

ST MARGARET'S PAGE

7th SUNDAY OF EASTER - 16th May 2021 Year B



Fr Peter writes:

Mass Times & Liturgical Services		
Saturday		10.00 am & 6.30 pm
Sunday		8:30 am, 10:30 am (bookings only) & 6.30 pm
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday		10.00 am
Eucharistic Service	Friday	10.00 am
Rosary	Mon, Tue, Wed & Thursday (via Zoom; please email the office for link)	9.30 am
Confessions	Saturday	10:30-11:00am
	Sunday	10.00 am – 10.20 am

Due to an exceptionally busy week, Fr Peter will not be writing for The Page.

We apologise for the same.

We will be back next week as normal.

St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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Mass Intentions Saturday 15th May – Sunday 23rd May

15/5	Sat	10.00am	Work of missionaries throughout the world	
		6.30 pm	Pupils and staff of St James School and St Richard Reynolds Catholic College	
16/5	Sun	8.30 am	For you the people	
		10.30am	Richard Watkins RIP Anniversary	Margot Watkins
		6.30 pm	Deceased members of St Margaret's Parish	
17/5	Mon	10.00pm	John Coughlan RIP anniv	M Davis
18/5	Tues	10.00am	Deceased members of St Margarets Parish	
19/5	Wed	10.00am	The families of St Margarets Parish	
20/5	Thur	10.00am	James Green RIP	Jimmy Green
21/5	Fri	10.00am	Eucharistic Service	
22/5	Sat	10.00am	Missionary spirit of the Parish and the Church	
		6.30 pm	The families of St Margarets Parish	
23/5	Sun	8.30 am	Deceased members of St Margarets Parish	
		10.30am	For you the people	
		6.30 pm	Laszlo Jotischky RIP Anniv	Helma Jotischky

Entrance Antiphon:

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia

Response to the Psalm:

The Lord has set his sway in heaven.



Mass Arrangement

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday - 10.00 am. (No booking needed) (live stream available)

Friday - Eucharistic Service 10.00 am

Saturday - 10.00 am & 6.30 pm

Sunday—8.30 am , 10.30 am (**By Bookings ONLY**) (live streamed)

& 6.30 pm

Rosary on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday's at 9.30 am (on zoom)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Georgina Lotitto, Stanislaw Wozniak, Adriana Posse de González (Valeria's Mum), Rachel Rose, Fr Paul Bigirwa, 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

Anniversaries - Desmond Child, Chris Anderson, Rosemary Aldrich, Ray Back, Robert James Christie Prendergrast, Christine Berti, Evelyn Mitchell, Roland Bryant, Fridolin Straub, Johanna McCullogh, Dorothy Smithers

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed

through the Mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

Refurbishment of the Parish Hall, Facilities and Basement

May I write to impart the good news that the building work has been given permission to proceed by the Finance Office of the Diocese. The builders will arrive on **Monday May 10th** and with a fair wind conclude on **Friday September 3rd**.

Please note the following changes for the construction period.

During building works the carpark will be severely restricted so please think of parking on the street instead on Sundays. During the weekday double-parking will not be allowed as the building site needs potential emergency access. Thank you for your consideration.

This is also the moment to thank once again all those who have contributed to the building fund which has reached nearly £130,000 donated and pledged. The financing of the project is divided into the three parts, the fundraising campaign, the partial use of the cash balance in the bank and a loan from the Diocese of £125,000 payable over seven years. The loan will be paid back through additional Hall rentals, some fundraising and regular donations from the existing building fund.

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Acts 1:15-17. 20-26

Psalm 102

1 John 4:11-16

John 17:11-19

PENTECOST SUNDAY - 23RD MAY

Acts 2:1-11

Psalm 103

Galatians 5:16-25

John 15:26-27; 16:12-15



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.

The next pre-baptism courses for parents will be on **Session 1 & 2** - 15th and 22nd June at 8 pm online / Chapel TBA

Prayer Evening

Friday 21st May (in conjunction with St Elizabeth's Parish, Richmond)

Friday 21st May, Faith and Worship Evening: Music, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions. 7:00pm to 9:00pm

The Evening consists of Adoration, of silence interspersed with Faith and Worship music provided by different groups. Confessions will be available with visiting Confessor.

You are welcome to come for a short while or stay longer. My hope is that these evenings would become a regular feature of shared parish life with St Elizabeth of Portugal, Richmond, and are open to all parishioners. There may be musicians who would like to join the groups in the future.

Our responsibility is to form a welcome team and if you would like to help you would be most welcome. Many thanks
Fr Peter

Important information regarding practicalities during the building works (May 10th – Sept 3rd)

We are very pleased that the building work to refurbish the hall, lavatories and basement will begin next week.

Access to lavatories - There will be no access to the lavatories in the church building. Facilities will be provided on the ground floor of the presbytery. Please alert the stewards if you need to use the lavatories and they will unlock the presbytery for you. We ask that parents accompany their children due to safety issues around crossing the car park.

