

ST MARGARET'S PAGE

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 11 February 2024 - Year B



In Peter writes:

Unbeknown to most of us, clergy as well as laypeople, embracing change has been taking place in the Vatican with Pope Francis, not in terms of what the Church teaches but the tone in which the Church advances her mission, of bringing people to Christ. This change of tone may be described in one church word, 'synodality' which baffles all alike. For some it might stir echoes of the Synod of Whitby of 644 when the Roman way to calculate date of Easter was firmly established.

Synodality, is to be understood within the Church as, 'journeying together', much as any family would with regard to the ups and downs of life, maintaining some sense of order and purpose within the chaos of life and changing situations. Pope Francis sees this collaborative approach to church life, of listening to others with differing viewpoints and understanding as one of the key fruits of the Second Vatican Council. No longer does humanity live in a monolithic world which a nostalgic view of the past can sometime seem to propose. Neither the 1950s pre-Vatican II Church of intricate liturgical practices, nor the immediate post-Vatican II years of the 1960s with the wholesale destruction of church interiors in the name of progress were eras of unadorned bliss. Differences are an inevitable experience of contemporary life but, as the concluding document notes, 'it is difficult to listen to different ideas without giving in to the temptation to counter the views expressed.' This is a tendency Pope Francis with this Synod wishes to counter.

Like many Vatican documents the concluding synthesis is long, over 40 pages but the content is a rich diet. Three key ideas are developed at great length, the face of the Synodal church, (to us what should our parish look like?); all disciples are missionaries (how does our parish spread the Good News in different ways?) and weaving bonds and building communities (how does this parish sustain and grow its life?).

Every Parish has been asked to discuss a number of questions derived from these three themes. These collective discussions will be gathered by parish priests through their Dean (similar to a local 'trade union convener'), me in this case, and handed to the Cardinal. St Margarets is part of the Upper Thames Deanery that includes the Borough of Richmond, this side of the Thames, fragments of Hounslow, Whitton; of old Middlesex, and Surrey, Staines, Shepperton and Sunbury. Our priorities, our experience of the church and our concerns and limitations

will be different in each parish and will vary slightly from Deanery to Deanery. This is the richness that the Synod is trying to capture both in the worldwide Church but also here at our local level.

Describing the Church as 'synodal' brings out the Church's richness and the diversity of experiences of catholic life, its challenges, joys and difficulties. One of the tag lines in the document is 'diversity in unity', the unity of peoples highlights our common origin in God, and the common destiny to which we are all called, between which we share our common home.

Moving from an inclusive synodal vision of the Church the document then describes the Church as mission, not simply having a mission but being mission, thus every baptised person is called to participate. Participation varies from attendance to Mass to volunteering within a particular group, to exercising a leadership role in the Parish Pastoral Council or Parish Finance Committee. With this sense of church as being mission, to which we are responsible, two questions are asked;

Q1: How do we witness as a Parish and proclaim our faith to; those who have never heard of Christ; those who have ceased walking with Christ; those with whom we already worship Christ (those who go to church)?

Q.2: How should we organise ourselves as a Parish to do this more effectively?

Having discussed these two questions, a further two are asked;

Q.3 What steps or formation opportunities would help us begin to witness and proclaim our faith more effectively?

Q.4 What structures may need to change? How might we need to develop the way we are organised currently?

When presented with questions of this type, the temptation is to see them as self-justifying, validating what already takes place, (the priest and community temptation), or as a battering ram to complain, (diocesan administrators, well-paid professional evangelisation Catholics and journalists). This will not be our approach. Every parish is a patchwork of activity, prophetic parts, good functional parts, untended parts and holes too. Taking the Synod's image of weaving a web of solidarity sometimes requires rethreading to preserve what is precious, the continued life of the parish.

There will be two opportunities to discuss these questions, one on **Friday early evening at 6:00pm, 23rd February** or **Sunday 3rd March after the 10:30am Mass in the Church.**

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: 10/2 - 18/2

10/02	Sat	10.00am	Missionary spirit of the Parish and the Church	
11/02	Sun	8.30am	Maura Kirby RIP	Peter & Su Slatery
		10.30am	Peter Coghlan RIP	Catherine Sugrue
		6.30 pm	Joseph de Souza RIP	Barbara de Souza
12/02	Mon	10.00am	Albarosa Maccione	
13/02	Tue	10.00am	Eucharistic Service	
14/02	Wed	ASH WEDNESDAY		
		10.00am	Missionary spirit of the Parish and the Church	
		7.00 pm	Works of charity in the neighbourhood	
15/02	Thu	10.00am	Eucharistic Service	
16/02	Fri	10.00am	Deceased members of St Margarets Parish	
17/02	Sat	10.00am	Jamie Molyneux RIP	Catherine Sugrue
18/02	Sun	8.30am	Mick Carrick RIP	Gogarty
		10.30am	Michael Judge RIP	The Parishioners of St Margarets
		6.30 pm	Peter Coghlan RIP	Ann Edes

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Albarosa Maccione, 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 - Mona Keegan, Mary Newman, Rosemary Innocent, Joe de Souza, Nicola Forgione, Alan Dommersen, James McHugh, Marguerite Stone, Jean Brown

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. ~Amen~

February Prayer Intention - For the terminally ill- Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

Entrance Antiphon:

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Response to the Psalm:

You are my refuge, O Lord;
you fill me with joy and salvation.

