

# ST MARGARET'S PAGE



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy) - 16 APRIL 2023- Year A

## *In Peter writes:*

What an incredible crowd at the 10.30am last Sunday here at St Margarets, many regulars, but lots of new faces, some visiting family living locally, others returning after Covid, others marking Easter as a new start. Many church pundits have been declaring the end of Mass practice writing books with catchy titles like 'Mass Exodus', but last Sunday showed that however hard secular society tries to offer an alternative, it is difficult to live without any hope. Easter hope possesses no preconceived agenda as to content. The message is simply 'abundant Life', Life in and with a person, the God-man Jesus Christ. Maybe it might be once a year, or twice if including Christmas but here is something to build upon.

On a practical level, organising the Sunday experience for parishioners is missionary work, from welcoming new parishioners, old-timers too; of celebrating and participating in Mass with dignity and purpose; of introducing the Parish's catechetical, pastoral and social outreach activities. The Mass is the pinnacle and foundation of every Catholic community, and its gracious celebration is key for the spirit-filled mission of any parish.

Part of our preparation for the gracious celebration of Mass would be the desire to pass on the testimony of those first apostles, that Jesus is risen, and that hope in Jesus Christ is not in vain. This Sunday's Gospel about the apostle Thomas not accepting the testimony of the others that they had encountered the risen Jesus cuts at the roots of the life of the Church because testimony is vital for encouraging others to hear the liberating words of Jesus Christ and the soothing effects of sacramental grace found in the Church.

From the very start of the Church's life testimony has been the dynamic to communicate the message, from the account of the women discovering the tomb to be empty, to the appearances to Mary Magdalene and Peter with the commands to tell the others. The message has remained the same throughout the ages, presented in ways understandable to different generations and cultures.

What is communicated is not simply words, but life itself flowing from that first message and encounter on the first Easter Day. This new life experienced in multiple ways, as hope for the future, strength in the present

Mass Times & Liturgical Services		
Weekend Mass	Saturday	10.00 am & 6.00 pm
	Sunday	8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.30 pm
Weekday Mass	Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri	10.00 am
Eucharistic Service	Thursday	10.00 am
Confessions	Saturday	10:30-11:00am
	Sunday	10.00 – 10.20 am

moment and the purification of memory. Resurrected life does not blot out our own personal and collective history, this life re-orientates the direction taken, renews the experiences of the present, and offers reconciliation and peace to our historic selves.

Doubting Thomas, unknown to him, by placing his personal demand for proof, is destroying the very mechanism by which the Resurrection is communicated, through testimony. Someone might argue that he has every right to request an explanation, but Thomas goes further. He has already been offered a list of witnesses but the proof he demands would, if forthcoming, make the faith his truth alone and not ours as shared. Thomas would not possess an ecclesial faith but individualistic one.

Thomas does not remain in a faith, founded on his own terms alone, because the graciousness of Jesus to make Himself present again in the Upper Room. This time Thomas changes, and gives the great statement of faith, 'My Lord and my God' in front of Jesus. Thomas appropriates the Church's faith as his own, demonstrating that faith is our individual response, but undertaken within the 'we' of the Church.

Thomas warns us of the danger of internalising demands for proof, and thus creating a faith of one's own making. Such a God, created through our demands for proof, can never be the God who saves. Indeed, that God becomes the parody of the many critics of the Church, demands for proof having been replaced by sarcasm and criticism.

The true God is made known and shared with others through the continuous testimony of the Church built on the apostles. That God offers resurrected life through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, here and now, as a foretaste of full life with him in the kingdom. Thus 'the here and now', St Margaret's last Sunday, and churches elsewhere, become places of hope where we may experience a glimpse of resurrected life.

St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Monday to Friday (9.30 am - 12.30 pm) Emails are not checked out of office hours.

