

# ST MARGARET'S PAGE

4th SUNDAY OF LENT - 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021 Year B



*In Peter writes:* Ten days ago, Pope Francis made an historic visit to Iraq where he visited amongst other places the ancient city of Ur, the birthplace of Abraham, father of the three monotheistic faiths, Judaism, Christianity and Islam; the ancient Christian cities on the Nineveh plain, and Erbil, capital of Kurdistan. When in St Joseph's Church in Baghdad he spoke of three key Christian principles for community survival, wisdom, witness and promise, principles that apply here at St Margaret's just as much as in Iraq, even if our living situation is completely different.

When Pope Francis speaks of wisdom, he is not referring to intellectual knowledge divorced from life, but from the lived experience of those insignificant in worldly terms – similar to the wisdom of your grandmother or grandfather, rich in experience derived from the conduct of life. Such wisdom is found perfectly in Jesus whose life was not that of earthly power over others but of love and service. As the Church prepares to celebrate Easter, we remember once again how God's love triumphs over sin and death; Jesus dies on the Cross and rises from the dead. Love triumphs over evil, and love always begins in dialogue. Such wisdom is more necessary than ever in our society since the mouthpieces of contemporary culture are all switched onto maximum volume blocking out any possibility of dialogue.

Wisdom is not encountered through shouting but through giving witness, that is how the Beatitudes becomes anchored in our life; the eight reversals identified by Jesus and which are His own self-portrait. Giving daily witness is not the same as becoming occasional heroes, and it this daily witness, a universally attainable goal which in the Pope's mind changes the world. Daily witness to these eight reversals that are the Beatitudes will change our personal world too.

The world of shouting wants immediate results. It is profoundly impatient, lacking the one quality that St Paul identifies as the mark of true love in the well-known passage from Corinthians; 'Love is always patient'. Love does not give up in front of adversity, and the Pope commended those Christians in Iraq who remain patient in front of violence and oppression, and who are now trying to rebuild their lives in their ancestral homes.

Mass Times & Liturgical Services		
Sunday	8:30 am, 10:30 am and 6:30 pm	
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday		
Eucharistic Service	Friday	10.00 am
Adoration	Saturday	10:30 am - 11:00am
Rosary	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu & Sat (via Zoom; please email the office for link)	9.30 am
Confessions	Saturday	10:30-11:00am
	Sunday	10:00-10:20am

What makes such behaviour possible are the promises that Jesus makes in the Beatitudes. Those who practice these reversals will be blessed, because God works through our weakness in front of the world, and not despite of our weakness. What God gives will always be greater than what the world takes away, the dynamic of the Cross and Resurrection is at work in every Christian.

Witness, patience and divine promise should mark our own lives too, both individually and collectively. By remaining faithful to Mass in whatever form is appropriate, online or in person; by being patient in front of the seemingly endless Covid-19 regulations and all that this implies; and remaining convinced of God's promises that good will triumph over evil, will all help sustain your and our collective mission here at St Margaret's, as will be the case in every other Parish too.

Parish life will not resume in the same way that is so abruptly concluded a year ago. Some activities will not reappear while new ones will emerge from within the community, true signs of the embedded wisdom of the community. Signs of hope are already emerging in our spiritual spring, on-line faith courses, zoom rosaries, zoom and live-streamed Masses are here to stay, live-streamed funerals for those who cannot travel, both now and in the future, a welcome at the front door for those who come to Sunday Mass in person. Sacramental preparation courses have begun and First Holy Communion course will begin after Easter.

There is much to be hopeful for here at St Margaret's. God delivers on His promises and 'where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst'. Our parish mission will be different. It might be smaller but we recognise that even so, Jesus Christ is in our midst and we can approach the future with confidence.

St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Parish Office is closed. Emails are checked regularly.

