

ST MARGARET'S PAGE



33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 13 NOVEMBER 2022 - Year C

In Peter writes:

The pictures from the Ukraine show scenes of devastation, of untrained Russian conscripts lying dead on the roads, of graves of the former inhabitants from farming communities that dot the countryside, and of widespread vindictive destruction. Though we remember rightly the war dead of the two World Wars, and subsequent conflicts now concluded, other parts of the world still suffer the human and physical destruction of war. This Sunday's Gospel echoes that current reality when Jesus predicts wars between nations following the destruction of Jerusalem along with the city's inhabitants and later the persecution to be suffered by Christians.

The destruction of Jerusalem, was the leading example, being the city of the Temple but war will be the enduring experience throughout the ages rather than simply the precursor to the end. This sombre outlook is not the moment to give way but to give witness to the faith, because of Jesus' assurances of assistance.

How can Jesus predictions of the end of the world be understood today? St Luke's Gospel is dedicated to Theophilus, literally the ancient Greek for God lover, in other words a Christian, someone already formed in the faith. St Luke's Gospel is for the catechised Christian. Both Theophilus and ourselves are invited to think how the fate of Jerusalem and the prediction of opposition might describe the personal circumstances of our Christian discipleship. One biblical scholar offers the suggestion of engaging in 'parabolic thinking' of being creative in application of this Gospel passage. Jesus does not give a direct answer to the question as to when will the world end in the light of this conflict and destruction. If Jesus had given an answer to when the only possible responses would be: It is so soon, nothing matters; or it is so long in the future no matters either. Now is the time to take responsibility and thus become a disciple.

Therefore, the current fashion of making everything a catastrophe, of magnifying the bad news, of causing unnecessary distress is nothing new. According to the Gospel these are constants in human behaviour. History is littered with accounts of charlatans proclaiming imminent doom. Some engage naively in this practice while others have more nefarious purposes afoot. Those promoting eugenics, the selective culling of humans, were thought the prophets of the time. The

Mass Times & Liturgical Services		
Weekend	Saturday Sunday	10.00 am & 6.00 pm 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 6.30pm
Weekdays	Mon, Tue, Wed & Friday	10.00 am
Eucharistic Service	Thursday	10.00 am
Rosary	Monday to Saturday	9.30 am
Confessions	Saturday Sunday	10:30-11:00am 10.00 – 10.20 am

world would have too many people. Now their legacy is declared rightly toxic.

Jesus warns us, 'not be deceived' and therefore the witness the Christian needs to be full of wisdom. These are the continuous conditions for 'giving witness' in the context of civic fragility where the echo-chambers of fashion make wisdom a prized possession. The disciple must become a peacemaker in some way, an active agent in building up a culture of peace, and the voice for the victims of violence in all its forms. Earthly conditions mirror heavenly conditions, of cosmic forces of good and evil battling. Battle conditions imply that even secular humanist and especially Christian culture cannot be assumed to develop unaided without positive contribution.

The building peace, of sharing life together will always need the active assistance of Christians. Earthly conditions of attrition, war and destruction preclude the easy option of thinking a Christian culture will develop almost unconsciously. The same failure to sustain purposefully Roman culture in the early 5th century led inevitably to the destruction of the Western Roman empire. It took St Benedict and the establishment of a new social order founded on monasteries to create a new civilisation within Europe. So, amidst the political turmoil that followed the collapse of the Western empire, a new social order emerged that ultimately transformed Europe and was the seed bed for the University and school system.

Contemporary western Europe is suffering the same malaise, of collapsing belief in the legitimacy of its institutions, governmental, medical, ecclesiastical and educational. This is a dangerous situation but also the one Jesus predicted in this Sunday's Gospel. Far from shirking responsibility this is the time to give witness to the humanist culture that comes with the Church, of the sanctity, richness and awe-inspiring qualities of life.

St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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Mass Intentions Sat 12 Nov – Sun 20 Nov

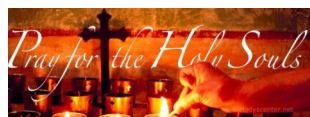
12/11	Sat	10.00 am	For the Holy Souls	
		6.00 pm	The families of St Margarets Parish	
13/11	Sun	8.30 am	For the Holy Souls	
		10.30 am	Ann Ratcliffe RIP	Cousin of Olga McLoughlin
		6.30 pm	For the Holy Souls	
14/11	Mon	10.00 am	Hazel Green RIP	Jimmy Green
15/11	Tues	10.00 am	Deceased brothers of The Twickenham Circle of the Catenian Association	
16/11	Wed	10.00 am	Winifred Winter RIP	Winter
17/11	Thu	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service	
18/11	Fri	10.00 am	Mary Pat O'Sullivan RIP recently deceased	Orla O'Sullivan
19/11	Sat	10.00 am	For the Holy Souls	
		6.00 pm	The families of St Margarets Parish	
20/11	Sun	8.30 am	For the Holy Souls	
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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Cathy McKendry, Olga Romero, Sue Rolph, Rose Blackman, Rachel Rose, 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 Masterson, Carmen Ruibal, Chris McLoughlin (son of Olga), Judith Thomas, Allan de Souza, Tony Tucker, Dr Christopher Khoo, John Wood-Collins, Eleanor Drew & Theresa Bulpitt (sister of Margaret Crowe)

Anniversaries - Joan Scriven, Hazel Green, Agnes Walsh, Molly Maxwell, Jean Heavey, Bill Duncan, Tom Barron, Julia Dinnage, Anne Bailey, Kathleen Goldstone, Robert Breen, Harry Phipps, Fr. Ian Dommersen, Carmel Murray, Bernard Cunningham, Gerald McDonnell *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the Mercy of God rest in peace. Amen*

Month of Holy Souls



There will be 3 Masses a week offered for Holy Souls and a weekend Mass. Please write the names of the deceased family and friends on the purple sheets provided in the Church on the table as you enter and we will put them on the Holy Altar for the duration of November. Kindly put your donation in the envelopes provided alongside.

Entrance Antiphon:

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.

You will call upon me, and I will answer you,

And I will lead back your captives from every place.

Response to the Psalm:

The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.

LAS POSADAS 2022

Innkeepers & Pilgrims Needed in Advent

Small figures of Mary & Joseph will be travelling through



Twickenham this Advent. Inn-

keepers are needed to host them for a night as they continue their journey. Would you like to welcome them into your home? Innkeepers then become pilgrims as they take Mary and Joseph on the next leg of their journey to the next home they will be staying at.

The tradition of the travelling crib is hundreds of years old and originates from Spain and South America where each evening during Advent "Las Posadas" takes place ("posada" means inn or lodging). Pilgrims re-enact Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem in preparation for the birth of Jesus, travelling on their journey looking for somewhere to stay for the night.

This is a lovely way to do something spiritual in Advent and enhance your anticipation of Christmas and the excitement of receiving again the new life that comes to us with the birth of the baby Jesus.

Young and not-so young; singles, couples and families can all take part.

The sign-up sheet is online. If interested, please sign up for one date on the sign-up sheet at volunteersignup.org/MDFYD with your name, address and contact details. Ann will then be in touch with further details of Mary and Joseph's journey.

Any questions, please contact Ann Edes on 07837 095 837 or annxedes@gmail.com

33rd SUNDAY IN OT - 13TH NOV 22

Malachi 3:19-20

Psalm 97

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Luke 21:5-19

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - 20 Nov 22

2 Samuel 5:1-3

Psalm 121

Colossians 1:12-20

Luke 23:35-43

St Margaret's Forthcoming events

This event had to be cancelled.
We will schedule another one in
the New Year's.



**Sunday, 13th November at
2.00 pm**

Blessing of the graves Twickenham cemetery, Hospital Bridge Rd, Twickenham TW2 6LD

Sunday, 20th Nov.

10.30 am Mass

Feast day of St Margaret's

There will be a shared lunch in the hall after Mass. All are welcome. Please bring a savoury side dish or a pudding to share. Helpers needed on the day. Donations will be gladly received.



**"Is there any hope
for the world?"**

Whether it's a climate crisis or a catastrophe, the long-term prospects for planet Earth are not good.

Rev Derek Winterburn (Anglican Lead for Care for Creation in this part of London) will tackle head on how Christians can bring a distinctive perspective to the essential changes we all should be making now, as well as how we might work for wider changes nationally, and internationally.

Saturday 26th November 8:15 – 10:00AM

**Enjoy a delicious
hot
Breakfast**



Commissioned Ministers of Holy Communion

Now that the pandemic is over, I hope to recommission our Ministers of Holy Communion. Would all those who have previously been commissioned, like to resume those duties? Please let the parish office know.