## Mass Intentions Sat 15 Apr – Sun 23 April

15/04	Sat	10.00 am	Vitora Shkoza RIP	Mira Gjergj
16/04	Sun	8.30 am	Pat & Aideen Hill intentions	Jean McGinley
		10.30 am	For you the people	
		6.30 pm	The families of St Margarets Parish	
17/04	Mon	10.00 am	Deceased members of St Margarets Parish	
18/04	Tue	10.00 am	The families of St Margarets Parish	
19/04	Wed	10.00 am	Matthew Green RIP	Liam & Gretta Gallagher
20/04	Thu	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service	
21/04	Fri	10.00 am	Intentions of the Secular Clergy Common Fund	
22/04	Sat	10.00 am	Works of charity in the neighbourhood	
		6.00 pm	The families of St Margarets Parish	
23/04	Sun	8.30 am	Jozef Hrin junior RIP	Elizabeth
		10.30 am	Olga & Alex McLaughlin 50th Wedding Anniversary	
		6.30 pm	For you the people	

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Cathy McKendry, 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, Jim Polland & Theresa Bulpitt.

**Anniversaries** - Joe Romer, Louis Desombre, Len Haughty, Peggy Chambers, Agnes Good, John Clanchy, Ann Ruff Massa, Harold Ward, Paddy Otterway, Peter Grant, Thomas Payne, Dorothy Flanders, Mary Bailey, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Clare Scriven, Fay Shoolheifer, William Gallagher, Patrick O'Reilly, Mary Oashin, Francis Kirwan, David Hill, Ann Noble

**Recently deceased** - Matthew Green, son of Jimmy Green, died at St Thomas's Hospital on 5th April after a long illness.

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

## Entrance Antiphon:

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

## Response to the Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

### Sacramental Programmes

Sacramental preparations are open for parishioners and those who attend Mass regularly at St Margaret's.

#### Baptism

Should you wish to have your child baptised in this parish, attendance at our Pre Baptism course is compulsory. Please either speak to Fr Peter after Mass or contact the parish office. Dates for future courses—May 3rd & 10th, July 4th & 11th, Sep 5th & 12th and November 7th & 14th.



### Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony

**Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 13th May 2023 at 2:30pm.**

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 2023. 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).



***Congratulations to Olga & Alex McLoughlin on their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary on 23 April 2023.***



2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER - 16TH APRIL 2023

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 117

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:29

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER - 23 APRIL 2023

Acts 2:14.22-33

Psalm 15

1 Peter 1:17-21

Luke 24:13-35

## Dates for your diary

- ⇒ Sunday May 7th at 12.00 noon, Parish celebration lunch for the Coronation of King Charles III.
- ⇒ Saturday 17th June, Parish Quiz Night.



### **THIS EASTERTIDE ACROSS SOUTHWARD LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS 2023**

Explore what it means to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Weekly talks and discussion - Daily reflections - All day retreat

**When:** Tuesday evening on the 2nd, 9th, 16th May & 6th June 2023 and Saturday 27th May 11 am—5.00 pm

**Venue :** St Margaret's Parish hall

**Contact:** 07717 473 160 for any queries.

**LEAFLETS AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.**



## **THANK YOU**

### **Lenten Almsgiving: Charities supported: Spear + Santa Teresa Del Nino Jesus School, Madagascar**

Donations to date for our Lenten Almsgiving total £3,700 with approximately, a further £650 to come from Gift Aid. This will be split between the two charities.

Thank you to all those who have contributed generously. We will keep the collection open for another two weeks with envelopes at the back of church in case you would still like to donate.

A parishioner has also generously donated a further £3,000 directly to the Madagascan school project.

**THANK  
YOU!**

## **Margaret Tobback RIP**

**1930—2021**



The 10.30 mass on Sunday the 30th April is being said for the intention of Margaret Tobback who sadly passed away on the 9th February 2021. As her funeral was during covid, many parishioners,

family and friends who knew Margaret were not able to attend her funeral and therefore her family would like to welcome and invite parishioners to some light refreshments after the mass in the Church Hall where we can remember and share our memories of Margaret. Please see below a brief history of Margarets life and link to a video that was created by her family. She was a truly active and valued member of the parish. Link— <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ad0U3Xr35Mw>

Margaret was borne in Belgium in September 1930. In 1939, at the start of the second-world war, she and her mother Trixie became refugees and fled to England where they were later joined by her Father Louis.