**Mass Intentions Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

13 Mar	Sat	10.00am	Margaret Tob-back RIP	Erica & Matthew Walker
14 Mar	<b>4th</b> SUNDAY OF LENT	8.30 am	Desmond McGinley RIP	Su & Peter Slattery
		10.30am	For you the people	
		6.30 pm	Helen McLeish (RIP anniv)	Maz & Bernard Winter
15 Mar	Mon	10.00am	Intentions of Eve-Marie Ray	Margaret Ociecka
16 Mar	Tue	10.00am	Fenna Houghton RIP	Catherine Sugrue
17 Mar	Wed	12.00 pm	Funeral Mass for Bernard Sharratt	
18 Mar	Thur	10.00am	Desmond McGinley RIP	Erica & Matthew Walker
19 Mar	Fri	12.00pm	Eucharistic Service	
20 Mar	Sat	10.00am	Bernard Sharratt RIP	Erica & Matthew Walker
21 Mar	<b>5th</b> SUNDAY OF LENT	8.30 am	Bessie Slattery (RIP anniv)	Su & Peter Slattery
		10.30am	For you the people	
		6.30 pm	Bernard Sharratt RIP	Orla and Brendan O'Sullivan

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Stanislaw Wozniak, Adriana Posse de González (Valeria's Mum), Rachel Rose, Fr Paul Bigirwa, Patricia Mary Picton (Mary), 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

**Recently deceased** - Bernard Sharratt RIP, Margaret Tobback RIP, Peta Ledingham RIP, Eileen Phelan RIP (Ray's mother), Jo Carter RIP, Barry Sheehan RIP, Josephine Carter RIP, Lucia Lelliott RIP

**Anniversaries** - Mark Gapper, Louisa Tobback, Pat Kennedy, Elizabeth Cowell, Marie Ashford, Fr.Desmond Swan, Geoffrey Hunter, Hilda Lassow, George Chidzey

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the Mercy of God rest in peace. Amen*

**Entrance Antiphon:**

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

**Response to the Psalm:**

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!



**Holy Week & Easter Sunday Mass**

Maundy Thursday - 7.00 pm  
 Good Friday - 3.00 pm  
 Saturday, Easter Vigil - 8.00 pm  
 Easter Sunday - 8.30 am & 10.30 am.  
 Bookings will be needed for all Masses and will be available on St Margaret's website from 22nd March.

**Current arrangement for Mass**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday** at 10.00 am (streamed via YouTube)

**Eucharistic Service on Friday's** at 10.00 am (not streamed)

**Sunday Mass as normal** at 8.30 am  
 10.30 am (streamed) (Bookings via website) & 6.30 pm

**Rosary on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday** at 9.30 am (join via zoom)

**Parishioner's Funerals**

**Bernard Sharratt RIP** - Mass on Wednesday, 17th March 2021 at 12.00 noon. Please note that parishioners will be unable to attend owing to government regulations as to numbers. A memorial Mass will be held when possible.

Live stream link - <https://youtu.be/m4S87Gb0C0c>

**Margaret Tobback RIP** - Mass on Wednesday, 24th March 2021 at 12:30pm. The family have kindly offered 7 places to parishioners who might like to attend the funeral, as government restrictions place a cap of 30 on funerals. Please contact the parish office if you would like to attend. Only those who book may attend.

Live stream link - <https://youtu.be/QMSBK0ulimk>

14 March - 4th SUNDAY OF LENT 2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23  
 21 March - 5th SUNDAY OF LENT Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 136 Ephesians 2:4-10 John 3:14-21  
 Psalm 50 Hebrews 5:7-9 John 12:20-33

## Lenten Almsgiving

This year, St Margaret's is raising money for Richmond Furniture Scheme to procure starter packs of essential home items for those being re-housed or moving into accommodation for the first time.

### How can you get involved?

*Have you got a skill, passion or talent that you could share? Would you hold a mini-workshop on Zoom?*

We are keen to hold mini online fundraising events on Zoom typically half an hour or 45 minutes long. Could you help with this fundraising? If you own a skill that we could benefit from which could include baking, cooking, crafting, keep fit, singing, home pub night socials, quizzes, acting skills, music, poetry reading, IT skills workshop, gardening (for example creating a spring planter etc) or any other skill that you are happy to share.

