

ST MARGARET'S PAGE

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 11th October 2020



In Peter writes:

Everyone has probably heard the best man's speech from hell, a litany of risqué jokes falling flat amongst the family members gathered around the banqueting room. Only a few laughs from the groom single mates indicating that though much of what poured forth was inappropriate, more was left unsaid, and thus reinforcing the impression that the groom was something of cad and a danger to the ladies. Sitting at table I never understand why such a course of action seemed a good idea in the cold light of day – it says more about the best man, that long final cry of existential angst as his good friend is swallowed up into domesticity, and the howl of anguish against the impending bondage of marriage. Such a best man, unwittingly to himself, is paying unconscious testament to the modern obsession that freedom and commitment are mutually exclusive activities. To think such thoughts is to remain morally at the level of a teenager on a bad day. It is not the adult response and its baleful consequences are everywhere to be seen.

The Christian turns the relationship between commitment and freedom upside down and recognises that freedom is found through commitment and not through its avoidance. This sounds counter-intuitive but life is constructed on series of positive decisions orientated towards a desired future, even if some of these decisions include saying no. Everyone desires to be happy or at least content, and in world of flux and sin this never will occur without some planned effort.

The Good News of the Gospel is that Jesus has stepped into our reality and brought with Him the tantalising prospect of being infinitely loved and reconciled. The Gospel is always invitational and in his Sunday's Gospel Jesus offers the parable of the wedding feast as the guide for life. The King has invited his subjects to participate in his son's wedding, an image that points back to the table fellowship of Jesus' public life, and to the future reality of heaven, the wedding feast of the Lamb. However, the first set of invitees chose to ignore the invitation and continue doing their own thing, one of the sacred precepts of our contemporary secular society. But that choice had consequences, though seemingly trivial at the time. Everyone is always so busy, but that choice has inevitable consequences. The pathway to eternal life becomes blocked not by Jesus but by us. Sadly, without the intervention of another invitation life enters a spiral of spiritual decline. I have heard so often about people's religious pasts and wonder why they cannot see that faith is now not just for childhood. This always seems strange because we place our faith in others as we lead our shared

Mass Times & Liturgy Services		
	Sunday	8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.30 pm
Mon. Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat		10.00 am
Thursday Communion Service		10.00 am
Rosary	Mon, Tue, Wed and Sat (via Zoom) (please email the parish office for the link)	9.30 am
Adoration	Wednesdays	8.00 – 9.15 am
	Friday & Saturday	10.30 – 11.00 am
Confessions	Saturdays	10.30 – 11.00 am
	Sundays	10.00 – 10.20 am

lives, yet this trust needs an anchor only provided by God, partially because of our limitations, wrong actions and inability to see the full picture.

Everyone possesses a wound in the heart, what some church writers have described as the arrow in the flesh of our consciousness. The Virgin Mary experienced this wound in her immaculate heart. This wound is experienced in numerous ways, different for each of us. This is in the words of one philosopher called 'the still sad music of humanity'. To accept the invitation to the wedding feast is the beginning of the process of spiritual healing. Jesus sets us the Church because God does not come to the isolated ego but comes through other human beings. We are His missionaries and we invite the wounded to share our liturgical and social life together. There is always an urgency to this task, firstly it in this life alone that one can accept the invitation, and no-one with a heart formed by Jesus Christ can watch idly as those nearest to us descend, often unbeknown to them, down the path of spiritual torpor.

Returning to the parable another set of guests is invited but one of whom is discovered not to be vested with a wedding garment. The expulsion of this individual might seem harsh but to respond to the invitation is never perfunctory but always life-changing. Just as we expect our guests to make the effort to dress when they come a family celebration so entering the wedding feast requires the wedding garment that symbolises being re-clothed in Christ. The placing of the white garment is part of the baptismal rite and is wrapped around the newly baptised. No-one can enter the kingdom of God without the washing away of original sin and the gift of grace. The Holy Spirit animates the long chains of free actions that make up our lives and orientates towards our supernatural end. Grace also takes the mixed-up elements of our lives, filling the gaps where sin once reigned, so that our full self-portrait may be presented to God at the end of time. Faith begins by accepting the invitation of Jesus to share His life with us, and the rest follows with our co-operation.

