

ST MARGARET'S PAGE



24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 11 SEPTEMBER 2022 - Year C

In Peter writes:

Travelling to and from London for a summer holiday was, I am pleased to report, a straightforward affair with no delays or disruption. Maybe I was just lucky compared to others, but my hunch is that most people managed to travel on holiday without much incident. A forty-minute delay on my return is not national nor even parish news. Not having seen a newspaper for two weeks nor the television I had no idea as to any potential mayhem left behind in the United Kingdom. Modern media possess an uncanny ability to turn everything into a catastrophe, perhaps the age of the average journalist precludes much historical perspective. But alarmist concerns and personal testimonies have replaced the informed news on the armed conflicts throughout the world and intellectual and cultural issues of the day. Soundbites, glib comparisons, unsubstantiated assertions and tales of instant success or victimhood are the requirements of the age. As an avid consumer of news, I cannot say that I stand above the fray. However, two weeks away made me realise the need to put a cap on my news-hungry appetites!

Sitting on the terrace it was possible to gaze towards the invisible Aquileia and Venice to the East, and the Julian Alps towards the north, and surrounding us the Karst, a limestone set of mountains that constitutes Western Slovenia. To historically minded one could, in truly Romantic style, contemplate the collapse of the Roman, Venetian, Austro-Hungarian and Italian Empires. Below to the south lay Trieste, the city where James Joyce wrote *Ulysses*, a novel that helped to bring to birth the modern movement in literature. St Augustine writing after the sack of Rome says repeatedly that it could have been much worse. The blame for the same event was posited on the moral weakness of Christians by Edward Gibbon, the 19th century English writer. To St Augustine it was the strength of Christians that saw them through the Crisis, to Gibbon, it was their abandonment of the pagan deities and consequent lack of military prowess that led to the sack of the city.

Both authors are correct. The pagan religious traditions that underpinned the city were no longer believable. Pagan ritual had morphed from public cult to the private ritual of the mystery religions. Christian faith saw

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

heaven as the true city of God, and not the physical city of Rome. Less than forty years after the sack of Rome, Pope Sixtus III would be embellishing the great basilicas and building new ones too. Pope Gregory the Great in the 590s would be governing a renewed city and sending out in 597 another St Augustine to Kent to evangelise this nation.

St Augustine did not minimise the suffering consequent on the sack of Rome. He commended the invaders who were German Christians for not slaughtering those sheltering in the great basilicas of St Peter and St Paul in Rome. What has been described as a catastrophe was also the moment for armed restraint and the great works of charity. Nothing is ever a complete catastrophe, there are always simple moments of grace and hope even in the most desperate situations. Personal stories of grace and redemption always intersect with great historical events.

These moments of grace, whether individual or collective, always make me doubt the siren calls of catastrophe and the claims of mass victimhood. The current economic situation does look rather bleak, at least in the short term, but stories of grace and redemption, will occur. Just as the great churches of Rome provided succour during and after the sack of Rome, so too the churches today can offer something similar, a sense of solidarity and hope. Churches have been offering the sacraments and succour since the early church. This role goes unrecognised during times of plenty and celebration of consumer culture. Now the temper of these times can be turned around and become another privileged moment for evangelisation. It will be a return journey for some and a new journey for others. The challenge rests on our collective ecclesial shoulders.

St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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Mass Intentions Sat 10 Sep – Sun 18 Sep

10/9	Sat	10.00 am	The families of St Margarets Parish	
11/9	Sun	8.30 am	Anthony Cunningham RIP	John Cunningham
		10.30 am	Requiem Mass for HM Queen Elizabeth II RIP	
		6.30 pm	Tom Graham Pollitt RIP	John Wood Collins
12/9	Mon	10.00 am	Andrea Dona Dalle Rose RIP	
13/9	Tues	10.00 am	Sean McKeown RIP	Blackwood family
14/9	Wed	10.00 am	Andrea Dona Dalle Rose RIP	
15/9	Thu	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service	
16/9	Fri	10.00 am	Andrea Dona Dalle Rose RIP	
17/9	Sat	10.00 am	Deceased members of St Margarets Parish	
18/9	Sun	8.30 am	Ann Coughlan RIP	Davis & family
		10.30 am	Patricia Parkes RIP 1st anniversary	Parkes family
		6.30 pm	Ruth O'Hara RIP	John O'Hara

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Cathy McKendry, Olga Romero, Sue Rolph, Rose Blackman, 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 Master-son, Carmen Ruibal, Chris McLoughlin (son of Olga), Judith Thomas, Allan de Souza, Tony Tucker, Dr Christopher Khoo & Mary Ibbett.

Anniversaries - Edward MacDougall, Iain MacDougall, Patricia Anne Maria Parkes, Wanda Walker, Stanislaus McDonnell, Reginald Martin, Bill Bushnell, Lucy Heir, Frank Hayes

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

Entrance Antiphon:

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.

Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

Response to the Psalm:

I will leave this place and go to my father.

Sacramental Programmes

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

Baptism

Should you wish to have your child baptised in this parish, attendance at our Pre Baptism course is compulsory. Please either speak to Fr Peter after Mass or contact the parish office. Our September course dates - 13 & 20th.



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.



Confirmation 2023

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



Marriage Preparation

The dates for our next course are not yet scheduled. This will take place nearing the end of the year between Oct—Nov. Please contact the parish office to register your interest and an update will be sent to you as soon as we have scheduled a date.

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





HM Queen Elizabeth II

21 April 1926 - 8 September 2022

Queen of the United Kingdom from 6 February 1952 until her death on 8 September 2022

On 21 April 1947, on her twenty-first birthday, Princess Elizabeth said, 'I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service.'

Now, seventy-five years later, we are heartbroken in our loss at her death, and so full of admiration for the unfailing way in which she fulfilled that declaration.

Even in my sorrow, shared with so many around the world, I am filled with an immense sense of gratitude for the gift to the world that has been the life of Queen Elizabeth II.

At this time, we pray for the repose of the soul of Her Majesty. We do so with confidence, because the Christian faith marked every day of her life and activity.

In her Millennium Christmas message, she said, 'To many of us, our beliefs are of fundamental importance. For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life. I, like so many of you, have drawn great comfort in difficult times from Christ's words and example.'

This faith, so often and so eloquently proclaimed in her public messages, has been an inspiration to me, and I am sure to many. The wisdom, stability and service which she consistently embodied, often in circumstances of extreme difficulty, are a shining legacy and testament to her faith.

Our prayer is that she is now received into the merciful presence of God, there to be reunited with her beloved Prince Philip. This is the promise of our faith, and our deep consolation.

Queen Elizabeth II will remain, always, a shining light in our history. May she now rest in peace.

We pray for His Majesty the King, as he assumes his new office even as he mourns his mother.

God save the King.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols

Archbishop of Westminster

8 September 2022

Twickenham Repair Cafe

An overview of the year gone by

We've saved 1.2 tonnes going to landfill in 6 months, have a look at our other impressive numbers.

- 250 Items brought in
 - 75% Repaired or partially repaired
 - 61 Different types of items repaired
 - 530 Hours of volunteer time
 - 10+ Press articles inc: Sunday Mail, R&T Times, TW Mag etc...
 - 29 Repairers, and we still need more!
 - 16 Support volunteers
 - 44% Repairs were electrical
 - £10,000+ Saved in replacing products
 - 90% Customers were local, some from across London
 - 20 Different sources of customers
- £625 raised for charities

And finally

- 330 Cakes consumer (most lovely homemade)
- 200 Beers consumed (thanks to Twickenham Ales)

CAFOD
Just one world

Tackling the Global Food Crisis – Wednesday 21st Sept 2.30pm Oakwood

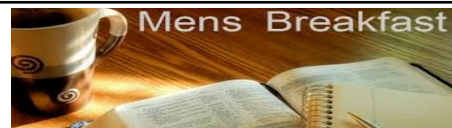
Right now, over 20 million people in East Africa are facing a food crisis that could be worse than any we've lived through. CAFOD writer Jack Ellinas will share stories of communities he recently met in northern Kenya, and the local experts who are working alongside them to help.

The meeting will take place in the Parish Centre at Catholic Church of Christ the King, 29 Bramley Road, London N14 4HE. Coffees and Teas will be served from 2.15pm

Please Contact Tony at Westminster@cafod.org.uk to book a place. Tony Sheen

Community Participation Co-ordinator -CAFOD

Men's Breakfast October 1st 8:30.



"Scam and Eggs"

Men's Breakfast is back and we are really cooking this time with a topic which everyone needs to know about.

Our very own Pat Keane will be sharing his vast knowledge gained from over 30 years in IT and cyber security. Pat volunteers with Friends Against Scams (a National Trading Standards initiative) as a Scamchampion.

It's estimated that scams cost the UK between £5-£10 billion a year.

Over 55s most targeted but 16-34 most likely to be successfully scammed.

Try a FREE Confidence Building class with Perform

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EVERY TUESDAY @ St Margaret's Catholic Church Hall, TW1 1RL

4pm-5pm (4-7 year olds)

5pm-6pm (7-12 year olds)

Contact:

T: 020 7255 9120 / enquiries@perform.org.uk
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Come and join us for Our much loved "Tea & Chat" afternoons

every alternate

**Wednesday. PLEASE NOTE
THE EARLY START TIME**

from 1:45 pm – 3:15 pm

**Next dates for your diary
September - 14th & 28th
October - 12th & 26th**



All are welcome.

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