Sunday 10:30am Mass – overflow seating - There will be no overflow seating available in the hall so numbers at the 10:30 am Mass will be more restricted. Please could everyone wanting to attend the 10:30am Mass book their place in advance (by Saturday evening). If you arrive without having reserved a place, we may need to turn you away.

Alternatively, please consider coming to one of the other Masses which are less busy and there is no need to book. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

HELLO!



New Parishioners evening

Every few months the Parish holds a New Parishioner meet to welcome those who have arrived in the neighbourhood and have started coming to Mass at St Margarets.

If you are a new parishioner, come and hear about Parish life here at St Margarets and share in our mission as a catholic community.

I look forward to meeting you zoom-wise and speaking in person here at the Church.

Wednesday, 19th May

8.00 pm - 8.45 pm

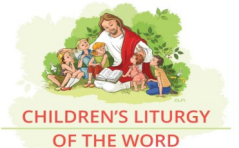
Please email parish office for joining details.



Children's Liturgy on Zoom; on alternate Sunday mornings

9:45 – 10:15 am

For children aged 4 – 11 (roughly)



Upcoming dates: June 13, 27 & July 11

Activity packs with craft materials will be available to pick from the Parish Office.

Suggested voluntary donation of £2.50 for 3 weeks of craft material for activities.

SOUP LUNCH DONATIONS



We will be sending our next donation from the parish to Fr David Cullen on Friday 21st May. There is much poverty and hardship in the Chipata area of Zambia, so every single penny that we can send will be of great help to the community there. If you are able to make a contribution, however large or small, it will be most gratefully received. Please contact Maz and Bernard Winter on: 07769721975 to make a donation.


Thank you.

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!

The Day of the Lord.

It is a reflection by the Bishops of  Diocese of Westminster England and Wales, developed during their recent Plenary Meeting. It pays tribute to the work of so many people over the past year of the pandemic, and seeks to elucidate some of the challenge that faces us as a Church in the months ahead. As you will see, the centrality of the Eucharist and the greatness of the gift of the Mass are stressed.

To read the reflection online you can find it in full in this article on the diocesan website: <https://rcdow.org.uk/news/bishops-encourage-catholics-to-place-sunday-mass-at-the-heart-of-their-post-pandemic-lives/>

To view The Day of the Lord in pdf ([click here](#)).

Cardinal Vincent Nichols

Forthcoming Catholic History Walks

Tuesday May 18th meet 6.30pm (after 6pm Mass) at St Dominic's, Haverstock Hill, London NW5 4LB. We'll learn the story of this Rosary Shrine and walk to Hampstead Heath, discovering links with Lord Mansfield and with General de Gaulle. **Thursday May 20th, meet 6.15pm** Westminster Cathedral, London SW1 after the 5.30pm Mass. We'll walk to St James' Park and finish at Parliament. It's not essential to book, but it would be helpful. Contact us at chwalkslondon@gmail.com

St Richard Reynolds Primary School are recruiting for a KS2 Primary School Teacher. Please visit our website for more information: <https://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk/our-college/work-at-srr>

Or contact recruitment@srrcc.org.uk for further details.



Diocese of Westminster

Thy Kingdom Come -

Lighting up the world in prayer – 13th-23rd May 2021

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/thy-kingdom-come/>

Once again, alongside other Catholic dioceses we are pleased to be participating in this timely ecumenical initiative to help us reflect more deeply on our journey with Christ and personal call to discipleship. A variety of rich Catholic resources are available for use in our parish communities, which can enable us to prepare more fully to celebrate the great Feast of Pentecost. In a year that has been beset by many personal challenges and worries, we hope that these resources may provide a useful source of spiritual nourishment and reflection.

We would like to highlight the following key resources:

Pentecost Novena:

A beautiful way to prepare ourselves for the joy of Pentecost. This resource is available as a download, booklet, or podcast: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/thy-kingdom-come/pentecost-novena/>

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Journey with Mary:

This special playlist has been created for us to journey with Mary from the Ascension to Pentecost. What would we say, or share with Mary? <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/thy-kingdom-come/journey-with-mary/>

Praying for 5: During the novena which 5 friends, family, neighbours, who may be away from the Church, or have yet to discover the love offered them by Jesus would you pray for. Simply do so throughout the day and ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit for them.

A simple Prayer Journal has been produced to support our personal prayer during the novena, https://www.thykingdomcome.global/sites/default/files/2021-03/TKC%20Prayer%20Journal%202021%20DOWNLOAD_0.pdf

For Families: There are some delightful resources to help families, particularly those with young children praying Thy Kingdom Come. To explore what is on offer please click below; <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/cheekypandas>

Sharing your good news: We would love to hear **Thy Kingdom Come** stories from your parish – before, during, or after the Novena. Please send these, and any pictures you might want to share, to Deacon Roger Carr-Jones at the Agency for Evangelisation – rogercarrjones@rcdow.org.uk.

