

ST MARGARET'S PAGE



16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 17 JULY 2022 - Year C

Fr Peter writes:

Next Sunday the Parish bids a formal farewell to Fran and Joe who will be moving to Scotland to live near their daughter, husband and grandchild. Their departure will conclude their long years of service in providing the teas and coffees after the 10:30am Sunday Mass. They will be sorely missed because in the terms of this Sunday's Gospel, they were both Martha and Mary. Fran and Joe both undertook the necessary graft (without complaining), the lower part and were always there with a listening ear, the higher part, behind the counter. They, as countless other volunteers took delight from both the lower and the higher. Many local coffee shops could take a leaf out of their *modus operandi*. The high prices and indifferent service, achieving, for me at least, what willpower failed during Lent, of severely restricting my visits. What a difference the coffee and tea service at St Margaret's is in comparison!

The Gospel account of the dialogue between Jesus and Martha, concerning the perceived inaction of Mary does recognise the need for graft, often unrewarding, but that graft is for the higher purpose of dialogue, companionship, friendship and community, and so should be undertaken without excessive grumbling. Mary took the better part by concentrating on their guest, Jesus, the reason for entertaining in the first place. This Sunday's Gospel is not the prelude for some anti-diluvian model of economic servitude but of seeing authentic service as pointing towards a higher purpose, the home and working life for the flourishing of the family; the community service for the flourishing of that community; the volunteering to advance the community's life and purpose.

My hope here at St Margaret's is that everyone who contributes to the life of the parish, in whatever way, sees their contribution as participating in the highest end, that of the worship of God in Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. Mary's active listening of Jesus would transform her way of service because it becomes formed by Him and not made in her own image. Martha was too fixated in her understanding of service and was unable to see the possibilities of change. Perhaps for once she could have greeted their guest and shared his company. Listening to Jesus and sensing the breeze of the Holy Spirit would have positively reinforced Martha's offer of service and subtly changed the way in which she offered her service.

Mass Times & Liturgical Services		
Weekend	Saturday Sunday	10.00 am 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 6.30pm
Weekdays	Monday & Tuesday	10.00 am
Eucharistic Service	Wed, Thu & Fri	10.00 am
Rosary	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri & Sat	9.30 am
Confessions	Saturday	10:30-11:00am
	Sunday	10.00 – 10.20 am

What does this mean in particular for this parish? The answer begins with the Sunday experience of every parishioner from arrival to departure. This is the Mary experience, of listening to the Word of God, of receiving Jesus Christ first through His word and then in the Eucharist. Listening and participation in the Eucharist transforms behaviour and aspiration which should flow into family and community life. This is the Martha experience. The first influences the second.

Taking this model of discipleship to heart takes on many forms. Something can be learnt from the economic world. The post-Covid chaos with supply of materials and services is the over-reliance of just in time delivery, that in the chaos always become late deliveries or cancelled flights etc. 'Just-in-time delivery' is not the appropriate model for business nor for our lives too because the chaos of life always leads to lateness whether for work, social engagement and of course Mass! It is a form of service to others to arrive on time and be recollected for the beginning of Mass which starts with its unique dynamic of a collective act of seeking forgiveness that sets the scene for listening to the Word and the celebration of the Eucharist, unique sacrifice and communal meal.

As this is the last newsletter till the autumn, I would like to thank all those who commit to serving at Mass, reading at Mass, participate in the welcome team, assist with the teas and coffees. How each one of us engages with our acts of service says so much about how we love our parish community. Emphasising the welcome was a necessary Covid protocol but paradoxically these protocols have made many parishes re-evaluate, ours included the wider Sunday experience. We wish Fran and Joe well as they begin their new life in Scotland. We thank them for their service and example over so many years. May I wish you all a restful summer holiday. Fr Peter

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Mass Intentions Sat 16th July – Sun 24th July

16/7	Sat	10.00 am	The families of St Margarets Parish	
17/7	Sun	8.30 am	Missionary spirit of the Parish and the Church	
		10.30 am	For you the people	
		6.30 pm	John & Rita Lavery and Lynda Ban-Lavery	Gerard Ban-Lavery
18/7	Mon	10.00 am	Work of missionaries throughout the world	
19/7	Tues	10.00 am	William Davis RIP	Maureen & family
20/7	Wed	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service	
21/7	Thu	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service	
22/7	Fri	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service	
23/7	Sat	10.00 am	Works of charity in the neighbourhood	
24/7	Sun	8.30 am	Cathy Bannister RIP	Jeanne Gogarty
		10.30 am	For you the people	
		6.30 pm	Chris Durkin RIP	Kathleen Barry

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Cathy McKendry, Olga Romero, Sue Rolph, Rose Blackman, 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, Christopher Browne, Antonella Sesta, Margaret Master-son, Carmen Ruibal, Chris McLoughlin (son of Olga), Judith Thomas, Allan de Souza, Tony Tucker & Dr Christopher Khoo

Anniversaries - Margaret Auer, Deirdre Buckley, Ruth O'Hara, Mabel Marriage, Nan Donlin, Vida Dibley, Penny Delanghe, John O'Neill

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

Baptism - God's blessings to Tobechukwu Ethan Onuoha who was Baptised last week. May the light of Christ burn brightly within him. Congratulations to the family.