For many years they lived in Richmond and were parishioners at St Elizabeth of Portugal. From 1954 Margaret ran the newly created Girl Guides Company based in the crypt of St Elizabeth's Church. In the late 50's Margaret and her mother Trixie moved to a house in Strawberry Vale.

Despite having spent many of her teenage years in hospital Margaret went on to train at Digby Stuart College to be a school teacher. One of her first posts was at St Mary Magdalen's Primary School in Mortlake where she stayed until 1967. She then held teaching posts in Hanwell and later in Hammersmith until her retirement.

In the early 60's Margaret was very attracted to St Margaret's of Scotland, which at that time was considered to be a very forward looking parish under the guidance of Fr Sidney Dommersen.

She has remained an active member of the Parish, reading at Mass, helping train the First Holy Communicants as well as many other duties, despite never having actually living in the Parish.

Margaret died after a short illness in West Middlesex Hospital on 9th February 2021.

May she rest in Peace.

## Cyclists - especially for you!

Now there is a place to leave your bike securely when you arrive at church.

Thank you to the Twickenham Repair Cafe who have donated a bike rack to the church to encourage cyclists and make provision to store their bikes securely.



## A CAFOD word of thanks

**CAFOD**  
Just one world

### St Margarets has raised £365/- for CAFOD

Shukla is a mum in Bangladesh who has been very worried about her children's nutrition. After joining a community project in Bangladesh, which is supported by CAFOD, Shukla has a productive garden and can grow food for her son. Shukla says, "worry has completely disappeared now.

" People support us in so many ways – giving in church, giving to us by direct debit, or leaving us a gift in their will. This generosity and compassion reaches hard-working mothers like Shukla.

Thank you. To read Shukla's story, go to [cafod.org.uk/GiftInWill](http://cafod.org.uk/GiftInWill)

## PA to Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia

We are currently looking for a dynamic, proactive and experienced PA to support the Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia. These are two roles but carried out by one person, currently Monsignor Gerry Ewing, who is also a Trustee of the Archdiocese. All of his work is associated with the management and running of the Archdiocese. This job is based at Archbishop's House, 150 St George's Road, London SE1 6HX and role exists to provide support to him in all aspects of his work.



The key responsibilities include diary, meeting and travel management, dealing with correspondence and phone calls, undertaking research, producing reports and presentations and extensive liaison with senior clergy, lay staff, trustees and external professionals. The ideal candidate will be Catholic, with a good knowledge of the workings of a parish and a diocese. They will have extensive senior secretarial/PA experience, preferably from a religious or other charitable organisation and will be proactive, adaptable and easily able to cope with changing priorities. They will be an excellent communicator - both verbally and in writing and be skilled in producing reports and presentations. They will have excellent IT skills, including Word, Powerpoint and Excel.

This job is for 3 days per week based in the office at Archbishop's House. Some home working could be considered on an occasional basis. Annual salary range is £19,000.00 per annum to £21,000.00 per annum depending on skills and experience. If you would like to apply please email your CV to [HR@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:HR@rcaos.org.uk) by Friday 14th April 2023.

This is the last chance to join Westminster Youth Ministry for two weeks in Porto, Fatima and Lisbon from 25 July to 9 August 2023 to celebrate World Youth Day with Pope Francis and 2 million other young people. Thanks to the support of the Cardinal's Appeal, the reduced cost for the pilgrimage is £1,500 inclusive of transport, accommodation, WYD Pass, insurance and some meals. There are last few places remaining at this price and applications will close on 14 April 2023.

For more information and booking forms email Phoebe Prendergast

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