

ST MARGARET'S PAGE



24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 12th September 2021 Year B

In Peter writes: Last week I spent a night with my priestly fraternity at Littlemore outside Oxford, the place where John Henry Newman established his community of like-minded Anglicans, who held onto the belief that the Church of England was an authentic branch of the Catholic Church. Newman and his confreres were responsible for bringing more catholic forms of worship into the Anglican Church. Though that legacy still exists in the Church of England, it was not sufficient for numerous members of the Anglo-Catholic wing. Littlemore was the place where Newman was received into the Catholic Church, and numerous others have followed in his steps.

The path he took, and others that followed was less the rejection of Anglicanism but the recognition that the fullness of Church of Jesus Christ is found in the Catholic Church. Sitting in his former library and sleeping in one of the monastic cells gave physical weight to the battle of the spirit, and the internal struggle to follow where the path of truth led.

This sense of the Church, as the visible Body of Christ, authenticated by tradition does not sit well with the dogma of freedom of choice, not that freedom of choice is wrong in itself, but that standing alone these choices lack any anchor in time. The choice is mine and the time is now, might be a mantra beloved of motivational gurus but in deeper matters than self-assertion the mantra is meaningless. There is a strange contradiction in human nature that the more we assert the less likely is that we believe what we are saying. Stubborn will dominates reason and judgement.

Conversion is the opposite to assertion and sitting in the quiet of Littlemore the busyness of 21st or even 19th century Oxford academic life seemed a world away, though only three in physical distance. Newman's conversion was slow and emotionally painful. He was a leaving an institution for which he had laboured for thirty years and entering one that was still considered alien to the English temperament. Some of his friends never spoke to him again after his conversion a period that eventually became forty-five years till his death aged ninety.

This Sunday's Gospel describes a moment of con-

Mass Times & Liturgical Services (11/9 - 19/9)		
Saturday 11/9	11.00 am First Holy Communion Mass	
Saturday	10.00 am	
Sunday	8:30 am, 10:30 am & 6.30 pm	
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday	10.00 am	
Eucharistic Service	Friday	10.00 am
Rosary (In church)	Mon, Wed, Thur & Sat	9.30 am
Confessions	Saturday	10:30-11:00am
	Sunday	10.00 - 10.20 am

version for Peter and the Apostles. They are asked by Jesus about the popular perception of His identity. They give formulaic answers on behalf of others, but Peter gives an answer that came from the heart, 'You are the Christ'. Peter grasped something intuitively about Jesus. He let the truth take him onwards, inspired by the Holy Spirit as St Matthew explains in his Gospel. Peter's conversion into the full identity of Jesus had to be integrated into his discipleship. The moment of spiritual insight had to take flesh as Jesus implies when He harshly criticises Peter for not wanting Him to follow the path of Messiahship.

Peter had other, all too human, ideas for Jesus, a following of soft-sell, of everything being easy and inevitable. When Newman set up the community at Littlemore he must have thought that he would continue there till death living a life of intellectual community. His conversion would lead to much painful antagonism from the institutional church both in England and Ireland. He had to take up his Cross and follow in ways that were unexpected. Having accepted, like Peter, the dynamic of truth concerning Jesus and His Church, he accepted all that came with his conversion.

Both the Gospel and the account of Cardinal Newman's entry into the Catholic Church demonstrate that greater spiritual forces are at work, they, like us, respond to the Holy Spirit that the truth of life is found in Jesus and maintained by His Church. We accept and share this truth and make it our own, expressed in our aspirations, motivations and way of life. We never assert our identity as Catholics because it should be obvious from our conversation and manner of life, even if we fail continuously to live up to the challenge.

St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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Mass Intentions Sat 11th September – Sun 19th September

11/9	Sat	11.00am	First Holy Communion Mass	
12/9	Sun	8.30 am	Special intention	Peter & Su Slattery
		10.30am	For you the people	
		6.30 pm	Joseph Gleeson RIP	Davis Family
13/9	Mon	10.00am	Thomson family intentions	
14/9	Tues	10.00am	Thanksgiving	Benedetto family
15/9	Wed	10.00am	Gerry Landers RIP	
16/9	Thur	10.00am	Len Tanner RIP Anniversary	Winter
17/9	Fri	10.00am	Eucharistic Service	
18/9	Sat	10.00am	The families of St Margarets Parish	
19/9	Sun	8.30 am	Mary Shipsey RIP	Peter & Su Slattery
		10.30am	For you the people	
		6.30 pm	Mary Coughlan RIP Anniv	Davis Family

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 walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.



Mass Arrangement for week commencing 13th September

THERE WILL BE NO SATURDAY 6.30 PM MASS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Weekday Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10.00 am

Eucharistic Service - Friday 10.00 am

Weekend Masses

Saturday - 10.00 am

Sunday - 8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.30 pm

(Booking no longer required for 10:30 am Mass)

Confessions

Saturday 10:30-11:00am

Sunday - 10.00—10.20 am

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



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



Rose Blackman, 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, 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 & Teresa Smith

Anniversaries - Edward MacDougall, Iain MacDougall, 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



Readers Rota

Our thanks and good wishes are extended to Lydia Cuddy-Gibbs, who has organised so ably the rota for the Ministers of the Word and the Eucharistic Ministers for several years. Lydia is taking a break from this task as the birth of her second child is imminent. Emily Wantenaar, mum of Julia, one of this year's First Holy Communion children, has kindly offered to take on this role.

