

ST MARGARET'S PAGE



2nd SUNDAY OF LENT - 13 MARCH 2022 - Year C

In Peter writes:

Probably the most distressing picture to come out of the conflict in the Ukraine so far is that of a young family caught by a shell whilst fleeing the Russian onslaught. Their bodies prostrate on the floor, their precious few belongings lying scattered on the ground with their pet trapped in its plastic dog basket. The mother and two children dead, the father very seriously injured. Like the young couple trying to flee Sarajevo for a better life, gunned down in no-mans-land, the barbarity and futility of war is encapsulated in a single picture. The same is being replicated throughout the world undocumented by any reporter or even a bystander with a mobile phone, victims of the casual violence that becomes the norm in these conflicts. These seemingly random moments of violence are typical of civil war where, so-called brothers, are fighting each other.

It is difficult to discern any war aim in the Russian government's invasion of the Ukraine other than reacting to the potential eastwards march of Nato and the European Union. These hypothetical reasons, along with the questionable desire of Russian speaking residents to reunite with Russia do not make for any possible just war. The long history between Russians and Ukrainians that goes back to the White War of 1919, a civil war within the newly founded communist state, the subsequent starvation of farmers during Stalin's collectivisation of the 1930s, the formation of Ukrainian SS units in the Second World War have all led to dangerous levels of antagonism. This line of events has been manipulated by the Russian government for its own purposes but any drive for peace should hopefully recognise the existence of this history as the first step in reaching some peaceful settlement.

So, I have been reflecting on what role can I play in this unfolding crisis, and one answer lies in expressing spiritual solidarity through prayer and fasting as requested by Pope Francis, another through donations to charity, and another recognising the fragility of human culture and consciously build peaceful connections between peoples. An incredible amount of money has already been raised and convoys of requisites are being driven to the Ukraine. The Ukrainian restaurant in Twickenham has been busy with collecting vanloads of medicines and materials for the increasing numbers of refugees. The crisis in Ukraine is much nearer physically and culturally than conflicts in Afghanistan or the Yemen and elsewhere. Yet what unites them are the numbers of people desperate to live normal lives in peaceful conditions and to be able to fulfil some of their

| Mass Times & Liturgical Services | | |
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| Saturday | 10.00 am, 6.30 pm | |
| Sunday | 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 6.30 pm | |
| Mass | Mon, Tue, Wed & Thur | 10.00 am |
| Funeral Mass | Tuesday | 12.00 pm |
| Eucharistic Service | Friday | 10.00 am |
| Rosary | Mon, Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri & Sat | 9.30 am |
| Confessions | Saturday Sunday | 10:30-11:00am |

dreams.

This crisis has once again demonstrated the fragility of even urban and economically sophisticated countries. Economic contentment often makes sustaining a culture seem an irrelevance. This explains the decline of intermediate institutions in this country, whether it be places of worship, local societies, the Scout and Guide movement, parent associations and many others. They lack relevance when compared to the plenty of material possessions and their enjoyment. However, it is these institutions which sustain humanity when times are tough. They help frame the collective memory as to the purpose of life. Study circles, intellectual discussion, the study of history and of literature kept the collective memory of all eastern European nations alive during the soviet occupation after the Second World War. The same is true of the Ukraine, and to a lesser extent Afghanistan and Iraq. Previous generations of school children in this country learnt this nation's history: Catholics especially about the Reformation and its consequences.

Sustaining and promoting culture has been a continuous facet of the Church's mission because Jesus is the Lord of history, all time belongs to Him and because culture can become the lubricant for the dissemination of the Gospel. Culture by itself cannot replace the Gospel. Catholic heritage alone is not the passport to heaven. However, a culture animated by the Gospel can become a powerful force, not in the terms of military might, but in terms of human solidarity and long-term collective memory. As of now, no immediate peace looks likely, very sadly, but can the invading forces find victory. Maybe through the use of excessive violence but not through the conversion of hearts. That victory lies elsewhere with the victims of violence who memory will long outlast any soviet occupation. Jesus' resurrection from the dead guarantees the long-term survival of authentic catholic culture, that has now outlasted the Roman Empire, the Reformation, the French Revolution, the Russian Revolution, the dictators of South America and many more. We pray for peace and for the strength to maintain the life-giving culture that comes from the Gospel.

St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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Mass Intentions Sat 12/3 – Sun 20/3

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| 12/3 | Sat | 10.00am | Works of charity in the neighbourhood | |
| | | 6.30 pm | Ian MacWhannell RIP recently deceased | Una Byrne |
| 13/3 | Sun | 8.30 am | For you the people | |
| | | 10.30am | Madeleine Key RIP | Chris Key |
| | | 6.30 pm | Work of missionaries throughout the world | |
| 14/3 | Mon | 10.00 am | Donor's intentions | |
| 15/3 | Tues | 10.00 am | Eileen & Patrick Coughlan RIP Anniversary | Davis family |
| 16/3 | Wed | 10.00 am | Teresa Sowry RIP | Blackwood family |
| 17/3 | Thu | 10.00 am | Helen McLeish RIP anniversary | Maz & Bernard |
| 18/3 | Fri | 10.00 am | Eucharistic Service | |
| 19/3 | Sat | 10.00am | Deceased members of St Margarets Parish | |
| | | 12.00 pm | Funeral Mass | |
| | | 6.30 pm | For you the people | |
| 20/3 | Sun | 8.30 am | Patrick Doyle RIP | Shirley Doyle |
| | | 10.30am | Late John McHugh RIP | Mary McHugh |
| | | 6.30 pm | Maura O'Driscoll Devitt RIP | Tom Devitt |

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Sue Rolph, Rose Blackman, 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 Parkes, Wanda Ostrowska, Christopher Browne, Antonella Sesta, Margaret Masterson, Carmen Ruibal, Ann Macpherson, Chris McLoughlin (son of Olga), Christopher Cousins, & Judith Thomas

Anniversaries - James Distelhurst, Mark Gapper, Louisa Tobback, Pat Kennedy, Elizabeth Cowell, Marie Ashford, Fr.Desmond Swan, Geoffrey Hunter

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed

through the Mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

Entrance Antiphon:

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

Response to the Psalm:

The Lord is my light and my help.

Lent at St Margarets

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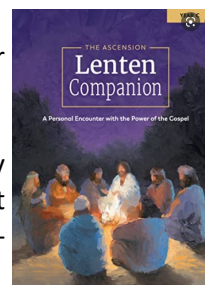
Pray + Fast + Give

During Lent the following times of prayer, catechesis and almsgiving will be offered to give an anchor to whatever we have decided will be our Lenten practices this year.

Lent Course

Fr Mark Toups: A personal encounter with the power of the Gospel

Mondays 11:00am – 12:00pm, led by Angie Keane (by zoom). Kindly contact the parish office if you would like to receive the link.



and 7:00pm – 8:00pm led by Fr Peter and Marta Baker (in person in the Church hall and by zoom). Kindly contact the parish office if you would like to receive the link.



Stations of the Cross

Wednesday's (7.30 pm) led by Fr Peter

Friday's 7:30pm led by Deacon Joseph.

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday's 8:00pm – 9:00pm Exposition concluding with compline. Every Friday, there will be a Holy Hour with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction starting at 8:00 pm followed by Compline. Please join us as we pray for the grace to move our parish and the church forward following two years of living with the pandemic.



Lenten Project

Please see details of fundraising events overleaf. Envelopes for donations are available at the back of the Church and can be added to the collection basket.

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| 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT - 13 MARCH 2022 | Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18 | Psalm 26 | Philippians 3:17 – 4:1 | Luke 9:28-36 |
| 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT - 20 MARCH 2022 | Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15 | Psalm 102 | 1 Corinthians 10:1-6. 10-12 | Luke 13:1-9 |

SPONSORED FUNDRAISER

Lenten Project sponsored fun-run

Join our 2-mile family fun-run...jog...walk...or saunter along a stretch of Twickenham's finest riverside and through Marble Hill Park raising funds for St Margaret's Lenten Project in the process.

When: Sunday 20th March, from 2.00p.m.
Where: meet at the Church table outside the Barmy Arms.

(This is also the finishing point for this circular route)

Sponsorship forms are in the Church, the Hall and the Parish Office.

For more details see the Lenten Project information boards or visit www.geta.org.uk where there is a downloadable map of the route.



Donations to Parish Funds

If you would like to set up a standing order, please complete a form available on the website or from the parish office or you can do this yourself through online banking. The parish bank account is:

Bank: HSBC

Account Name: WRC DT St Margarets on Thames

Sort Code: 40 05 20 Account No: 01094823

For offertory giving, please use the bank reference: XOF your surname and initials

For donations to the building fund and refurbishment project, please use the bank reference: XBF your surname and initials

If you are a UK tax payer, please gift aid your donation which increases the amount the parish receives by 25% at no additional cost to you. Gift Aid forms are available from the parish office or on the website.
Thank you.



Middlesex Association for the Blind
Working locally to support people who are blind and partially sighted

We are delighted to have a visit at St Margaret's on **15 Mar 2022 from 9:30 am – 4.30 pm.**

The Mobile Resource Unit (MRU) is a converted motorhome that visits various venues on a monthly basis. The MRU provides advice and support to visually impaired people and demonstrate specialist equipment. Below is a short list of some of the items we have on board.

- CCTV magnifiers
- Handheld magnifiers (both electronic and conventional)
- Talking clocks
- Talking wrist watches
- Lighting equipment
- Sunglasses in various sizes and shades
- Cooking / kitchen items such as level indicators, easy grip openers, etc
- Tactile CD Stereos / Radios / USB Players

Tap n' Give



If you don't have a regular commitment to offertory giving, and prefer to make a donation by card, please do use our contactless device which is at the back of church.

You can enable collection of Gift Aid on this donation – if you register your details once then any future donations using the same card will recognise you as the donor.

The easiest way to do this is to scan the QR code below and enter your details on your phone. You will be asked to make an initial donation at this time.



Thank you. All donations are gratefully received and enable the parish to continue its mission to share and celebrate our faith in Jesus Christ with the Catholic community living in St Margaret's' and beyond.

REPAIR CAFE

Twickenham Repair Café

Next Repair Cafe Saturday 19th March

We're on a roll now with everyone realising how cool it is to repair stuff. So bring along your broken things and we will have a go at repairing them and give you the confidence to do your own repairs in the future.

Our 20 volunteers have the skills to repair:

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| clothes and textiles | games consoles |
| household electrical | toys |
| garden electrical | ceramics |
| electronics and radios | knitting |
| mechanical | upholstery and furniture |
| bike - adults and kids | woodwork |
| computers hardware and software | and sharpening for tools and knives |

The cafe will be the third Saturday of the month, at St Margarets Church Hall, from 10:30 to 13:30. (Last check in 13:00) 130 St Margarets Road, St Margarets, Twickenham. TW1 1RL.

If you want to know more, just give us a shout: info@twickenhamrepaircafe.org

'The Passage, a Catholic charity working with homeless people is raising funds through the Big Give a matched giving scheme from 12.00 noon on Monday 14 March. Every £1 donated online between 12.00 noon on Monday 14 March and 12.00 noon on Monday 28 March makes £2 and £2.25 if you are a taxpayer through Gift Aid. Please visit: <https://bit.ly/BigGiveMarch22> to support the campaign. The campaign 'It takes more than a house to make a home' focuses on the services we provide to people who have been homeless in their journey to being happily settled in a new home. The Passage would be very grateful for your support. For questions about the campaign or assistance making a donation please ring 020 7592 1856.'



Kind regards
Andrew

CAFOD has launched its appeal, please consider channelling your funds through them.

They too will ensure funds go directly to Caritas Ukraine and Poland. The link is below:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Ukraine-Humanitarian-Appeal>



St. Paul's Catholic Primary School

"The Governing Body of St. Paul's Catholic Primary School, Thames Ditton, Surrey, is looking to appoint a dynamic, forward-thinking headteacher to start in September 2022. If you would like further information, please email clerk@stpauls-thamesditton.surrey.sch.uk or alternatively please go to <https://www.eteach.com/job/headteacher-1216606> to apply. The closing date for applications is March 24th."

We are a fantastic school looking to work with an exceptional headteacher, or deputy, who is an experienced leader dedicated to achieving excellence in all aspects of school life.

Tony de Vizio

Staffing Governor, St Paul's Catholic Primary School
Thames Ditton, 07958 473690, 020 8398 6791

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THE FRIENDS

The Society of Friends of Westminster Cathedral is seeking to recruit a part time Organising Secretary to help administer the charity, assist in recruiting new members and in organising events. The appointment based in Westminster Cathedral Clergy House is for 20 hours per week at a salary in the region of £14,500 per annum. The appointment is for 12 months. Closing date 27 March 2022. For further details please visit <https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/the-friends-see-an-organising-secretary/>.