

ST MARGARET'S PAGE

3rd Sunday of Easter — 14 April 2024 - Year B



In Peter writes:

The granting of peace, the participation in meals, staying with families and engaging whole cities are the methodology and the key places in which the ministry of Jesus took place and where the mission of the Church is taking place. This Sunday's Gospel, coming straight after the account of the encounter of the two disciples with the risen Jesus on the Road to Emmaus and later recognising him in the breaking of bread, straddles the public life of Jesus and the public life of the Church.

The 72 disciples sent out by Jesus, during one of his journeys are told to stay with one household only. They are to offer peace to its occupants, and partake of the food presented. Those commands describe the scene in this Sunday's Gospel where the risen Jesus offer His gift of peace, and partakes in the food offered. Throughout the public life of Jesus accompanies his semi-public meals with the offer of forgiveness, what can be called 'spiritual peace.' These are the tried and tested means through which the Gospel message is imparted both before and after the Resurrection, within the public life of Jesus and within the life of the Church.

The constancy of these methods mitigates against thinking that society has changed irrevocably, that it is on a necessary downward spiral. Social conditions are changing, and Pope Francis speaks of these times being a change of eras not an era of change. What is this change of era, fundamentally the move from the countryside to the city that has outgrown the historic movement of people within the Western world to the whole planet. Cities like Mexico City, Luanda and Lagos have mushroomed in size and complexity in how they are governed and how they might remain habitable in the light of changing climates. These questions are relatively new in human history.

Christianity grew originally through the urban centres of the Roman world. New ways of living the Christian life emerged in the expanding cities of the Middle Ages, the great orders of Dominicans and Franciscans. Another more brutal contemporary urbanisation is finding a response in new orders like the Missionaries of Charity, the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. Far from finding accommodation with the fashionable mores of the city's rulers, these orders, like their earlier counterparts in pagan Rome, offer an alternative full of

Gospel life.

They flourish, as may urban parishes of the city, because of this alternative vision about the precious nature of all life and the fact that everyone has their place at the altar in the church and the table in the community. Every Christian group gathers through positive choice and the result of the missionary work of believers. Whatever way the parish are gathered, ultimately everyone is called by Jesus Christ. To be accept the call, however fitfully, is the common denominator that unites this disparate mixture of peoples.

Gathering together for the celebration of the Eucharist and participating in elements of shared life are the constant bedrock of the life of the Church. Reading this Sunday's Gospel, of events that took place 2000 years ago, resonates with ourselves, because the means of communicating the Gospel remain the same.

Though much ink has been spilt describing the loneliness of modern life and the reluctance of couples to have children for pragmatic reasons, no government can legislate these phenomena away. Only the positive provision for a potential lived alternative will eventually influence a culture. Such are some of the pastoral task of the parish, of validating the vocation of marriage by being family friendly, and of emphasising the communal nature of parish life. Leading by example rather than repetitious slogans about the contemporary world will effect change. Those minute groups that met in the early days of the church eventually blossomed forth into Christian public culture, reaching its apogee in the early-mid 20th century. That in turn became a hollowed-out husk when its spiritual engine-rooms of parish life began to fade.

Has the demise of traditional Christendom signalled the end of the Church? Far from it! Instead a quiet revolution is taking place at Parish level, only beginning to be publicly noticed, the average age of parishioners is declining. Unencumbered by the underside of Christendom, namely the abuse of power, the emphasis on bureaucracy and the appeasement towards contemporary mores, younger Catholics are discovering the joy of faith, the meeting with Jesus, the celebration of the sacraments and its community expression.

St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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Mass Intentions: 13/04 - 21/04

13/04	Sat	10.00am	Deceased members of St Margarets Parish
		6.00 pm	The families of St Margarets Parish
14/04	Sun	8.30am	For you the people
		10.30am	Cathy McKendry RIP Catherine Sugrue
		6.30 pm	Thomas Joseph McConnell RIP Ann Edes
15/04	Mon	10.00am	Deceased members of St Margarets Parish
16/04	Tue	10.00am	Missionary spirit of the Parish and the Church
17/04	Wed	10.00am	Work of missionaries throughout the world
18/04	Thu	10.00am	Eucharistic Service
19/04	Fri	10.00am	Intentions of the Secular Clergy Common Fund
20/04	Sat	10.00am	Works of charity in the neighbourhood
		6.00 pm	The families of St Margarets Parish
21/04	Sun	8.30am	For you the people
		10.30am	Missionary spirit of the Parish and the Church
		6.30 pm	Alicia Santiago Oliva RIP James & Simeon