St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9.30 am – 12.30 pm

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 10th Oct - Sunday 18th Oct

Date	Day	Time	Intention	Donor
10-Oct	Sat	10.00 a.m.	For all young people	
		6.30 p.m.	No Mass	
11-Oct	Sun	08.30 a.m.	Patricia Mary Picton (Mary) (Praying for peace)	Vicky Phelan
		10.30 a.m.	For you the people	
		6.30 p.m.	Marie Watts RIP	Watts family
		10.00 a.m.	Allan de Souza (Thanksgiving)	Barbara de Souza
12-Oct	Mon	10.00 a.m.	Paddy Clancey RIP- That he may have found God	Paddy Walsh
13-Oct	Tue	10.00 a.m.	Jerry Kirby RIP	Richmond & Twickenham Catenian Circle
14-Oct	Wed	10.00 a.m.	Communion service	
15-Oct	Thur	10.00 a.m.	Peter Chidgey RIP-That he may have found God	Paddy Walsh
16-Oct	Fri	10.00 a.m.	For unemployed seeking work	
17-Oct	Sat	10.00 a.m.	No Mass	
18-Oct	Sun	08.30 a.m.	Mark Titmus (RIP)	Christopher James Key
		10.30 a.m.	For you the people	
		6.30 p.m.	For all young people	

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Fr Paul Bigirwa, Patricia Mary Picton (Mary), Arthur Mathewson, Maureen Costello, Helen Sweeny, Pat Friel, Mary Reagan, Pauline Slawson, Janet McAllister, 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 and Patricia Parkes, Judith Thomas, Wanda Ostrowska, Christopher Browne, Antonella Sesta, Margaret Masterson, Bernard Sharratt, Carmen Ruibal, Ann Macpherson, Chris McLoughlin (son of Olga), Paul Costello and Kevin Sweeney

Recently Deceased - Joan Ainscough

Baptism

Congratulations to Beatrice who was baptised on Sunday. Special blessings to her, her parents Leanne & Nicholas Hill, grandparents Carmel & Leslie Hill and great grand parents Maria & Bernard Sharratt



Contactless Giving is here!

Please look out for the donation device – simple and easy to give. Choose an amount for your donation and tap your debit/credit card. You can donate either on the way in or the way out of Mass.



We are very grateful to all our regular donors who support the parish financially by standing orders, payroll giving or weekly envelopes. However, in the past, we have also received about £25k per year in loose plate collections which have all but disappeared as fewer people carry cash now.

We are grateful for every donation, no matter how small.

Entrance Antiphon:

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?

But with you is found forgiveness,

O God of Israel.

Response to the Psalm

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

IMPORTANT

Advance booking needed to attend 10:30 MASS on Sundays

During the COVID-19 crisis, St Margaret's are doing everything possible to allow you to worship safely. However, the 10.30 Mass has become very busy and to ensure that parishioners can sit at a safe, social distance, numbers need to be limited to the maximum allowed inside the building.

Therefore anyone wishing to attend the Sunday 10.30 am Mass must book a place in advance.

Bookings can be made through a link on the website. Bookings for the following Sunday will open each week on Monday and close on Saturday at 6:00pm.

If you or you know someone who has no access to the internet or has difficulty using technology, please phone the parish office 020 8892 3902 to reserve a place.

The 8.30 am or 6.30 pm Sunday Mass are less busy and there is no need to book a place – please just turn up. Or please consider coming in the week as the Sunday obligation to attend Mass is temporarily suspended.

For those parishioners still at home, we will continue to stream the weekday (Monday to Wednesday and Saturday) and Sunday Mass for you to watch and participate.

My hope is that these regulations and procedures will not have a long shelf life. Thank you for your co-operation in the meanwhile.

Fr Peter

11th October - 28th Sunday in OT

Isaiah 25:6-10

Psalm 22

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Matthew 22:1-14

18th October - 29th Sunday in OT

Isaiah 45:1.4-6

Psalm 95

Thessalonians 1:1-5

Matthew 22:15-21



CELEBRATE runs Catholic Charismatic, faith-filled, fun events for all ages, combining good Christian teaching, inspirational speakers and celebration of the liturgy, all in the power of the Holy Spirit. Young and old alike join together in a vibrant atmosphere to celebrate the love of God.

You can find more information on our website www.celebrateconference.org



We'd love to hear from you! Join the CELEBRATE community on our Facebook, or get in touch via email: info@celebrateconference.org
Please find links to [Celebrate Poster](#) & [Dates](#)

Admission arrangement for Catholic Schools

If your child is starting or moving schools this year and you wish to apply for a place at a Catholic school, you will need a Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP). If you are a regular parishioner, Fr Peter is happy to sign these. Please email the parish office on stmargaretsonthames@rcdow.org.uk with your child's name, address and date of birth. You will need an original form for each Catholic school that you are applying to, so please indicate how many forms you would like.

Cynthia will then make arrangements with you to collect the signed forms, either from the parish office or after Mass.



"St Richard Reynolds Catholic College is offering two Virtual Open Evenings for

entry to Year 7 in 2021, on Tuesday 13th October, 2020 at 6:30pm and 7:30pm respectively. Details to sign up are available on our college website <https://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk>. We very much look forward to welcoming you to our College."

