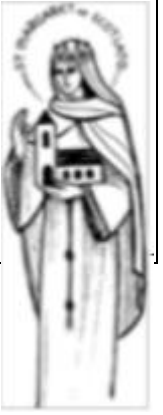


ST MARGARET'S PAGE

6th Sunday of Easter
17th May 2020



In Peter writes:

This week a Catholic newspaper leads with a gloomy article about the impending collapse of Mass practice once the Covid induced curfews have been lifted and Churches are re-opening. Reading gloomy stories in the papers, it is always worth remembering that bad news always sells better than good news stories. At this stage it would be better to say that no-one knows, only guesswork is possible. Maybe those hanging on by their finger-tips might think now is the time to let go of organised religion but personally I am not pessimistic. There will certainly be some justified anxiety about congregating in large numbers, and questions as to whether social distancing can be maintained in a Mass setting. Every parish will have to foster a sense of security and well-being for those coming to Mass in person. However, the physical absence of Mass has pointed towards what we knew before that praying and worshipping together though demanding commitment does give a positive frame to the week.

My own thinking is that the relationship of Catholics to Mass might change. The cultural, though not traditional, gulf between the Holy Spirit and the celebration of the Sacraments which populates most Catholics' mindset needs to be questioned. They are not two parallel streams of grace but only one which is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit onto the Church. The action of the Holy Spirit is definitely found in the Sacraments but is not restricted to them alone. The celebration of the Sacraments, especially the Mass, should be the time of experiencing the Holy Spirit. This is not just the praise of singing but also the quiet reflective moments of prayer, whether at the reception

of Holy Communion, during the Eucharistic Prayer, or some phrase that strikes one in the Readings. It is a caricature to think of the experience of the Holy Spirit is just about waiving your arms about, singing religious pop songs, or being struck by the Holy Spirit. It can be those activities but that is not all by a long way.

The rediscovery of the Holy Spirit has been long overdue in Western Christianity though the Holy Spirit has been a constant presence in the background, the divine person that makes Sacraments possible. Jesus on His last evening promises His apostles the Holy Spirit described as an Advocate, something standing alongside us throughout life. Having the Holy Spirit on side is the same as having Jesus in front of us, something only possible for those who encountered Him during His earthly life. That limited number of people is now multiplied virtually infinitely as everyone may encounter the Holy Spirit coming alongside them.

So my hope when we are able to return is not to worry about numbers but to provide reassurance that it is safe to come to Mass, all appropriate measures have been put in place, but more deeply that we discover the Holy Spirit at the heart of every Sacrament. My hope is that every Mass becomes the moment when it is possible to meet Jesus through the Holy Spirit, and recognising this, gives us the spiritual strength to become His missionary disciples. So we might start with smaller numbers as the writer explained in the article but there is no need to think that this is the end of the story.

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The Parish Office is closed because of Covid-19. Emails are continued to be checked regularly.

MASS INTENTIONS

May - Monday 18th - Sunday 24th

Mon 18 th	10.00am Mass	Harry Mudgal (RIP) (Maria Bryant)
Tue 19 th	10.00 am Mass	Juliet Grafton (RIP) (Erica Walker)
Wed 20 th	10.00 am Mass	James Green (RIP) (Jimmy Green)
Thurs 21 st	10.00 am Mass	Those struggling to find work
Fri 22 nd	10.00 am Mass	All young people
Sat 23 rd	10.00am Mass	Those struggling to cope with the current situation
Sun 24 th	10.30am Mass	For you the people

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Mary Reagan, Pauline Slawson, Janet McAllister, Ben, Mark Titmus, 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 and Patricia Parkes, Judith Thomas, Wanda Ostrowska, Christopher Browne, Antonella Sesta, Margaret Masterson, Bernard Sharratt, Carmen Ruibal, Ann Macpherson, Chris McLoughlin (son of Olga), Paul Costello and Kevin Sweeney

RECENTLY DECEASED

Donal Dwyer (brother of Mary Ibbett), Rose Mitchell, Ann Noble, Juliane Ditsche, Antonio Lopes, Muriel Kelly, Juliet Grafton

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like Mass said for your intentions or for the repose of the soul of someone, please contact Cynthia via [email](mailto:stmargaretsonthames@rcdow.org.uk) (stmargaretsonthames@rcdow.org.uk). She will compile the list which will be published on the Parish website each week.

Fr Peter offers up the Sunday Mass for the intentions of all the Parish, but Masses may be said for specific intentions from Monday to Saturday.

MASSES FOR FRONTLINE CARERS AND THE SICK

Every Thursday evening, at 7pm, a bishop, in turn, will celebrate Mass in his cathedral, live streamed, for all those frontline workers in the NHS and care homes, for the sick and their families.

Live-streaming information as follows:

21 May: Bishop Mark Davies, [Shrewsbury Cathedral](#)

28 May: Bishop Terence Drainey, [Middlesbrough Cathedral](#)

THE FINANCIAL WELFARE OF ST MARGARET'S

The St Margaret's [Virgin Money Giving](#) is now live. This is a secure method for giving. If you are using the St. Margaret's website, you will find the Virgin Money Giving under the 'Support' tab.