Should you wish to be added to the autumn reader's rota, please email stmargaretsrotas@rcdow.org.uk saying which Mass you normally attend.



24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 12th SEPT	Isaiah 50:5-9	Psalm 114	James 2:14-18	Mark 8:27-35
25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 19th SEPT	Wisdom 2:12. 17-20	Psalm 53	James 3:16 – 4:3	Mark 9:30-37

Liturgical and catechetical activities

Before outlining the many different liturgical and catechetical activities that will be taking place in St Margarets, I would like to thank those who have assisted in the running of the parish over the last eighteen months. I am sure none of the helpers thought they would be offering a helping hand for such a long period of time and I would like to thank members of the welcoming committee, the cleaners, social event organisers and catechists. Each in their own way have allowed the parish to maintain both a liturgical life and sense of community.

Some of the good practices will continue notably our welcome desk in front of the church, of identifying new parishioners who have begun coming to Mass here.

The simple community events such as the regular tea parties will continue once the Hall has been refurbished.

Now the time has come in this period of post Covid recovery to reboot our parish life and help find the next generation of active participants to engage in parish life.

1. Music at 10.30 Mass

Before the summer, I wrote that Bernard Winter has retired from both overseeing the music at St Margarets and leading the choir at 10.30am Mass. Once again may I thank him for the long years of music ministry in this parish.

From the beginning of September, I am pleased to say that Gavin Evenhuis will lead a group on the 2nd and 4th Sunday's of the month, and Mark Underwood, the 1st and the 3rd Sundays.

Both choirmasters singing faith and worship music and more traditional hymns are inviting those who wish to sing to come forward and engage in this ministry.

Emma Higham will continue to play the organ and sing at the 8:30am, and Eleanor Hill will be starting a monthly music group at the 6:30pm Mass, and James Holland will be singing at the 6:30pm twice a month as well.

Lastly, may I ask the Congregation to refrain from clapping at the end of Mass. It seemed a strange habit to me because liturgical music is about participation in prayer and not attending a concert of sacred music.

2. Sacristans— during the **pandemic**, it was not possible to have sacristans work closely with the clergy, but now I am looking for 4 volunteers who might set up for Mass and return the sacred vessels and other items used at Mass, back to the sacristy. This will be very helpful to me and these are simple and straight forward tasks.

3. **Teenage Confirmation**—will begin in January 2022.

Sacramental Preparation

Baptism



The next Baptism course are the following: should you wish to have your child baptised in this parish, attendance at these courses is compulsory

September 14th & 21st, 15th & 22nd

November 9th & 16th

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

First Holy Communion 2022



This year course will be composed of a number of parts -

1. 10.30am Sunday Mass with children's liturgy. (November 7th till December 12th)
2. 10:30am Sunday Mass with children's liturgy (January 9th to February 6th)
3. 5:15pm Saturday Classes followed by 6:30pm Mass (27th February—3rd April)
4. 5:15pm Saturday Classes followed by 6:30pm Mass (1st May—22nd May)
5. First Holy Communion 11th June 2022

Should you wish your child to participate, please collect an attendance card from Fr Peter after Mass.

The First Holy Communion course is for those families who either live in the parish or have been coming here for a long time. Those from outside the parish who have not come to Mass here before, are advised to contact your local parish for FHC.

Adult Confirmation

Mondays 6th September 6:30pm



This course is for those who wish to be confirmed before their wedding or perhaps wish to become a catholic. It will consist of a rolling series of talks and discussions tailored to fit those who come forward. The course will be led by Fr Peter and Deacon Joseph.

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!



Afternoon Tea

Wednesday 22nd September

2.00 pm - 3.30 pm in the parish garden. Everyone is welcome and feel free to get a friend along.



HELLO!



New parishioners evening - meeting on Zoom

Monday 20th September 8.00 pm

If you are new to the parish and would like to find out more about what goes on in our parish community, you are warmly invited to our new parishioners zoom meeting. Please contact the parish office for more information stmargaretsonthames@rcdow.org.uk

SEPTEMBER

SOUP LUNCH COLLECTION



Our September donation to the poorest and most needy of the community in Chipata, Zambia will be sent on **FRIDAY 17th SEPTEMBER**.

The money we send helps the poorest start mini businesses so as to be able to support themselves, helps the sick buy the medicine that they need but cannot pay for and allows people who can't afford the fare, to return to their homes following a stay in hospital or prison.

A little money goes a long way in Zambia, so any donation, however small can help people in the most difficult of circumstances. If you can donate, please contact Maz or Bernard Winter on 02089430824 or 07769721975. The money is transferred directly to Fr David Cullen so no overheads, and every penny given to the needy. Thank you.

Climate crisis appeal



Please join the Family Fast Day on Friday 1 October. To give online - cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis.

Envelopes will be available at the back of the church at Masses on 2/3 October.

Please find the harvest video at cafod.org.uk/fastday

St Margaret's Revive and Reunite Weekend

**Save the Date: October
15th/16th/17th**

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 15th

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 16th

10 am Mass followed by Adoration & Sacrament of Reconciliation

11 am talk Fr Tim Redmond

Parish lunch followed by tea & coffee in the garden

Sunday 17th

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.

