years and insights on how parents can build strong, loving relationships with their children.

There is a limited amount of childcare available from 2-4.30pm, but this needs to be booked

SCAN QR CODE FOR BOOKING AND FURTHER INFORMATION

07831 871923 (Melanie)
 07473977733 (Josemaria)

Suggested donation: £5 per family



Sunday lunch scheme 2024

We will continue to host occasional Sunday lunches this year for people in need of a healthy home cooked meal and some company. Can you spare some time to help us? We are part of a rota with other Richmond churches, catering for around 20-30 guests each time.

Sunday lunch dates:

- ◆ 31st March
- ◆ May 26th
- ◆ June 9th
- ◆ September 29th
- ◆ October 27th
- ◆ December 22nd
- ◆ Feb 16 2025
- ◆ March 16 2025



Jobs include:

- Welcome and chat
- Making a veg soup
- Cooking a main meal for 6-8 people (eg shepherds pie, pasta bake, lasagne (meat plus veg option)
- Making a dessert
- Clearing and washing up

Food may be prepared off site and guidance will be given as needed. Please join our easy signup sheet <https://volunteersignup.org/3B9BH?> to join us on any of the dates or call / email -

Furtado.shiny@gmail.com or phone number -07771861638 to join our group of amazing volunteers.

Thank you in advance for continuing to help make this happen.

Shiny Furtado (on behalf of Fr Peter & The Parish Pastoral Council)



The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday Retreat at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Saturday 6th April 2024 from 10 am to 4:30 pm. The retreat will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call millie on [07957594646](tel:07957594646) for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria