

ST MARGARET'S PAGE



33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 14 NOVEMBER 2021 Year B

In Peter writes: Over the last few months a happy pair of gardeners have been hard at work in the front of the Church tending the flower beds, uprooting weeds and planting bulbs for spring. Gardening is one urban way of remaining in touch with the seasons and gives earthy tangibility to hope for the coming of spring after winter. My time in the City of London made it easy to forget the passing of the seasons being surrounding by office blocks and endless rows artificial light, illuminating empty office buildings. Looking out from the Presbytery windows everyday looked like any other, an almost seasonless and timeless existence. Yet within the seeming endless present time was passing and looking back it seems hardly believable that I was Parish Priest there for fourteen years. Time is experienced in multiple ways, as an eternal present, as the cycle of days, months and seasons but also as the march of time.

This Sunday's Gospel combines both the flow of the seasons and the onward march of time. The future is glimpsed in anticipation through signs, the exuberance of spring foretells summer, the piles of leaves and gusts of wind are premonitions of winter. The seasons, to the Christian, help discern the deeper movements of time, from the past into the present, but also the inbreaking of the future into the present. The seasons themselves are not the full story about time and if they were then astrological explanations would tell us the secrets held within time, but their bland predictions mask their ignorance. Time is greater than the seasons, and astrology, divination and other attempts to capture time's cyclical meaning are doomed to failure.

Many of us might never read the chapters in the Gospel concerning the end of times, and the final consummation of the world is not at the forefront of my life today. The descriptions used are phantasmagorical, more like science-fiction than reasoned prose. Yet there is no other way to describe such events. By skipping over these parts of the Gospel we lose one vital dimension of hope. The world is already fractured, already a place of violence, and it is into this fractured world as described in this chapter that Jesus Christ is coming, as the Son of Man risen from the dead. He is coming in anticipation, today and not just at the end of time.

Mass Times & Liturgical Services (15/11 - 21/11)		
Saturday	10.00 am	
Sunday	8:30 am, 10:30 am & 6.30 pm	
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday		10.00 am
Eucharistic Service	Friday	10.00 am
Rosary (In church)	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu & Sat	9.30 am
Confessions	Saturday	10:30-11:00am
	Sunday	10.00 – 10.20 am

What marks Christian culture should be the solid hope in the future, recognising that the future is in God's hands and His future is already partially present. The lives of the saints, men and women of good will identify the quality of that kingdom now. The Church is that kingdom now in anticipation of its full realisation.

Hope is in short supply for the secular minded. If all time is now, then where lies hope? All attempts to establish the kingdom on earth by force have failed. What came were the dystopian realities of communism. Communism has given why to dictatorships with every modern form of surveillance. Yet these entities closed off to grace will pass just as the Roman Empire collapsed as are the western consumer empires collapsing through the lack of collective cultural coherence. The Church fed by grace that finds its source in the future coming of the kingdom will survive, maybe in shrunken form but survive the Church will.

Hope gives confidence to believe and to serve, and the ability to form a culture to withstand the passing fashions of protest groups and single issues fanatics. Hope allows us to lean on each other for spiritual sustenance and so propose a positive response to the culture of the world. To the Church every person matters even if no-one is perfect; every life has a thin of line of divine providence running through it; the kingdom is breaking into our hearts; the culture formed through contact with Jesus Christ has lasting value, it withstands the vicissitudes of time, of decay and destruction. The Church makes possible the life project everyone possesses within themselves, because the church recognises that life's purpose and value come as much from the future and from the past. Redemption and Creation unite in our own lives. Our history makes little sense unless God's future is included. Hope tells us the truth here.