Entrance Antiphon

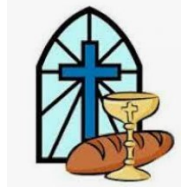
Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

Response to the Psalm

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

Saturday 6.00 pm Mass

6 pm Mass will take place when the First Holy Communion children meet. The dates are **April** - 13, 20, 27 (Confirmation Mass at 6.30 pm), May 4.



CATHOLICISM FOR NON-CATHOLICS

This short course will run from Tuesday 5th April at 8:00 pm-9:00 pm. Please register your interest with Cynthia in the office.



HOLY HOUR

Please note that there will no Holy Hour on Friday 26th April. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Natalie Shaw and Larry Fogg, Maria Antonia Orta, Cathy Howard, John Forsyth, Rose Blackman, Rachel Rose, Arthur Mathewson, Pat Friel, Mary Regan, Pauline Slawson, Ben, Carol Samba, Colin Bartram, Gerry McEntee, Rose Williams, 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), Tony Tucker, Dr Christopher Khoo, John Wood-Collins, Jim Polland, Theresa Bulpitt, Sue Rolph & Dick Cotter

Anniversaries - Harold Ward, Paddy Otterway, Peter Grant, Thomas Payne, Dorothy Flanders, Mary Bailey, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Clare Scriven, Fay Shoolheifer, Marie Toal, William Gallagher, Patrick O'Reilly, Mary Oashin

Kindly keep the recently deceased in your prayers - Ursula van der Westhuizen RIP, Cathy McKendry RIP, Joyce O'Connor RIP (Mo Walker's mother), who has died at the age of 101 years and Albarosa Maccione RIP (*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in eternal peace.~Amen~*)

April Prayer Intentions - **For the role of women** - Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.



Columban Missionaries Mission Appeal 2024

Father Kevin McDonagh will be visiting our Parish on the weekend of the 20th/21st April to hold their annual Mission Appeal.

The Columban Missionaries were originally founded in 1918 as the Irish (Maynooth) Mission to China. Following our expulsion from China in 1952 we began working in other countries around the rim of the Pacific ocean, such as the Philippines, South Korea, Taiwan, Chile and Peru. Fathers Kevin worked for many years in Peru and have a wealth of missionary experience to share.

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER -14 APRIL 2024

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Psalm 4

1 John 2:1-5

Luke 24:35-48

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 211 APRIL 2024

Acts 4:8-12

Psalm 117

1 John 3:1-2

John 10:11-18

WE DARE TO SAY

Our prayers together help us to become the dwelling places of the Holy Spirit that we are called to be ([Sacrosanctum Concilium](#), 2).



At every moment of every day, somewhere in the world, Christians are praying the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples. When said in liturgy or in devotional prayer, together or privately, the Lord's Prayer is a like a gentle, multilingual hum of heartfelt praise and petition. St Thomas Aquinas once wrote that 'The Lord's Prayer is the most perfect of prayers... In it we ask, not only for all the things we can rightly desire, but also the sequence that they should be desired. This prayer not only teaches us to ask for things, but also in what order we should desire them.'

Pope Francis has asked us, as part of our preparation for the Holy Year in 2025, to make this year into a time for refreshing our prayer, and especially our appreciation and use of the Our Father. I am pleased, then, to commend to you *We Dare To Say*, a faith sharing resource on the familiar and powerful words of the Our Father taking place at St Margarets on **Monday's commencing April 8th, followed by 15th, 22nd & 29th April from 7.30 pm - 8.30 pm.**

May you come to a deeper appreciation of what the Lord Jesus himself has given us in response to the disciples' request 'Lord, teach us to pray'.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster,

Catholic Link Social

Eastertide Social—After attending 8.30am Mass at St Margarets Catholic Church, Twickenham, we will take the train to Boxhill and Westhumble. When there, we will ascend Boxhill and enjoy the views from the top. After descending we will head over to 'The Running Horse' for some lovely lunch before heading home. NB:- YOU WILL NEED TO BE REASONABLY FIT TO WALK UP QUITE A STEEP HILL!

