

# ST MARGARET'S PAGE

11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021 Year B



*In Peter writes:* Much has been written about what post-Covid existence is going to look like. Will office work ever return, will the flight to the country continue, will we ever travel so freely again, will we feel safe in large crowds again? The honest answer is that no-one knows for sure, so it might be better to ask what future do I wish to create for myself, what are the patterns of life that I want to adopt? These strange times are an opportunity to re-evaluate as to what one considers essential to my life.

For some the former practice of their faith will be revealed as a cultural relic. Attendance had been for family reasons or the appeasement of an older generation. Now post-Covid lockdown these reasons have lost their coercive power. More positively the collective fear of not wishing to die, a perfectly reasonable aspiration, and the consequent mantra of saving the NHS may have opened up an internal conversation as to the purpose of our lives, and discovering those reasons beyond life itself. The question, 'why try to stay alive, by adopting the governments protocols of masking wearing and social distancing, does raise the question why? Traditionally, the search for the source of life has been a continuous philosophical pursuit within western culture along with establishing the laws of human behaviour. Christianity and its secular offshoot, Marxism are primarily concerned with the end of life, whether a paradise created on earth for the Marxist or the kingdom of heaven for the Christian. This turns life into a future-driven enterprise. Marxism, like Christianity in the past aimed to establish this kingdom through the force of arms. The religious wars of the Reformation were attempts to establish the Christian state in anticipation of the end. The communist revolutions in Russia and China were the earthly prelude to world revolution.

Our Catholic faith is driven by the future, but progress cannot be imposed by human effort alone. The Resurrection of Jesus is the work of God, and every attempt to establish a paradise on earth in anticipation always leads to failure. This

Mass Times & Liturgical Services		
Saturday	10.00 am & 6.30 pm	
Sunday	8:30 am, 10:30 am (bookings only) & 6.30 pm	
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday		10.00 am
Eucharistic Service	Friday	10.00 am
Rosary	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday (in church & via Zoom; please email the office for link)	9.30 am
Confessions	Saturday	10:30-11:00am
	Sunday	10.00 am – 10.20 am

Sunday's parables about the growth of the kingdom reveals this two-sided understanding, the inevitability of divine work but also its mysterious quality. How does the kingdom grow? The parable utilises the seasons but the energy to move through the seasons remains mysterious.

To me this is one of the great mysteries of Christian ministry, diligently sowing the seed, recognising in faith the inevitability of growth but remaining mystified as to how it might show itself. Understanding this dynamic is helpful in maintaining confidence in the mission of the church and the life of the parish. The smallest seed can indeed become the biggest shrub. Jesus calls us all to sow the seeds of faith and not impose our religious beliefs on others. Sowing the seeds of faith is not to give up on speaking on the content of faith or failing to argue for its intrinsic truthfulness. Sowing is undertaking these actions with generosity but recognising that it is the church as a whole that gives growth to our actions. Whatever modest actions we might undertake whether in our parish or within our family or community as a disciple of Jesus Christ are gathered together to make up the field, the tree, a collective image of countless numbers of believers forming one whole.

This relationship between whole church and individual believer is true for our parish too. Our own individual acts of sowing will bear fruit in Jesus' time and in His way, but they must be sown by us. The parables tell us and the experience of the church shows that someone needs to sow with generosity at some point to start this dynamic. This Parish can only be grateful to Fr Sydney Domerson's generation that they sowed the seeds of faith for which we collectively benefit. Now in this time it is our turn to sow the seeds of faith once again.

St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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Parish Priest: Canon Peter Newby, Deacon Joseph Estorninho; Parish Administrator: Cynthia Souza; Bookkeeper: Ann Edes  
Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9.30 am – 12.30 pm Emails are checked regularly.

**Mass Intentions Saturday 12th June – Sunday 20th June**

12/6	Sat	10.00am	Works of charity in the neighbourhood	
		6.30 pm	Those suffering loss of a loved one	
13/6	Sun	8.30 am	Charlotte Wycherly RIP	Su Slattery
		10.30am	For you the people	
		6.30 pm	Pupils and staff of St James School and St Richard Reynolds Catholic College.	
14/6	Mon	10.00pm	Thanksgiving mass for the Murdoch's family	Lily McCaw
15/6	Tues	10.00am	Amador Dadulla RIP	Paul & Claire Chaple
16/6	Wed	10.00am	Thanksgiving mass for The Vergara-Pérez's family	Lily McCaw
17/6	Thur	10.00am	Edward Winter RIP	Maz & Bernard Winter
18/6	Fri	10.00am	Eucharistic service	
19/6	Sat	10.00am	Missionary spirit of the Parish and the Church	
		6.30 pm	The families of St Margarets Parish	
20/6	Sun	8.30 am	Reg Walsh RIP	Peter Slattery
		10.30am	Leo Goveas RIP	Cynthia Souza
		6.30 pm	For you the people	

**Entrance Antiphon:**

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

**Response to the Psalm:**

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.



**Mass Arrangement  
for week commencing 14th June**

**Weekday Mass**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday - 10.00 am

**Eucharistic Services**

Friday 10.00 am

**Weekend Mass**

**Saturday** - 10.00 am & 6.30 pm

**Sunday**— 8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.30 pm

*(Bookings required for 10:30 am Mass)*

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**Rosary: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday** at 9.30 am (in the church and on zoom)

**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 Reagan, 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** - Edward Winter, Bobby Deitz, Stephen Boland, Roma Hammerton, Evelyn Rowland, Edward Winter, Frederick Balmer, Ethel Van Kuylenburg, Daniel Buckley, Dominic Seddon, Richard Doherty, Vincent McKeown, Dominic Bruce, Mary Bruce, John Anthony (Tony) Lopes, Mary Bailey, James Kearney, Cardinal Basil Hume, Mary O'Connor, Margaret Edwards, Olive Roberts, Sheila Fransen, Caroline Wakeling Horsbrugh

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed*

*through the Mercy of God rest in peace. Amen*

**Afternoon tea / coffee & Cake in the Parish Garden**

Do join us on a summer afternoon for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat in the parish garden.

**Wednesdays 2:30pm—4.00 pm**

**June 16th, 23rd, 30th**



11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 13th JUNE Ezekiel 17:22-24 Psalm 91 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 Mark 4:26-34

12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—20th JUNE Job 38:1. 8-11 Psalm 106 2 Corinthians 5:14-17 Mark 4:35-41



### Baptism

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

The next pre-baptism courses for parents will be on **Session 1 & 2** - 15th and 22nd June at 8 pm online / Chapel TBA

**Children's Liturgy on Zoom;** on alternate Sunday mornings  
**9:45 – 10:15 am**

For children aged 4 – 11 (roughly)



**Upcoming dates: June 27 & July 11**

Activity packs with craft materials will be available to pick from the Parish Office.

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

### SOUP LUNCH COLLECTION



As we are still unable to actually hold our lunches, we plan to send our monthly donation for Fr David Cullen's work among the poor in Chipata, Zambia on Friday 18th June. Life is very difficult for people there with Covid infection to cope with on top of the general level of poverty. Every penny you donate can help people who have very little and are struggling.

To make a donation, please contact Maz and Bernard Winter on : 02089430824 or 07769721975

All donations will be most gratefully received.

Thank you.



### Amazon donations:

Please choose Give Education To All (GETA) as your chosen charity on **AmazonSmile** and you will donate to a worthy charitable cause each time you shop online with Amazon.

On 21-22<sup>nd</sup> June, Amazon Prime Day have pledged to DOUBLE donations to those using the AmazonSmile on the shopping app at no extra cost.

This is a very simple and easy way to donate to GETA without any cost to yourself.

David Rose, Chairman, GETA, reg. charity no. 1167092

### Important information regarding practicalities during the building works (May 10<sup>th</sup> – Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>)

We are very pleased that the building work to refurbish the hall, lavatories and basement is now ongoing.

#### Access to lavatories

There will be no access to the lavatories in the church building. Facilities will be provided on the ground floor of the presbytery. Please alert the stewards if you need to use the lavatories and they will unlock the presbytery for you. We ask that parents accompany their children due to safety issues around crossing the car park.

#### Car Parking

Spaces in the car park are extremely limited. Please consider parking in neighbouring streets on Sundays – residents parking restrictions are weekdays only. Please also try to park elsewhere if you are coming by car to a weekday Mass. Please do not double park in the church car park as the building site needs potential emergency access and it is also very inconvenient for the local businesses who are paying for a parking permit.

#### Sunday 10:30am Mass – overflow seating

There will be no overflow seating available in the hall so numbers at the 10:30 am Mass will be more restricted. Please could everyone wanting to attend the 10:30am Mass book their place in advance (by Saturday evening). If you arrive without having reserved a place, we may need to turn you away.

Alternatively, please consider coming to one of the other Masses which are less busy and there is no need to book.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

On behalf of the parish, the Finance Committee extends thanks once again to all those who have contributed to the building fund that is enabling these works to go ahead. Any additional contributions are welcome and will reduce the amount of the Diocesan loan that we will need to cover the remaining costs of the works. If you would like to make a contribution, please speak to Fr Peter.

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!



