

ST MARGARET'S PAGE

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - 10 APRIL 2022 - Year C



In Peter writes: Once again, we find ourselves on the cusp of Holy Week, and re-tracing the path Jesus took into the Holy City of Jerusalem for the last time. This journey is a moment of public joy, the crowds are shouting out 'Hosanna, Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord': an exclamation we make at every Mass when the congregation sings Holy, Holy, Holy at the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Holy Week Liturgies begin on a high note and conclude in the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday. Today the Church reads the whole of St Luke's Passion that will include not just the historic event of Palm Sunday, the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem but will extend further to include the Last Supper, Trial, Crucifixion and burial of Jesus. The Church's Liturgies are never simple re-enactments of past historical events, they assume the full biography of Jesus including His Resurrection, for without the Resurrection there would be no gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church, and thus no sacraments. The believer enters Holy Week knowing and living the end of the story, that is the life of the Holy Spirit, the contemporary life of the Christian. This does not take away from the meaning of the events themselves but gives them greater significance since they explain the means through which God's love is experienced, through the sacraments and in the struggle of life itself.

The Passion account is steeped in Old Testament allusions that bring out the continuity of God's engagement with humanity. When Jesus cries out on the Cross the great cry of dereliction: 'My God, my God why have you forsaken me', the first line of Psalm 22, Jesus embraces the whole Psalm which concludes on a triumphant note, 'the whole earth from end to end will remember and come back to God'. This does not nullify the original emotions of Jesus on the Cross but demonstrates that this cry of pain is part of something much larger. The Cross far from being an accident of history, was through its visibility within the plan of God for the salvation of all humanity. Such purposefulness demonstrates the depths to which the Father will go to seek our response, by His Son dying for our sins.

How though are we to make the death and Resurrection of Jesus more than just an example of a holy man whose teachings continue through the commu-

nity of followers. Many people subscribe to His teachings in theory but find the practise of faith too intimidating in terms of time and commitment. The key to reconnect is the Mass of the Last Supper on Thursday evening because it brings together the institution of the Eucharist, the Priesthood and the life of charity. The Eucharist recognises Good Friday as the place of sacrifice, and Easter Sunday as the beginning of the new life following the Crucifixion.

The institution of the Eucharist is fundamental for faith because the Eucharist allows the Christian to participate from the inside the forthcoming Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus. The words of institution, 'Take and eat. This is my body; This is my blood, the blood of the covenant which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins', 'Do this in memory of me', incorporate the believer into the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross and into His supernatural destiny. The Cross is the event of liberation from the slavery to sin, and an entry to the new life. That first 'Eucharist', the Last Supper, made present what was about to take place, but also the moment when Jesus reassures His apostles that He will see them again and will continue to pray for them. Despite the impending violence, Jesus gives them encouragement. Particular to St Luke, Jesus gives confidence to both St Peter that he will resist Satan, and to the Good Thief, that he will reach paradise.

We too can be encouraged too: 'Do this in memory of me' is the command for our common future. Every Mass is the entry point into the Death and Resurrection. The Eucharist is not a solitary matter but a communal event of the Church, the successors of that first gathering of the extended family of Jesus with whom He purposefully wished to celebrate that last fateful Passover.

The two following Liturgies, the Solemn Liturgy of the Passion on Good Friday and the Easter Vigil/Sunday with their respective emphasis on suffering, especially the shedding of blood, and the victory over death and the quite joy of Easter, complete the Triduum. These two services are much better attended than the Mass of the Last Supper which always surprises me because Thursday evening is when the Church is most itself, the gathered community receiving the very life of Jesus Himself. Mass of the Last Supper opens the door to the perpetual spiritual dynamics of Good Friday and Easter Sunday, continual death to sin and openness to new life.

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 Sat 9/4 – Sun 17/4

09/4	Sat	10.00am	For you the people	
10/4	Sun	8.30 am	For the intentions of James Gallagher	Mary Gallagher
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord				
		10.30am	Eugene McGarvey RIP	O'Leary family
		6.30 pm	John & Rita Lavery and Lynda Ban-Lavery	Gerard Ban-Lavery
11/4	Mon	10.00 am	Deceased members of St Margarets Parish	
12/4	Tues	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service	
13/4	Wed	10.00 am	Michael Blackwood RIP	Blackwood family
14/4	Thu	7.30 pm	The families of St Margarets Parish	
Maundy Thursday				
15/4	Fri	3.00 pm	Deceased members of St Margarets Parish	
Good Friday				
16/4	Sat	8.00 pm	For you the people	
17/4	Sun	8.30 am	Mervyn Shipsey RIP	Peter & Su Slattery
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD				
		10.30am	For you the people	

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Cathy McKendry, Olga Romero, Sue Rolph, Rose Blackman, Stanislaw Wozniak, Adriana Posse de González (Valeria's Mum), Rachel Rose, Fr Paul Bigirwa, 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, Ann Macpherson, Chris McLoughlin (son of Olga), Christopher Cousins, & Judith Thomas

Recently deceased - Fr David Cullen RIP

Funeral details - April 29th at 11 am St Peter and St Paul's Church, Northfields, 38 Camborne Avenue, Ealing. Burial will follow at St Mary's Cemetery.