Date: Sunday 21st April 2024

Time: 8.30am at St Margaret's or 11am at Boxhill and Westhumble station.

Contact:- Therese at her email address - artistic200@outlook.com

It would be useful to know numbers beforehand to book a table for lunch (of course you're welcome to bring your own lunch)

The family of Cathy McKendry would like to thank the whole parish community for the kindness and support given to them at this sad time. The funeral on Friday 5th April was a wonderful celebration of Cathy's life. Thank you to all parishioners who attended and made it such a beautiful Mass and reception.



Bereavement Café

at St Margaret of Scotland
Church Hall



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Save the dates - 20 Apr, 18 May & 15 June 2024 .

Everyone experiences grief in a unique way.

The Bereavement Cafe 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.

All are welcome! 130 St Margaret's Road, Twickenham, TW1 1RL Tel: 07547 976953 or Email: stmargaretson-thames@rcdow.org.uk with any questions, Or just drop in on the day.

THE MUSTARD SEED

You are invited to join our Mustard Seed Prayer Group, whose next meeting is Saturday 23rd March followed by 20th April, 25th May, and 22nd June 2024.



Mustard Seed is a Charismatic group open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The group begins with tea & coffee at 7.45pm, followed by a period of praise and worship, time for quiet reflection and input from a guest speaker. There is also opportunity for individual prayer ministry, provided by the team.

The evening ends at 10pm.

Everyone is very welcome to come along to group, whether it's your first time or your twentieth!

TWICKENHAM CHRISTIAN Men's Breakfast

How can we help Christians to stay in the Holy Land?

Sir Vincent Fean was Britain's Consul-General, Jerusalem (2010-14), talking to Palestinians.

Ten years after, retired in Whitton, he is a trustee of the Balfour Project (www.balfourproject.org), a charity looking back at Britain's responsibilities in what today is Israel/Palestine, and exploring what Britain should do now for the best.

His theme is the dwindling Christian Palestinian presence in the Holy Land - and how we here can help to sustain it.



Saturday
4th May
8:15 - 10:00AM

Enjoy a delicious healthy breakfast

Suggested donation. £10

VENUE: St Margaret's Church,
130 St Margaret's Road, East Twickenham TW1 1RL

To buy tickets e.mail:
info@twickenhamrepaircafe.org

REPAIR CAFE Twickenham

Saturday 20th

**COME ON
IN**

**DOORS OPEN
10:30 TO 12:45 AM**

**Come and join the fun at
one of our Repair Parties
and meet our wonderful**

**Happy Repair Heroes
and Volunteers**

and 3rd Saturday of each month at St Margarets Church Hall, TW11RL
twickenhamrepaircafe.org [@Twickrepaircafe](https://twitter.com/Twickrepaircafe)

Welcoming ministry and hospitality team

Do you enjoy arriving at church to be greeted by a smiling face and a friendly hello? Would you like to be someone who welcomes visitors and new parishioners to our parish? Can you arrive at Mass about 20 minutes early?



St Margaret's has a team of welcomers who greet people at each Mass. Welcoming is an "all-age" activity - our current team includes parishioners from age 7 to 94 (!!). We would like to add a few more people to the team so the commitment for everyone on the rota is approximately one "duty" each month. We also need people who are happy to set up tables and chairs ready for post 1030 Mass coffee and hospitality - this can be done either after the 830 am Mass or before the 1030 Mass.

It is not at all onerous and it's a lovely way to support the Parish Mission and to get to know more people who attend your regular Mass.

If you would like to find out more, we would love to hear from you! Please speak to either Ann Edes (07837 095837) or Kathryn James (07889 952111). Thank you.

The Power of the Resurrection!

APRIL

17

10.00 - 12.30

Join us!

Morning of Recollection for Women

A monthly break to pray and meditate on various aspects of Christian life.

17th April, 10.00 - 12.30 at

St Margarets Church Hall

10.00 - Holy Mass

10.40 - First Meditation

11.10 - Examination of Conscience

11.40 - Rosary

12.10 - Second Meditation 12.30 - Coffee & Social

The priest will be available for confessions from 11.00 - 12.00

Join us ! Our next sessions are on May 15 & June 19

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony - Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 25th May 2024 at 2:30pm. **(Last date to send details—15 April 2024)**

The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2024. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

