

ST MARGARET'S PAGE



15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 11th July 2021 Year B

In Peter writes: There must be something in the role that turns most best-man speeches into a litany of bad jokes, inappropriate inuendo and faux-pas. The fear of public speaking generates a high level of anxiety, heightened by alcohol, to make, too often, an unedifying spectacle. Lock-down precluded these sins but now the larger wedding season is upon us once again, so time will tell if these practices continue. Everyone has a phobia about something, whether it be spiders, out of date milk, and included in the list public speaking. I am forever grateful to a voice teacher, Pat Yates, who came to the English College for a term, during my studies, to help us develop our skills of voice projection and focus on clarity of expression, something sorely needed after so many hours of theological study. Clarity of expression and fixedness of purpose are the fundamental tools for the Church's mission.

At the time I did not really appreciate how fundamental was this skill for the mission of the Church. St Mark's Gospel gives the clearest indication of Jesus' progressive engagement of the Apostles in His mission of preaching repentance. Jesus begins His ministry with the proclamation, 'Repent and believe in the Gospel'. He chooses the Twelve, now they are told to preach the same message as Him. They were to take no stage props, or anything that might deflect from the power of their preaching. Public speaking was all they had to rely upon. Clarity of expression and humility of heart would be critical.

Preaching repentance is sorely needed today. It is the very antithesis of so-called 'cancel culture'. The strident tones of those who want to cancel statues, viewpoints, and those who fail to grasp any problem with current mores both fail to grasp the need for both repentance and renewal. Revelling in their self-certainty makes the two groups mirror images of each other. The middle path is that of the Christian who recognises that all social structures are prone to the contagion of sin, but who also accepts that conversion and change of ways is possible. The necessity for this middle path may be seen in the tragic histories of too many institutions run by the Church. Both the Magdalen Laundries and the Canadian Schools for indigenous children, for example, were established in full knowledge of those societies. The Catholic Church, possessing a potentially large organised force of priests, sisters and brothers, took it upon herself to provide such establishments. Those civil societies passed their unwanted citizens to the Church

Saturday	11.00 am, No 6.30 pm Mass	
Sunday	8.30 am, 10.30 am (bookings only) & 6.30 pm	
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday	10.00 am	
Eucharistic Service	Tuesday & Friday	10.00 am
Rosary	Monday, Wednesday & Saturday (In church)	9.30 am
Confessions	Saturday	10.30-11.00am
	Sunday	10.00 am - 10.20 am

who should have known better, as the community to preach repentance, to take up the offer. The premise for these institution's existence was wrong from the outset and all too late for so many were they so recognised, and closed. This in no way condones the appalling treatment meted out by church personal to the residents of such places who should have known better. The treatment of these people shows how the Church, as an institution and in its personal was often unable to rise above the mores of the society which thought such institutions perfectly acceptable at the time. The institutional Church forgot to preach the simplicity of the Gospel of repentance and mercy, and instead aggregated the power and the trappings of civil society.

The command not to bring a spare tunic, to take nothing for the journey except a staff is a warning not to become over entangled in the state and its current mandated practices. These institutions were not established by force but by elected governments voted by the citizens of those countries. The anger expressed today by contemporary politicians resonates with the echo of their predecessors' guilty conscience. So, the warning given by Jesus to the Apostles applies today, to treat with caution the offer of governments to participate in social programmes, not because the Church thinks civil government is illegitimate but because future changes in society makes the Church look an old-fashioned institution holding onto old-fashioned ways of social provision.

The proclamation of reconciliation does possess a public face, and does include the feeding of the poor, the comfort of victims, and the education of young people. None of these enterprises, though, need slavishly accept the cultural mores of the times. Today's easy popular assumptions about morality become tomorrow's cause of scandal. One day someone will wake up and see that Love Island and the like come from the same moral stable that produced Jimmy Saville. As divine advice, 'Take nothing with you', has stood the test of time for the Church.

St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9.30 am - 12.30 pm. Emails will not be checked out of office hours

Mass Intentions Saturday 10th July – Sunday 18th July

10/7	Sat	10.00am	Margaret Wood-Collins	John Wood-Collins
		6.30 pm	For the intentions of Judith Thomas	Early family
11/7	Sun	8.30 am	Sally Queenan RIP	Peter & Su Slattery
		10.30am	For you the people	
		6.30 pm	Works of charity in the neighbourhood.	
12/7	Mon	10.00pm	Terry Blackman RIP	Anne Blackman
13/7	Tues	10.00am	Eucharistic Service	
14/7	Wed	10.00am	Intentions of Rose Blackman	Anne Blackman
15/7	Thur	10.00am	Work of missionaries throughout the world	
16/7	Fri	10.00am	Eucharistic Service	
17/7	Sat	11.00am	Children receiving First Holy Communion	
		6.30 pm	NO MASS	
18/7	Sun	8.30 am	William Davis RIP	Davis family
		10.30am	For you the people	
		6.30 pm	Deceased members of St Margarets Parish	

Entrance Antiphon:

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Response to the Psalm:

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.