Entrance Antiphon:

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Response to the Psalm:

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

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. Our September course dates - 13 & 20th.



First Holy Communion 2023

Applications are now open. If you would like your child to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, please speak to Fr Peter after any Mass that you attend.



Confirmation 2023

Applications are now open for the Confirmation 2023 course. Kindly speak to Fr Peter after any weekend Mass that you attend.



Marriage Preparation

The dates for our next course are not yet scheduled. This will take place nearing the end of the year between Oct—Nov. Please contact the parish office to register your interest and an update will be sent to you as soon as we have scheduled a date.

For information on courses at The Brompton Oratory kindly contact Fr Michael Lang (michaellang@rcdow.org.uk) for further details.



I could not resist sharing this picture of our First Holy Communicants 2022, shared by the photographer.



Photo courtesy - Simon and Emily Ridley
Si-EmRidleyPhotography@hotmail.com

Parish Summer BBQ

Sunday July 24th

12.30 pm till 4 .00 pm

All welcome; BBQ at 12:30 --
come and spend the afternoon in the garden.



Tickets on sale after Mass or through the parish office. Limited number of tickets will be available on the day. So do not miss out, book yours early.

Adults - £5 each

Family ticket (2+2) £15

Bring salads and desserts to share.

Monthly Soup Lunch

It is being proposed to restart the monthly Soup Lunch from September with donations which have gone to Fr David in the past to now go for the benefit of Fr Paul Bigirwa and St Theresa's Nursery and Primary School in Uganda.



I would be very grateful if those who have previously prepared and delivered the events would consider continuing, and of course anyone else who wants to offer support would be most welcome.

To find out more, or to volunteer your services, please contact me at: david.rose@geta.org.uk or talk to me after 10.30 mass.

Many thanks for your continuing support.

David Rose, Chairman and Trustee.

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SEA SUNDAY 17TH JULY

On this day the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection at all Masses in aid of Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) which supports the Port Chaplains who provide a vital service to seafarers and fishermen who can go for long periods without any contact with the church. There will be gift aid envelopes available at the back of the church.



Richmond Sunday lunch scheme

Our parish will continue to host occasional Sunday lunches for people who may be in need of a healthy home cooked meal and some company.



Can you spare some time to help us make this happen? We are on a rota with other Richmond churches, and aim to cater for 20 - 25 guests each time.

Sunday lunch dates: lunch served from 1230 (after 1030 mass/ morning coffee)

2022

- 17th July , 11th September, 9th October

2023

- 19th February 2023

Thank you to those of you who have already volunteered your time and amazing cooking and/or washing up skills, or offered to help provide our guests with a warm welcome on the day. We still have some free slots for the next few months and have added a new date in 2023.

Jobs include:

- Welcome and chat
- Making a veg soup
- Cooking a main meal for 6-8 people (eg shepherds pie, pasta bake, lasagne (meat plus veg option))
- Making a desert
- Clearing and washing up

Food may be prepared off site and guidance will be given as needed. Please join our easy signup sheet online volunteersignup.org/PPBQT for any of the dates, or feel free to call me and I will add you to our group of amazing volunteers.

Thank you in advance for continuing to help make this happen.

Cath Brizzell (on behalf of Fr Peter & The Parish Pastoral Council)

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St Margarets Fair

We are looking for volunteers who could take on this from Jimmy. "Having organised this annual event on behalf of the church for the last thirty or more years, I am now looking for someone a little younger, maybe someone under 80, to take over from me. Jimmy Green"

If you are interested to know more about this, please contact the parish office.



Congratulations to our 100 Club Winners

Winners for the month of July 2022

1st Prize No. 83 Mary Marriage £100/-

2nd Prize No 64 Carmel Hill £50/-

(Numbers are generated by a random number generating website)



We are breaking for the summer holidays. This will be the last of the newsletters for the year. We will be back in September.

Fr Peter wishes everyone a wonderful summer holiday.