Anniversaries - Len Haughty, Peggy Chambers, Agnes Good, John Clanchy, Ann Ruff Massa, Harold Ward, Paddy Otterway, Peter Grant, Thomas Payne, Dorothy Flanders, Mary Bailey, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Clare Scriven

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

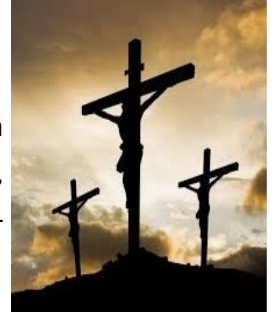
Entrance Antiphon: Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.

Response to the Psalm: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Holy Week & Easter Sunday

Mass arrangements

Monday - 11th April - Lenten Service of music and Penance, 7.00 pm—8.00 pm. Visiting Confessor available.



Maundy Thursday Mass - 14th April, 7.30 pm. Watching at the altar of repose until 10.00 pm.

Night Prayer - 9.45 pm

Good Friday - 15th Apr.

Stations of the Cross - 10.30 am

Children's Stations of the Cross - 12.00 pm

The Liturgy of the Passion - 3.00 pm.

Easter Vigil - 16th April 8.00 pm (Confessions from 10.00 to 11.00 am).

Easter Sunday - 17th April 8.30 am & 10.30 am

There will be no evening Mass on Easter Sunday.

Mass on Easter Monday 18 Apr will be at 12.00 noon

Former parishioner of St Margarets (1960-70) Christopher Bermingham died in hospital on the 10th March. Chris and his family were well known by many in the parish. His funeral mass is at St James Church, Twickenham on April 14th at 11.00 am.



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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - 17 APRIL 2022	Acts 10:34. 37-43	Psalm 117	Colossians 3:1-4	John 20:1-9

Sunday Lunches

Our parish will be hosting an occasional simple Sunday lunch for people who may or may not be homeless, but are in need of a healthy home cooked meal and some company.

Can you spare some time to help make this happen? We will be on a rota with other Richmond churches and may be catering for up to 25 guests each time.

Sunday lunch dates: (lunch served from 1230 after morning coffee)

- 24th April
- 17th July
- 11th September
- 9th October

We need people to help with any of the following tasks:

- Making a veg soup
- Cooking a main meal (eg shepherds pie, pasta bake, lasagne (meat plus veg option))
- Making a desert
- Welcome and chat
- Clear and wash up

Food may be prepared off site and guidance will be given as needed.

Please join our signup sheet online for any of the dates, or sign the sheet at the back of the church and we will be in touch.

volunteersignup.org/PPBQT

Thank you in advance for helping us to make this happen.

Cath Brizzell (on behalf of Fr Peter & The Parish Pastoral Council) Phone - 07754893846, Email - Cath-mcdee@yahoo.com

AN EASTER GARDEN COMPETITION FOR ALL AGES

Unleash your hidden creativity and make an Easter Garden as part of your Holy Week reflections.

It should contain these 5 things:-

- A tomb
- A flat stone to roughly cover the entrance to the tomb
- A small piece of white cloth to fold & leave inside the tomb
- Flowers (real or crafted) • A line from scripture or a word eg 'He is risen!'

Suggested entry donation £5. Deadline Thursday, 14th April.

Cash can be dropped through the letter box to the office or use the QR codes in the pews- you can scan this on your phone and then pay by card also; when prompted, please add message to say - Lenten Project.

It could also contain if you chose: A small hill with tomb buried inside or 3 crosses on top for Calvary. Figures, Animals, Battery operated candles etc., any other lovely ideas you may have. This is a competition for all ages, so you can create a garden as a family or a couple or as a single person. There will be a small prize for the best gardens. The gardens will be displayed in church over the Triduum.

REPAIR CAFE

Twickenham Repair Café

Next event is Saturday 16th April

With special focus on a Computer Surgery and a Bike Clinic.