I am writing to inform about the Day for Life which is to be held during the weekend of 19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021. This day, inaugurated by St. John Paul II, presents an opportunity to pray for the gift of life from conception to natural death, to raise awareness of the precious gift of life, and to support the work



of protecting life in its most vulnerable stages through the annual collection. This assists prolife organisations who raise awareness, engage in parliamentary work and pastoral outreach. These funds are distributed by the Department of Social Justice of the Bishops' Conference.

The fragility of life and the reality of death has been brought into sharp focus during the Covid-19 pandemic. In the UK alone, more than 126,000 people have died from Covid-19. Yet in the face of such suffering and death, we have also witnessed the extraordinary dedication of healthcare professionals and their loving care for the sick and dying. We too have each made sacrifices for the greater good during this pandemic. These acts of heroic love are a powerful testimony to the fundamental dignity of the human person and to the respect owed to each life, particularly through proper care and love in the last moments of life.

Against this backdrop of loving care, we are now faced with the very real threat of the legalisation of 'assisted suicide' in our country. It is not a question of 'if' this challenge will come, it is now a question of 'when?' There is now a Private Members Bill in the House of Lords on so-called 'Assisted Dying' and it is only a matter of time before the issue is back in the House of Commons.

This year's theme for 'Day for Life' focuses on assisted suicide and the respect owed to life. The online resources are produced to inform Catholics about this threat to life and to share with people our response to such a threat: a true compassion as the just response to the immense value of the human person.

'Day for Life' adds an authenticity to our witness to the dignity of life and this is enabled by the generosity of people in supporting our work. In 2020, we were unable to hold our annual 'Day for Life' collection due to the pandemic, our funds are very much depleted and the threats to life have never been greater. 'Day for Life' is a simple practical response which pushes back against 'the use and throw-away logic' often at the heart of a culture which seeks to abandon its elderly, sick and dying when 'they no longer serve our interests.'

I know that it is difficult to take another second collection at this time, but the funds are important to support charities and projects which protect the good of life. The Day for Life website is <https://www.dayforlife.org/>. Thank you.

With every good wish

In prayer,

Bhp John Sherrington (Access attached file here)

**St Mary's Isleworth** is a friendly oversubscribed two-form entry Catholic primary school, serving the children of our local Catholic parishes.



The vast majority of our pupils are Catholic and we work closely with our parish priests to support their faith development through a Catholic RE curriculum, Masses and liturgies and regular charity work.

**Due to families moving out of the area over the summer, we are likely to have one or two spaces in Y1, Y2, Y3 for September 2021.** If you are interested in finding out more, please visit our website [www.smi.hounslow.sch.uk](http://www.smi.hounslow.sch.uk) or arrange to meet us in person by emailing: [office@smi.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:office@smi.hounslow.sch.uk)  
Mr Farley Marsh, Headteacher



## Diocese of Westminster

More than fifty parishes in England and Wales, including some in Westminster, have welcomed refugee families under the Community Sponsorship Programme, which the Church was actively involved in designing and promoting.

The programme was suspended for over a year because of travel restrictions but has now reopened and forms a part of the new UK Resettlement Scheme.

Community Sponsorship provides an opportunity, in the words of Pope Francis, to 'welcome, protect, promote and integrate' refugees.

**On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 6pm – 7.30pm** a webinar for Catholics in England and Wales on Community Sponsorship will be hosted by CSAN and Reset.

**(CSAN is the official agency for Catholic Social Action in England and Wales. Reset is the scheme's national training provider)**

Should you feel called to host a refugee family in the new Resettlement Scheme or wish to learn more about the Community Sponsorship programme and its transformative impact on parishes please publicise, informing them of this event.

**To register visit:** [www.communitysponsorship.org.uk/events](http://www.communitysponsorship.org.uk/events)

With thanks and best wishes.

**Bishop Paul McAleenan | Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster**



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Please find the June Bulletin from the Agency for Evangelisation.



**ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE**  
ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL  
ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

*We are looking to develop our Physics teaching at St Richard Reynolds College and wondered if you would be interested or know someone who would be interested in this exciting opportunity to teach Physics or support Physics teaching with us?*

*You may be or would know someone who has recently retired from teaching or currently considering a return to work who has a physics specialism. You may know a recent Physics graduate who is thinking about the next step and would consider teaching. You may have worked or be currently working in the field of Physics or have a Physics degree and would like to change tack. As always, we like to be forward-thinking and creative about ensuring our students are excellently taught and prepared for the world of work.*

*In addition to this, we are looking at strengthening our A-level Economics provision and would welcome any interest in this role.*

*If you are or know someone who fits either of these criteria, or indeed would like to find out more, please email Mrs Simmons at [s.simmons@srrcc.org.uk](mailto:s.simmons@srrcc.org.uk) by Friday 18th June.*

**St Richard Reynolds Catholic College (Recruitment)**