For the moment, Ministers of Holy Communion will only assist in the distribution of the Host. There will be no distribution of the Precious Blood until the Bishops guidelines allow. It is likely that we will only need to rota one Minister at the 8:30 am and 6:30 pm Masses as Deacon Joseph is able to assist at the 10:30 am Mass.

As well as assisting at Mass, I would like the Ministers of Holy Communion to be available, if willing, to visit the sick & the housebound with communion.

**Advent Wreath making activity for children
after the 10.30 am Mass on**

**Sunday 13th November &
Sunday 27th November**



**Advent wreath making evening
in the Church hall**

**Saturday 26th November,
8pm till 10pm**

**Donations requested to
cover the cost of materials.**

We will be making a traditional wreath in oasis with foliage, berries, candles etc.



All materials will be provided along with a glass of mulled wine and mince pie.

Places need to be booked in advance to ensure we can provide all the materials.

This is not a tutorial it is just a nice get together to celebrate the start of Advent.

Limited spaces available. Please contact the office if you wish to book.

From January 2023 we will be starting up a new Parent & Toddler group on **Thursday mornings 10am till 12 noon, term time only.**



We are looking for people to join our rota to volunteer at these sessions. If you are interested please contact Kathryn (07889952111)

It would be super to have a mixture of Parents and Grandparents involved in this offering from our Parish to the community.

If you are able to donate good quality toys for babies and toddlers, trains, dinosaurs, farm animals / farm, fancy dress, puppets, duplo that you no longer need at home or larger items like kitchen, dolls house, train table, please can you call Kathryn to discuss.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND

Thank you for so generously supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund collection last weekend. Our priests give us years of dedicated service and it is only right that, together, we ensure they live out their days with the care they need. If you didn't get the chance to donate, it's not too late. Envelopes are still available in the back of the church or from the parish office, and you can give online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you again. Please keep our sick and retired priests in your prayers.

Recollection for Women 16th November 2022 10.00—12.30 at St Margarets Church Hall

10.00 – Holy Mass
10.30 – First Meditation
11.15 – Rosary
11.45 Examination of Conscience
12.00 – Second Meditation



The priest will be available for confessions from 11.00 – 12.00

Join us !

Laptop required

by our Ukrainian guest (to learn English so she can get a job). If you have a laptop, in good working condition, that you are willing to donate please contact Teresa Smith 07726 722614

As we gradually begin to turn our attention to Advent and Christmas, come join us as we start to explore "The Gift," a course that will help us develop a much closer personal relationship with God:

the GIFT

a life in the Spirit course

The Catechism reminds us that we can actually come to know the Father's love like Jesus did while on earth. 'This is the most beautiful moment of any creature's life: to know that one is loved, personally, by God, to feel oneself lifted to the bosom of the Trinity and to find oneself in the flood of love that flows between Father and Son, enfolded in their love, sharing their passionate love for the world.' Fr Raniero Cantalamessa, Come, Creator Spirit.

We will be running the first three sessions of the course before Christmas, on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm starting on November 17th. The teachings are relaxed, personal and informative, rooted in the Bible, the Catechism, Evangelii Gaudium and reflections on the Holy Spirit from Pope Francis. Sessions are comprised of a 30 minute video followed by small group discussion over tea and biscuits. Please do join us!

Twickenham Repair Café - 19th November

Special focus on fixing broken Christmas stuff and our first kids Repair Zone.

For November's Repair Cafe we will have a special focus on fixing your broken Christmas stuff and our first Kids Repair Zone - See you on the 19th November

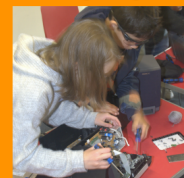
Repairs for Christmas



Tree lights, decorations, presents, clothing, inflatable Santas, wreaths etc



Kids Repair Zone



We encourage young people to get involved by taking things apart and, maybe, even putting them back together

Third Saturday of each month, from 10:30 to 13:00.
St Margarets Church Hall, TW1 1RL.

www.twickenhamrepaircafe.org



Bereavement café



2.30-4.00 pm on the 3rd Saturday of every month.

3rd Saturday of every month

2.30—4.00 pm at St Margarets Church Hall, 130 St Margarets Road, Twickenham TW1 1RL

Everyone experiences grief in a unique way.

The Bereavement Café is a place to meet others who have had similar experiences to your own. It is somewhere you can speak freely and share stories with others coping with losing a loved one. Want to join.. Call this number for any enquiries 07547 976 953