St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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Mass Intentions Sat 13th Nov – Sun 21st November

13/11	Sat	10.00am	Holy Souls	
14/10	Sun	8.30 am	Deceased members of St Margaret's Parish	
		10.30am	For you the people	
		6.30 pm	Holy Souls	
15/11	Mon	10.00am	Hazel Green RIP	Jimmy Green
16/11	Tues	10.00am	Winifred Winter RIP Anniv	Winter
17/11	Wed	10.00am	Holy Souls	
18/11	Thu	10.00am	Bridie Tuffy recently deceased	Teresa Jennings
19/11	Fri	10.00am	Eucharistic Service	
20/11	Sat	10.00am	Holy Souls	
21/10	Sun	8.30 am	For you the people	
		10.30am	Holy Souls	
		6.30 pm	Ann Bolton recently deceased	Davis family

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Rose Blackman, Georgina Lotitto, 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), Kevin Sweeney, Christopher Cousins, Irena Starzecki & Judith Thomas

Recently deceased - Madeleine Key RIP

Anniversaries - Jean Heavey. Bill Duncan, Tom Barron, Julia Dinage, Anne Bailey, Kathleen Goldstone, Robert Breen, Harry Phipps, Fr. Ian Dommersen, Carmel Murray, Bernard Cunningham, Gerald McDonnell, Angela De Souza

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 you want 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.

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:

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

LAS POSADA 2021

Innkeepers & Pilgrims Needed in Advent

Small figures of Mary & Joseph will be travelling through Twickenham this Advent. Innkeepers 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 <https://volunteersignup.org/78MJ9> 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

Sacramental Preparation Baptism



The next Baptism courses are as below:

January 12th & 19th 2022

March 8th & 15th 2022

November courses are fully booked.

Should you wish to have your child baptised in this parish, attendance at these courses is compulsory. Currently taking place on Zoom.

Please either speak to Fr Peter after Mass or contact the parish office.

Tea, Coffee & Chat

Our next tea afternoon will take place on

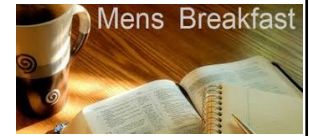


Wed 24th November , 2.15 pm - 3:45pm in

the Church hall. All are welcome. Please feel free to bring a friend or neighbour.

Men's Breakfast -

**"COP27 - The sequel" Saturday,
27th November 2021 at 8.15 am**



We can feel the clamouring for another Men's Breakfast and, would you believe it, this time we are going for a live event.

Our friend Peter Desmond, who was a very involved parishioner at St Margaret's for many years, will give a talk on his work on climate change and how Christians can respond in the aftermath of COP26.

Peter will share some of his story about how he became involved in climate action and how he has brought his Christian faith into his work on sustainability in the UK and Africa.

We are aiming for the breakfast to be "Carbon neutral". Please plan your travel accordingly, we will have a little quiz and see if we can share some good ideas.

We are making this a hybrid event so will also be on Zoom in case you can't come to the church.

Please share this around.

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First Holy Communion 2022

This year course will be composed of a number of parts -



1. 10.30am Sunday Mass with children's liturgy. (November 7th till December 12th)
2. 10:30am Sunday Mass with children's liturgy (January 9th to February 6th)
3. 5:15pm Saturday Classes followed by 6:30pm Mass (27th February—3rd April)
4. 5:15pm Saturday Classes followed b 6:30pm Mass (1st May—22nd May)
5. First Holy Communion in June 2022

Should you wish your child to participate, please collect an attendance card from Fr Peter after Mass.

The First Holy Communion course is for those families who either live in the parish or have been coming here for a long time. Those from outside the parish who have not come to Mass here before, are advised to contact your local parish for FHC.

Adult Confirmation



The development of faith through the sacraments used to follow a well-trodden path, of First Holy Communion Year 3 and Confirmation Year 9. If you missed the Year 9 slot for whatever reason and you would like to be confirmed, please contact Fr Peter. The next Adult Confirmation Course will take place after the New Year on a day and time to be mutually arranged.

COLLECTION FOR THE POOR IN ZAMBIA



Your generous soup lunch donations allowed us to send £300 to support Fr David Cullen's work among the very poor in Chipata in October. Thank you so much to all who contributed. This will help many to receive an education, start a small business, purchase medicines and food for the sick, help grandparents support grandchildren after the death or their parents and help in many other ways.