*Could you run a children's competition? Or organise a family bake-off, lead a craft session?*

As well as raising money, this would also be a good way of keeping those who are shielding feeling connected with the parish community. Please get in touch either with Vicky Phelan or the parish office if you would like to know more.

Envelopes for weekly or one-donations will also be available.



## AN EASTER GARDEN COMPETITION FOR ALL AGES

### AIM

Using an extra large plant saucer approx 14 3/8 " or bigger (the kind used for sitting large garden pots on). These are available in garden centres & large Sainsbury's at the moment.

Create a garden out of whatever you have available.

It should contain these 5 things:-

A tomb

A flat stone to roughly cover the entrance to the tomb

A small piece of white cloth to fold & leave inside the tomb

Flowers (real or crafted)

A line from scripture or a word eg 'He is risen!'

It could also contain if you chose:

A small hill with tomb buried inside or 3 crosses on top for Calvary

Figures

Animals

Battery operated candles etc

Any other lovely ideas you have

This is a competition for all ages, so you can create a garden as a family or a couple or as a single person. There will be a small prize for the best gardens.

To raise money for the Lenten project please could we ask for a small donation to enter so we can raise some much needed funds to help create a home for someone in need.

Suggested entry donation £5. Deadline 27<sup>th</sup> March. The gardens will be displayed at church on Palm Sunday.

**LENT**  
Pray + Fast + Give

The Passage's mission and work is developing to cope with more people becoming homeless it is raising funds through the Big Give from 12 noon Tues 16<sup>th</sup> March – 12 noon Wed 24<sup>th</sup> March to support **No Night Out** a new initiative to take newly homeless people off the street straight away.

Further details of the work is at [www.passage.org.uk](http://www.passage.org.uk).

**Double your Donation, Double your impact.** This is a matched giving scheme for online donations. If someone (can be company, individual or trust) gave £10 online matched giving of £10 would bring the Gift up to £20 (and for individuals to £22.50 with Gift Aid with higher rate tax relief it may cost the donor less than £10). For more information ring Andrew Hollingsworth 020 75921886 [andrew.h@passage.org.uk](mailto:andrew.h@passage.org.uk) Donate at <https://tinyurl.com/NoNightOut> Many thanks, Andrew Hollingsworth, Community Fundraiser

**THE PASSAGE**  
to ending homelessness



## Holy Saturday A walk incorporating the Easter Story



Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - An Easter Egg trail with a difference. A short walking trail around St Margarets, following the Easter story and collecting clues. Small prizes for all children taking part.

Starts and ends at the church.

Start: anytime between 9 am – 11 am. Pick up instructions and trail guide. Walkers to set off in family/household groups and walk at own pace. Self guided walk around the area, with stopping points for short reflections on events of the Easter story and to collect clues.

Finish: at the church: anytime before 12:30 pm



Diocese of Westminster



Information shared by Fr Chris Vipers, Director of the Agency for Evangelisation.

Please find - A suggested (**Novena of Prayer** – Please click to access the prayer) running from 11<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> March (the Solemnity of St Joseph). Compiled by Sister Silvana Dallanegra rscj from Caritas Westminster and Deacon Adrian Cullen from the Agency.

You can find further updates and ideas throughout the year on our dedicated website page: <https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/news/st-joseph/>

**March Bulletin** (Please click here) **from the Agency for Evangelisation.** This includes links to resources as we look ahead to Easter, as well as resources for the ongoing Year of the Word, for the Year of St Joseph, and for the fifth anniversary celebrations of Amoris Laetitia.

I also attach a flyer for a free online event sponsored by The Catholic Biblical Association of Great Britain on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March: 'What is Man? (Please click here) A Journey Through Biblical Anthropology'.



### 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 with

him.