St Richard Reynolds are recruiting for an RE teacher with a specialism in KS4 / KS5 from November 2020 (maternity cover). Part time will be considered. Please contact recruitment@srrcc.org.uk for further details.

St Richard Reynolds are recruiting for an outstanding English teacher from December 2020 / January 2021 (maternity cover). Please contact recruitment@srrcc.org.uk for further details or visit our website <https://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk/our-college/work-at-srr>.

Sunday November 8th



Blessing of Graves

Fr Peter will bless the graves of those buried at Twickenham cemetery starting at 2:00pm.

Please meet outside the Chapel for a short service before the group walks around the graveyard blessing the graves of former Parish Priests, Sisters of Mercy and parishioners. If you would like a family grave blessed please contact the Parish Office giving an approximate location of the grave.



Diocese of Westminster

From the Diocese of Westminster – Agency for Evangelisation

'Learn from Me' – Lifelong Learning Opportunities - The certificate courses offered in partnership with Maryvale Institute seek to form leaders in our parishes in the areas of Catechesis, Pastoral Ministry and Marriage & Family Life. Courses in marriage & family and pastoral ministry are already underway for this current year but we are now recruiting for the certificate in catechesis programme, commencing autumn 2020. Contact Anna at the Agency or visit: <https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/learn-from-me---catechesis-and-mission---formation-programme/>
Anna Dupelycz : annadupelycz@rcdow.org.uk

Extra helpers needed



All of you who have returned to Mass over the summer will have seen the team of stewards and ushers at each Mass, who greet you with the temperature "gun", record your name and contact phone number for track and trace purposes, usher you to a socially distanced seat and encourage an orderly queue at Communion. You probably don't see that they also stay behind after Mass and disinfect the pews ready for the next congregation.

Our team of volunteers have been very faithful over the last two months but now we need SOME MORE HELPERS to share the load.

Please contact us via email stmargaretsonthames@rcdow.org.uk if you are happy to help, mentioning which Mass you usually attend.

Real junk food project

Justine, from Harris and Hoole, across the street from the Church has been running the Real junk food project Cafe at the Etna Community Centre, 13 Rosslyn Road on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 11:30am to 1:30pm. Socially distanced dining rules applied. Pay as you feel.



Men's Breakfast: Saturday 18th October 8:30am

Save the Date!!

The speaker is a well-known parishioner (name to be announced soon).

We will be sending the Zoom joining instructions and more details in a few days before. Colin (07831 246 111)

100 Club *Winners for the month of September*

Congratulations !!

1st Prize - £100/- Joe & Fran Early

2nd Prize - £50/- Deacon Joseph Estorninho

Cheques will be in post shortly.

Numbers are generated by a random number generating website.



Family Fast Day 9th October

This week our parish is marking CAFOD's Family Fast Day to help people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease – let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild and heal. Please pray for all those affected and donate online at cafod.org.uk/give or by using one of the envelopes after Mass.

You can also give easily via text. Text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10.

Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text CAFODNOINFO to 70085.



Join in for Coffee after Mass at St Margaret's

You are warmly invited to a Zoom meeting. Depending on numbers we will aim to have people in virtual rooms of 6/8 to help chat. The zoom meeting will be open from 11.30 to 12.30 each Sunday. We hope to see you there sometimes till we can meet again in person.

Topic: **Coffee after Mass at St Margaret's**
Every week on Sunday, until Dec 20, 2020
Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZMkfu-ugTgiHdLF876OJvTMz8x0ob4vsjgh/ics?icsTo-ken=98tyKuGvpzlsHNOWuB6BRpwEHYr4M-7wtnZHggdxukeyVQ95dDfbLLpaYr19RM7D](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZMkfu-ugTgiHdLF876OJvTMz8x0ob4vsjgh/ics?icsTo-ken=98tyKuGvpzlsHNOWuB6BRpwEHYr4M-7wtnZHggdxukeyVQ95dDfbLLpaYr19RM7D)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87996673876?pwd=d1pTSWVrddy9HVHJHcElMSGxVcU9HZz09>

Meeting ID: 879 9667 3876

Passcode: COFFEE

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to our First Holy Communion Children

Thank you to Fr Peter and our Catechists for making our First Holy Communion such a memorable occasion.



11.00 am Mass



2.00 pm Mass



Confirmation at St Margaret of Scotland

11th October 2020



Congratulations to all those who received the sacrament of Confirmation.

Confirmandi

Chosen Name

Damian Rowland Gaza David

Eloise Allan Lily

Grace Tasker Chiara

James Estorninho Patrick

Livia Passmore Grace

*Luca Wyatt Pilkington Massey
Hugo*

Luciana Soleri Mary Claret

Perrine Fleury Afra

Rosie Higham Katherine Drexel

*May God bless them all &
keep them in his care.*