Even if you are only able to donate less than you might normally do, every gift is valuable.

Thank you to everyone for your generosity.

UPDATE FROM ST KIZITO'S HEALTH CENTRE, MALAWI

As with everything else, our Lenten project fundraising came to an abrupt halt with the arrival of corona virus. To date official statistics show only a handful of reported cases of corona virus in Malawi but these are likely to be unreliable and out of date and personal and news reports suggest unrest and insecurity in many countries in Africa. Health services are poor and under-resourced so please keep St Kizito's and the people of Malawi and other African countries in your prayers as they prepare to tackle the virus.

To see photos, please click below:

[St Kizito's prepares for corona virus](#)



Diocese of Westminster
JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION



Organised by Diocese of Westminster and Justice & Peace Living Laudato Si' evening Zoom event will take place on Monday 18th May, 7.30-8.30pm. Please join by [registering](#) here. Justice & Peace [E-bulletin](#)



PENTECOST CARDS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF LYNDE HOUSE

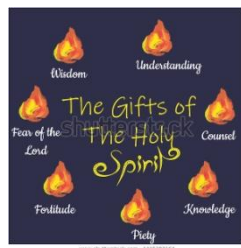
The production of the Easter Cards and the matching of helpers to housebound has become part of the attempt to establish some inter-generational contact and thus reinforce the bonds of the Parish community. The present crisis will not last forever and these efforts now point the way the Parish should move in the future when we are allowed back together in Church.

Over the next few weeks I would like to ask the children of the Parish to create some Pentecost cards for the Care Home in St Margaret's Parish, Lynde House.

Please use the [Signup sheet](#) that will allocate a residents' name to a particular child.

There are approximately 75 residents in Lynde House so this is a mighty project but I am sure one that is manageable.

I have received lots of grateful emails for the Easter cards sent out a few weeks ago. They were all much appreciated by both housebound parishioners and residents in the Care Home in Ham.



Resources from Diocese of Westminster



Diocese of Westminster

- ❖ Alliance of Catholic Marriage, '[Accompanying Couples over a Lifetime](#)', produced to coincide with this Marriage Week. It is full of helpful links to support the 'Forever Conversation', the theme of Marriage Week this year.
- ❖ Please feel free to share stories of faith and use the hashtag #FaithInLockdown on Twitter and Instagram

- ❖ '[A Prayer Resource](#)' for those without access to the internet or streamed Masses. Resources for the forthcoming Pentecost Novena, '[Thy Kingdom Come](#)', a World Wave of Prayer for Evangelisation.

Fr Chris Vipers

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

CAFOD are offering a webinar of a Liturgy of the Word with Children at home. Parents and children are encouraged to join online for prayers and reflection on this Sunday's Gospel. It is based on CAFOD children's liturgy resources.



Please use [link to register](#):

After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

For family support, TenTen are also making freely available resources for families, called Prayers for Home, which include '[Sunday Liturgy for Families](#)' and '[Daily Prayers for Home](#)'

Please find the link to [LOOK](#), [color in sheets to find what is in the Gospel today](#).



READINGS & GOSPEL

Sixth Sunday of Easter – 17th May

Reading 1	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17	They laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.
Psalm	Ps 65:1-7, 16. 20 r. 1	Cry out with joy to God all the earth. OR Alleluia!
Reading 2	1 Pet 3:15-18	In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.
Gospel Acclamation	John 14:23	Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.
Gospel	John 14:15-21	I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Seventh Sunday of Easter – 24th May

Reading 1	Acts 1:12-14	All joined in continuous prayer.
Psalm	Ps 26:1, 4, 7-8 r. 13	I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. OR Alleluia!
Reading 2	1 Pet 4:13-16	It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ.
Gospel Acclamation	John 14:18	I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.
Gospel	John 17:1-11	Father, glorify your Son.

Pentecost Sunday – 31st May

Reading 1	Acts 2:1-11	They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.
Psalm	Ps 103: 1. 24. 29-31. 34 r. 30	In the one Spirit we were all baptised.
Sequence		Veni Sancte Spiritus Holy Spirit, Lord of light
Gospel Acclamation		Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Gospel	John 20:19-23	As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit

Message from Vicky Phelan, a parishioner

Indian Stick Insect

We have been giving away little jars of Indian stick insect babies to local families from our doorstep. They have brought quite a welcome distraction & a lot of joy to children during lockdown. We have homed well over a 100 so far. I still have some jars left & am wondering if any of the families would like some for their children.

They are very easy to keep & a home can be made easily out of things at home (big tub with plenty of tiny drilled air holes, a net enclosure from butterfly breeding kit, old tank with fine net curtain under lid etc.) They eat leaves readily available in gardens such as privet hedge & ivy.

If anyone is interested, please email decluttering17@gmail.com.

Please find information on [Indian Stick Insects](#).



THANK YOU !