The great Solemnity of Corpus Christi is fast approaching. The organisers of the International Eucharistic Congress - taking place in Budapest this September - have once again asked every parish around the world to have an hour of Adoration on **Saturday 5th June**.

There is no set programme for this, so how you organise is entirely up to you. There is, however, a website to register your participation: corpusdomini.iec2020.hu It would be wonderful to see the Diocese of Westminster lit up with churches offering Adoration and other Eucharistic devotions on that day.

May I also take this opportunity to remind you that the annual Quarant'Ore here at the Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament will take place from **Thursday 3rd June - Saturday 5th June**. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 7am until Midnight.

Those who can't be with us in person can still submit their prayer intentions and have candles burning before the Blessed Sacrament by visiting our website at maidenlane.org.uk/forty After the awful year of Pandemic, it will be even more important to bring our concerns before the Lord in this way.

With prayers from Covent Garden,
Fr Alan Robinson



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am very pleased to share with you this Pastoral Letter, prepared by the Bishops of England and Wales for use in churches on 23 May 2021, Pentecost Sunday:

The Solemnity of Pentecost reminds us that everything which exists, every person and the whole of creation, is a gift of “God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.” God our loving Father creates and continues to give life to the world through His Word, Jesus Christ, in the power of His Holy Spirit. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church, which we celebrate at Pentecost, is not something separate from Creation. God’s revelation of himself in Creation is inseparable from the revelation of his love for us in Christ and in his desire to live in us through his Holy Spirit.

‘God’s Spirit is always and everywhere “the Lord, the Giver of Life”, and the voice of Pentecost is echoed in the voice of creation being transformed into the glorious liberty of God’s children.’ In this liberty, as God’s children, we call on the Spirit to ‘renew the face of the Earth’, and as his children, we are called, in turn, to use this liberty for the good of creation and for the good of all that brings life. Our world, God’s creation, is a precious gift to us. It is our common home entrusted to each generation. But how have we used that glorious liberty? How do we honour this precious gift? Are we really demonstrating love, care and respect for our common home?

As we celebrate Pentecost this year, we are acutely aware of the damage that continues to be inflicted on the Earth, and the repercussions for the well-being of our brothers and sisters, both here in our own countries and, more especially, in the poorest countries of our world. Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis have both taught us that everything is interconnected and interdependent. The way we live our everyday lives has an impact on everyone and on the earth.

The urgency of the situation, and the enormity of the challenges we face, have spurred us to speak out together this Pentecost Sunday, as bishops of England, Wales and Scotland, about the role that the Catholic Church and our faith must play in our shared care for God’s gift to us.

For all too long we have either been ignorant of, or ignored, the systematic exploitation of our planet and the unsustainable consumption of its resources. While accepting the crucial need and demand for energy for the benefit of the poorest of our brothers and sisters, the provision of our energy must, nonetheless, be by means which radically reduce the use of carbon-based fuels.

In our political thinking, there must be a new global understanding of our world, where nations recognise our common responsibility for the dignity of all people and their rights to sustainable livelihoods, in authentic freedom. Pope Francis speaks of a global politics that looks beyond our own needs to the needs of all, most especially the poor and the marginalised.

But we cannot leave the healing of our common home and the wellbeing and care of our brothers and sisters merely to a response from industry and governments. Our own local concern and action is necessary and has far-reaching consequences. We all have a part to play, each and every one of us, in the routines, choices and decisions of our everyday lives and our aspirations for the future. The actions of parishes, families, schools, and individuals will have a significant impact on our efforts to restore our common home. There are now many resources, freely available, to advise us on our choice of food, saving of water and electricity, suggestions about travel, waste, and re-use. These are measures that everyone can employ, in some degree, with minimal inconvenience and change. They are effective ways in which we can each reaffirm our personal vocation to be stewards of creation.

This Pentecost comes at a time of remarkable challenge and opportunity. We are gradually emerging from the tragedies and restrictions of the pandemic. We have the ability to make changes. Our countries are also hosting two most important meetings this year, the G7 in June and COP26 in November. These meetings will gather together men and women who have the power to make defining choices and policies which will help us build back better, provide for our brothers and sisters, and take care of our common home.

In all our human endeavours, we need the presence of the Holy Spirit, “the Lord, the Giver of Life”, whose gift to the Church and the world we celebrate again at Pentecost. Let us keep this Feast with that enduring hope that we can begin to repair the damage we have done and provide a healthy home for future generations. Our hope will be strengthened by our prayer. May our constant request be that the Holy Spirit guide us, strengthen our resolve and ‘renew the face of the earth’.

May God bless you all,

✠ Cardinal Vincent Nichols
Archbishop of Westminster