Get there early as we expect to be pretty busy, we have already had interest from people with

all sorts of weird and wonderful stuff for us to repair! We just can't wait!

Our **24** repairers have a huge range of skills and generously give their time and expertise.

With talented IT experts and bike repairers to keep your bike running safely and for longer.

We have already had **100** repairs over two sessions.

With **60** different types of items, from: Nespresso machine, sewing machine, laptop, silver teapot with broken leg, many bikes, teddy with holes in hat, wind-up clock, hairdryer, foot massager, wooden birdhouse, lamp, suitcase, walkman, sharpening for tools and knives and even a lightsaber - very difficult but we did it!

Have a look at our new site:

www.twickenhamrepaircafe.org.

See our local MP Munira Wilson, and what we repaired for her. Also, read our story "Men what do coffee" and experiences from our customers and keep up with our Blog!

From 10:30 to 13:00.

St Margarets Church Hall (opposite St Margarets train station)

130 St Margarets Road, St Margarets, Twickenham. TW1 1RL.

Want to know more then give us a shout: [in-fo@twickenhamrepaircafe.org](mailto:info@twickenhamrepaircafe.org)



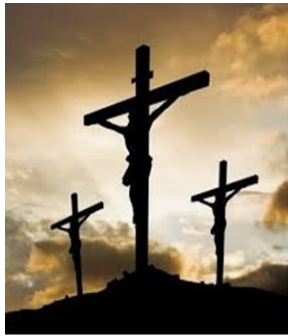
REPAIR CAFE Twickenham

GOOD FRIDAY

WALK OF CHRISTIAN WITNESS

Ecumenical walk of witness organised by

St. Mary's, Twickenham



Good Friday 15th April

Meet at 9:00 am on Twickenham Green (outside Arthur's Café). Process along Heath Road and Wharf Lane to the riverside.

A short service will be held at the end of the walk at the Diamond Jubilee Gardens, Twickenham riverside at 9:15 am. If you prefer not to walk, you are welcome to attend the prayer service only.

All Christian groups have been invited and everyone is welcome including accompanied children. If you would like, please bring crosses.

Thank you to a group of First Holy Communion mums who met last week to fold palms in preparation for distribution to our housebound and shielding parishioners who will receive them for Palm Sunday.



An event for Ukraine at St Margaret's

On Thursday April 21st from 15.00 – 17.00, the Richmond section of the Catholic Women's League will organise an event in aid of Ukraine at St Margaret's Church.

Mrs Joanna Bogle, a well-known historian, will give a talk about the heroic action of an English nun to save Jews in Rome during WWII. Simple refreshments will be offered as well as a sale of home-made produce, a bring-and-buy stall and a raffle.

All proceeds will support Father Marcin Drabik, a parish priest in Shanklin, who will drive a van full of medicines to the Polish-Ukrainian border to pass them on to a Ukrainian priest from Lviv.

Calling all Doctors and Nurses and Carers

The Catholic Medical Association

Annual Conference 2022

At St Mary's University, Twickenham

April 23rd 2022

"Palliative Care : The Christian Way"

Details and Application - cygnetdoc@aol.com

cmacnf39@gmail.com

<https://catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk>



The Passage, a Catholic charity working with homeless people is raising funds through the Big Give a matched giving scheme. Every

£1 donated online by 12.00 noon on Tuesday 19 April makes £2 and £2.25 if you are a taxpayer through Gift Aid. Please visit: <https://bit.ly/BigGiveMarch22> to support the campaign. The campaign 'It takes more than a house to make a home' focuses on the services we provide to people who have been homeless in their journey to being happily settled in a new home. The Passage would be very grateful for your support. For questions about the campaign or assistance making a donation please ring 020 7592 1856.' Kind regards

Andrew



St James's Catholic Primary School
'Put out into the deep'

Foundation Governor Vacancy

Would you like to serve the local Catholic community in an important and strategic way, ensuring that our children benefit from an education that reflects a Catholic vision and ethos?

St James's Catholic Primary School, Twickenham, has a vacancy for a Foundation Governor. St James's is an outstanding school and Governors play a strategic role in the school's development. Governors need to be willing to work as part of a team, read papers, attend meetings and ask constructive questions. There is free training available from the Borough and the Diocese.

For this vacancy, we are particularly seeking applicants with commercial, contract or legal experience. This vacancy is open to Catholics who are not parents of children currently attending the school. Governors are appointed for a four-year term of office, which can be renewed.

If you would like to learn more about being a school governor, please email Edel Hindley, Vice Chair of St James's Governing Body at edelhindley@gmail.com.