Mass Times & Liturgical Services (12/2 - 18/2)

Weekend Mass	Saturday	10.00 am
	Sunday	8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.30 pm
Weekday Mass	Mon & Fri	10.00 am
	Wed (Ash Wednesday)	10.00 am & 7.00 pm
Eucharistic Service	Tue & Thu	10.00 am
Confessions	Saturday	10:30-11:00am
	Sunday	10.00-10.20am

Stations of the Cross and Adoration

On Fridays during Lent Stations of the Cross will be held at 7:30 pm followed by Holy Hour. On Good Friday Stations of the Cross will be at 10:30 am.



HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Ash Wednesday - 14TH FEBRUARY

Mass will take place at 10.00 am & 7.00 pm



Ashes delivered to your home

If you are unable to attend Mass and would like to have the ashes and the Ash Wednesday liturgy sent to your home, please contact the parish office via email or phone.



Saturday 6.00 pm Mass

Saturday 6.00 pm Mass will resume on 20th January 2024 and will take place when the First Holy Communion children meet. The dates are - Jan - 20, 27, Feb - 3, 24, March - 2, 9, 16, April - 13, 20, 27, May 4.



Coffee & Croissants

Join us for coffee & croissants on Sunday 18th February after the 8.30 am Mass.



Did you know... ?

As part of our annual reporting to the Diocese, we are asked to complete a form that gives information about how people in the parish volunteer in various ministries and parish activities.

St Margaret's is blessed with nearly 175 adults and young people who support the mission of this parish and work to nurture our parish community in many different ways. We would like to thank all of you ...

Readers • MCs and altar servers • welcomers • hospitality team at 10:30 Mass • ministers of Holy Communion who lead Eucharistic services and those who visit the sick and housebound • musicians and singers • one-off church "spring" cleaners • sacramental catechists (Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, RCIA) • children's liturgy catechists • adult formation catechists • weekly collection counters • church flowers • Bereavement cafe • Sunday lunch team • Wednesday tea n'chat team • Repair Café helpers • Mass live-streaming • "Easy Worship" tech support • safeguarding officer • health and safety support • gardeners • parish website support • parish pastoral council members • finance committee members • men's breakfast group • social justice initiatives like the Advent Giving tree • Thursday parent and toddler group leaders • those involved in the eco church initiative • sacristans • Mother's prayers and women's reflection team • Eucharistic Adoration organisers • bidding prayer writers

Most people help on a rota basis, often once a month, but sometimes less frequently than that, but what stands out is their enthusiasm, commitment and dedication to sustaining our faith community. Thank you.

Maybe you are new to the parish and would like to find a way of getting to know more people? Or maybe you are not so new, but have not yet taken the step to become more involved? Would you like to? Please email Cynthia in the parish office stmargaretsonthames@rcdow.org.uk, introduce yourself and let her know what you might like to find out more about. We look forward to hearing from you.

The parish team



Morning of Recollection for Women 21st February 10.00—12.30 at St Margarets Church Hall



MORNING OF RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN

A monthly break to pray and meditate on various aspects of Christian life.

10.00 - Holy Mass

10.40 - First Meditation

11.10 - Examination of Conscience

11.40 - Rosary

12.10 - Second Meditation

12.30 - Coffee & Social

The priest will be available for confessions from 11.00 to 12.00



St Margarets of Scotland Catholic Church
130 St Margarets Road, Twickenham, TW1 1RL

Join us !

SAVE THE DATE !

WEDNESDAY 6 MARCH at 7:30 pm

Tickets £10 on sale next weekend

The **FULHAM
BIG BAND** is
coming to
play.



THE MUSTARD SEED

You are invited to join our Mustard Seed Prayer Group, whose next meeting is Saturday 24th February followed by 23rd Mar, 20th April, 25th May, and 22nd June 2024.

Mustard Seed is a Charismatic group open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The group begins with tea & coffee at 7.45pm, followed by a period of praise and worship, time for quiet reflection and input from a guest speaker. There is also opportunity for individual prayer ministry, provided by the team.

The evening ends at 10pm.

Everyone is very welcome to come along to group, whether it's your first time or your twentieth!



Bereavement Café St Margaret of Scotland Church Hall - 2.30 - 4.00pm on the 3rd Saturday of every month.



Our next ones are 17 Feb , 16 Mar, 20 Apr, 18 May & 15 June 2024 . 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!

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

Joy in Ageing Poetry, Art and Multimedia Competition that opens on 1st February 2024.

We believe this Joy in Ageing competition will serve as a powerful reminder that ageing is a journey filled with laughter, love, and continued discovery.



Entrants can share their voices, unleash their creativity, and help us rewrite the narrative on ageing – one brushstroke and verse at a time. The closing date is 30th April 2024. For more info and competition guidelines: embracingage.org.uk/joyinaging 020 3778 0035

Twickenham Repairs - Saturday, 17th March 2024

TWICKENHAM CHRISTIAN MEN'S BREAKFASTS WE HAVE A WONDERFUL DOUBLE-HEADER FOR YOU

Our friend David will give us an update on the amazing journey GETA has been on supporting St Theresa's School in Uganda over the past 10 years.



TWAM
Tools with a Mission

And our new friend, Phil will be telling us about the work that TWAM does in helping African communities with the tools you have been donating.

Saturday 2nd March 8:15 - 10:00 AM

Enjoy a delicious healthy breakfast
Suggested donation. £10

Venue: St Margaret's Church
130 St Margaret's Road, East Twickenham, TW1 1RL

To buy tickets e.mail: info@twickenhamrepaircafe.org

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