The next pre-baptism courses for parents will be on

**Session 1 & 2** - 11th May & 18th May at 8 pm (online)

### First Holy Communion Programme 2021

Last week the Bishops Conference issued guidelines about preparation for sacraments. Such groups can now meet from Monday April 12th.



The course will now begin on Saturday 17th April and compose of 12 classes. The celebration of First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 17th July. Every family should have been contacted individually but if you have not heard please contact the Parish Office.

### Children's Liturgy on Zoom; on alternate

Sunday mornings **9:45 – 10:15 am**

For children aged 4 – 11 (roughly)



#### Upcoming dates: 21st March

If any children would like to join the children's liturgy sessions, please email the parish office for the zoom link and to arrange to pick up a pack of the craft materials.

### Marriage Course 2021

The next Marriage Preparation Course will now take place here at St Margaret's on **Saturday 17th April** in person as the Government guidelines will allow this from mid-April. The cost of the day-long course is £80 per couple. More details as to the form of the course will be taken at the beginning of April.



This year the parish will offer a 30-minute weekly Lenten reflection beginning with a short presentation by Fr Mark Toops of Ascension Press on the previous Sunday's Gospel. This will be followed by some discussion prayer and music.



The times are Monday 8:00pm and repeated Tuesday 11:30am. If you would like to participate, please look at Fr Marks' first video for Ash Wednesday. We will look at his other videos on the days themselves. <http://www.youtube.com/embed/dPn86vrvIMc?autoplay=1&rel=0> . I look forward to sharing our Lenten journey together. Fr Peter

### Easter cards for Dalemead Care Home & Household parishioners at St Margaret's



Your most loving and beautifully made cards have received an ocean of appreciation in the last year from Care home residents and parishioners equally. In what has been a very difficult year in most people's lives with the pandemic, your cards have brought that light of hope and a ray of much needed sunshine to brighten up their day and let them know that they are loved.

May we ask if you can create this same **MAGIC** again this Easter, with your Easter cards? Such a wonderful way to show them the love and care that we should show towards each other. Please sign up via the link - [VolunteerSignup - Online volunteer signup sheets - EASTER cards for Dalemead residents & parishioners signup sheet](#)



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday during Lent, join Deacon Joseph for Stations of the Cross at 7:30 pm.



To join, go to the St Margaret's website and click on the link. [St Margaret's \(stmargaretsrchurch.co.uk\)](http://stmargaretsrchurch.co.uk)

### MARCH SOUP LUNCH

Despite not being able to have our usual lunch, many thanks to those who kindly made a donation to the collection for February. We were able to send £260 to Fr David Cullen for the work among the poorest in and around Chipata, Zambia.



We are planning to send our next donation on Friday 19th March. If you would like to make a donation to help that community, please contact Maz and Bernard Winter, on: 02089430824 or 07801493348. 100% of what you donate will go to help the poor and needy in that community. Thank you.

### St Margaret's Annual Financial Report to the Parish 2020

The Finance Committee is pleased to report that the Parish returned a small surplus of income over expenditure in the year 2020 and would like to share with you the Annual Financial Report to the Parish. The report is on the notice board in the foyer and available as a download from the website. **Annual Financial Report to the Parish 2020** (Please click here to access the Report)

### Offertory Giving

Thank you to all those who manage your regular giving through standing order, payroll giving or weekly envelopes. If you normally donate via the loose plate, but are not coming to Mass at the moment, please consider giving via our Virgin Money button on the website. All donations are gratefully received, no matter how small. Thank you.

	January	February
<b>Offertory Giving</b>	(correction)	
Envelopes	640	330
Loose plate	363	400
Contactless	253	313
Virgin Money/Online	181	226
Standing Order/Payroll giving	4424	4369
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>5861</b>	<b>5638</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>		
Regular donations	1576	1597
One off donation	1000	100
<b>Total Building Fund</b>	<b>2576</b>	<b>1697</b>

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!