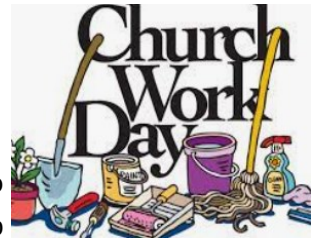
In the absence of our monthly soup lunches, we are relying on your donations to allow us to continue the support for this work from our parish, which we have been doing for around 40 years now. We will be sending the November donation on Friday 19th. Please either leave a donation, however small, with the Parish Office, clearly marked 'Soup Lunch' or contact us directly on 07769721975 or 02089430824 to make a donation by bank transfer. Thank you so much. Maz and Bernard Winter.

**“Spring” clean the church for
Advent**

Sat Nov 27th 10:30 am – 1 pm

Could you spare one hour or so to help spruce up the church up ready for Advent and the Christmas celebrations? Lots of small jobs needing undertaking, come for an hour or come for the whole morning. Refreshments provided. Please sign up at the back of church or drop a note to the parish office if you can come.

More info: chat to Patrick Collins & Jimmy Green



After an absence of 2 years Richmond ACTSA is thrilled to be able to have a stall in the hall after the **10:30 Mass on November 21st.**



We are a small local charity which raises funds for education projects, feeding schemes, micro farms and other projects which help combat poverty and encourage sustainability amongst the poor residents in the townships in South Africa. We will be selling African artefacts including some Christmas tree decorations, Christmas cards, books and an eclectic mix of other items. Please come and support us!

**Annual collection for sick
and retired priests**



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.

Calling all gardeners

**Parish gardening – dates for
your diary**

It's time to get on top of some of those autumn and winter gardening jobs, clear up the borders and plant some spring bulbs ready for a show of colour next year. Could you join us on either:

Sat Nov 20th 2pm – 4 pm

Sat Nov 27th 10:30 am – 1 pm

If you have gardening tools to hand, please bring them with you (hand forks, secateurs, gardening gloves). Refreshments provided.

Also: Garden drop ins; Wednesday mornings

Have you noticed the garden and the church grounds looking tidier and more cared for? That is because our regular gardening team come every Wednesday morning to keep on top of the gardening jobs. Come and join them between 10 am – 12 noon (term times only).

More info: Cath Brizzell 07754 893846



We are looking for an outstanding practitioner who can teach

GCSE RE mostly in KS3 (A level Philosophy & Ethics would be desirable but not essential) to join us from January 2022 to deliver high-quality lessons to ensure great learning. Salary negotiable dependent upon calibre and experience. Please send the CES application form, two references, and a covering letter to recruitment@srrcc.org.uk by Friday 26th November 2021. Please also get in touch if you would like to talk in more detail about the role. <https://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk/our-college/work-at-srr>



A big thank you to all who have donated to our fundraiser for the benefit of St Theresa's School – a total of £600 has been raised so far, but there is still the opportunity to donate in the following ways:



- * visit www.geta.org.uk and click the 'donate' button
- * cash / cheque in an envelope to the Parish Office, or to 57 Court Way, Twickenham, TW2 7SA
- * make a direct payment into our bank account, or set up a regular Standing Order directly to our account. (This helps reduce our admin costs) Contact us at info@geta.org.uk or david.rose@geta.org.uk for our account details.

Cheques should be made payable to 'GETA'. If you are an eligible taxpayer please mark your envelope 'Gift Aid' with your name and address, including postcode. Do let us know if you need a Gift Aid form so we can process your mandate. Thank you for your continuing support. David Rose Chairman GETA (Charity no 1167092)

JOB VACANCY



Learning Support Assistant to work in our SEND Department - Immediate start or as soon as possible. 30 hours per week - term time only. Full details on the St Mark's website under vacancies <http://www.st-marks.hounslow.sch.uk> or Contact: Maureen Howard on: howardm@st-marks.hounslow.sch.uk