**Mass Arrangement
for week commencing 12th July**

Weekday Mass

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 10.00 am

Eucharistic Services

Tuesday & Friday 10.00 am

Weekend Mass

Saturday - 11.00 am (Children receiving First Holy Communion)

Sunday - 8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.30 pm
(Bookings required for 10:30 am Mass)

Rosary: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday at 9.30 am in the Church

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Georgina Lotitto, 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, Luca, Mary Arnold, Cesar Juan Urrutigoity, Mary Ethel Arnolda, Sydney & Patricia Parkes, Wanda Ostrowska, Christopher Browne, Antonella Sesta, Margaret Masterson, Carmen Ruibal, Ann Macpherson, Chris McLoughlin (son of Olga), Kevin Sweeney, Christopher Cousins & Simon Barber

Anniversaries - 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, Margaret Auer

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

*Please join us for our
next tea afternoon on*

Wednesday 14th July
2.00 pm - 3.30 pm



15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 11th JULY Amos 7:12-15

Psalm 84 Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:7-13

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 18th JULY Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 22 Ephesians 2:13-18

Mark 6:30-34

Baptism

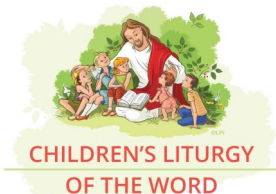


Should you wish for your child to be baptised, please either speak to Fr Peter after Mass or contact the parish office.

Children's Liturgy on Zoom;
on alternate Sunday mornings

9:45 – 10:15 am

For children aged 4 – 11
(roughly)



We will be back after the Summer holidays in September hopefully for a face to face Children's Liturgy.

Suggested voluntary donation of £2.50 for 3 weeks of craft material for activities.



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 who either have a business or commercial background with experience of risk management or HR. 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 Ann Edes, Vice Chair of St James's Governing Body at annxedes@gmail.com

St Margaret's Revive and Reunite Weekend

**Save the Date: September
17th/18th/19th**

A weekend of activities to come together post COVID to rebuild the parish community and celebrate the newly refurbished facilities.



Provisional Timetable - details and exact timings to be confirmed nearer the time

Friday 17th

7 - 9 pm Praise and Worship evening: Music, Prayer and Adoration.



Opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

9 pm: Bar open: Wine , soft drinks & nibbles

Saturday 18th

10 am Mass followed by Adoration & Sacrament of Reconciliation

11 am Visiting Speaker

Parish lunch followed by tea & coffee in the garden

Sunday 19th

10:30 am Family mass

BBQ lunch in the garden

Craft corner and outdoor games for children, teens, and adults

Helpers needed: please register with the parish office.
Thank you.

Donating to St Margaret of Scotland is very simple. You can make one off donations or pay monthly. Click on this link to contribute: [Virgin Money Giving](#). Thank you!

MONEY GIVING

GETA – Give Education To All – update



A really big thank-you for all your support and donations, especially during the period of the pandemic. Particular thanks go to the family and friends of Margaret Tobback who made significant donations to GETA in lieu of floral tributes at her funeral. Margaret was such a good friend to Fr Paul and the children at St Theresa's School since 2014, and the Trustees have suggested to Fr Paul and Christine Nyiraziraje, the Headteacher, the naming of one of the facilities (e.g. a classroom block or girls' dormitory) in her memory.

The Trustees are seeking to recruit new members to join our Management Board, and we are particularly seeking individuals with expertise in two areas - managing our social media, and marketing / managing our fundraising activities - to effectively promote our mission providing high-quality education to children in a remote deprived area of Uganda. If you are interested, or just want to find out more, then please email david.rose@geta.org.uk with a brief resume of the skills you can offer. We would also welcome offers from committed individuals with other relevant skills. Visit www.geta.org.uk to find out more about our work and make a donation.

Many thanks, and God Bless.

David Rose, Trustee and Chairman
charity no. 1167092

"SEA SUNDAY

Next Sunday, the 18th July, is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea.



There will be a second collection for Stella Maris (the Apostleship of the Sea), the official maritime welfare agency for the Catholic Church. For an appeal talk by Bishop Paul Mason, and a video showing some of what Stella Maris does, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday.

To donate and for more information, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate or text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. Stella Maris is dependent on voluntary donations, so please give generously. Gift Aid envelopes are available at the church entrance please take one and return next Sunday"

"The Common Good: What does it mean?"

Join us on zoom to hear Philip Booth, Sam Bruce and Jenny Sinclair in conversation with Professor Ruth Kelly. **Tuesday 13 July 2021, 6.30-8pm (Event 2 of 4)**

Registration: http://bit.ly/CommonGood_series2021

For further details, please visit: <https://togetherforthecommongood.co.uk/news/new-event-series>

EVENT 2: The common good and the family 13 July 2021, 6.30pm-8pm, online.



- **Edward Hadas**, Research Fellow at Blackfriars, Oxford working on Moral Economics and Finance and Catholic Social Teaching, and freelance journalist writing on financial and economic topics for *Reuters Breakingviews*
- **Cristina Odone**, Head of Family Policy at the Centre for Social Justice, founder of Parenting Circle charity and author "Concentrated Parenting"
- **Mercy Muroki**, writer, commentator and journalist. Until recently she was a Senior Researcher at the Centre for Social Justice and a Commissioner on the Commission on Race and Ethnic Disparities.
- Chair: **Ruth Gledhill**, online editor at *The Tablet*, and former religion affairs correspondent for *The Times*



Would you like to consider joining the 5,500 students studying undergraduate and postgraduate courses at St Mary's University, Twickenham, your local Catholic university? It is very highly ranked for employability and student satisfaction. Find out more at our website - stmarys.ac.uk.

Alternatively, you can ask us a question at student.recruitment@stmarys.ac.uk

SOUP LUNCH DONATIONS FOR JULY

Thanks to your generosity we were able to send £250 to Fr David Cullen for the church's work among the very poor in Zambia in June. We will be sending our July donation from the parish on Friday 16th July. In the absence of our monthly soup lunches, we are relying on your donations to be able to continue supporting this valuable work.

If you are able to make a donation, however small, please contact Maz and Bernard Winter on 02089430824 or 07769721975.

All money gratefully received!

With many thanks for your support.

