

ST MARGARET'S PAGE



11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 18 June 2023 - Year A

In Peter writes:

Next month I will be accompanying around 160 Year 9 students from St Richard Reynolds Catholic College to Rome. My allotted tasks beyond saying Mass at St Peter's on the Wednesday are to take them round the Da Vinci Museum which is near the Vatican, along with some evening walks to Piazza Navona, for ice-cream, I imagine. The museum is new to me, having opened long after I had left the city on the conclusion of my studies in 1989. Part of my task is to give a short account of the importance of Leonardo as a man of the Renaissance. He drew probably two of the most famous diagrams in art history, one of a man in a star pose describing a square and the other a man standing arms outstretched outlining a circle. Squares and circles were idealised geometric shapes that echoed God's perfection, and formed the geometric building blocks of reality. In between stood man pointing both to his association with the divine and with earthly creation.

More difficult to explain to the students will be that for Leonardo him there was no split between the Catholic faith and scientific enquiry. God's world was both a matter of creation and the place for redemption, men and women being part of the first and in need of the second. May be a few words explaining that those who split faith and science fail to grasp that men and women embrace both. Yet today we always begin these conversations assuming the split between the two and then trying to unite the two. In a way we have now been orphaned from God's world where everything holds together.

Something similar may be said about the Church. Until the Reformation no one questioned the reality or purpose of the Church. There was plenty of discussion about corrupt and venial popes, bishops and clergy, but much about saints, pilgrimages and devotions too. The Church being a supernatural society founded by Jesus Christ could as a visible society animated by the Holy Spirit overcome the fallibility of its individual members whoever they may be or whatever role they might undertake. Somehow this has been lost, and the implications of making the triple-statement of faith at baptism, of publicly accepting the Church's statements of faith, about God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Membership of the Church feels like an additional, perhaps unwarranted, element to believing in Jesus Christ. Indeed, for some the

Church is a positive hindrance to belief in Jesus Christ. For the last three hundred years critics have been trying to make a distinction between the Jesus of history and the Christ of faith, the first full of warm feelings, the second a harsh judge on human fallibility. Today's Gospel bridges the gap between the two, and unites the compassion of Jesus and His establishment of the nascent community that will become the Church. Jesus Christ came to give life to us together, not simply as an amorphous crowd but each individually within the crowd, each needing His healing ministry.

Christian Europe developed the political systems left by the ancient Greeks, of visible structured societies, and the Church was bound up with the running of civil society. Yet the turn taken by Leonardo, though outwardly conforming to Christian teaching about the faith, sowed the seeds of the dismembering of late medieval culture and instigated the individualistic one that exists today. Though Leonardo placed humanity between God and the created order, it would easily be possible, to detach humanity and place it centre stage instead. This focus of men and women alone, untrammelled by the traditions of a shared culture would be taken by Martin Luther and turned into an article of faith. The Bible is to be interpreted personally and applied personally. The bright promise of the solitary individual made in the likeness of God, soon become the solitary individual alienated from God and from everyone else too.

Leonardo, Michelangelo and Galileo were men of faith, yet their stupendous creativity made them seem to later generations, individuals standing above tradition and its chief protector, the Church. The treatment of Galileo by the church authorities of the time makes it more difficult to appreciate that he too was a man of faith. They saw that the question how, and the question why ask for different answers. Science answers questions of how, art in all its forms answers questions of why. culture may be seen as the result of the interaction of the two. The Church is not simply a third element to add to the mix, but the active force that mixes the science and art together for God's purposes, to advance the mission to preach the Gospel.

Without the Church there could be no Christian culture, nor sustained preaching of the Gospel. Today's Gospel demonstrates that pastoral need is responded to by the ministry of a structured visible society to which those in need may belong.

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Mass Intentions Sat 17 June – Sun 25 June

17/06	Sat	10.00 am	Missionary spirit of the Parish and the Church	
18/06	Sun	8.30 am	For Cooper, Hobbs & Hornikova family	Elizabeth Hobbs
		10.30 am	In thanksgiving for Gill Gould	Gill Gould
		6.30 pm	For you the people	
19/06	Mon	10.00 am	For special intentions of a parish-ioner	
20/06	Tue	10.30 am	Funeral of Judith Thomas RIP	
21/06	Wed	10.00 am	The families of St Margarets Parish	
22/06	Thu	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service	
23/06	Fri	10.00 am	Maureen Tanner RIP	Maz & Bernard
24/06	Sat	10.00 am	Work of missionaries throughout the world	
25/06	Sun	8.30 am	Judith Thomas RIP	Bernard and Maz
		10.30 am	Eileen Weeks re-cently deceased	Maria Sharratt
		6.30 pm	For you the people	

Entrance Antiphon:

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help..

Do not abandon or forsake me, O God my Saviour!

Response to the Psalm:

We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

Mass Times & Liturgical Services (19/06—25/06)

Weekend Mass	Saturday	10.00 am
	Sunday	8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.30 pm
Weekday Mass	Monday, Wednesday & Friday	
	Tuesday, FUNERAL MASS - JUDITH THOMAS RIP	
Eucharistic Service	Thursday	10.00 am
Confessions	Saturday	10:30-11:00am
	Sunday	10.00–10.20am

**Feast of Saints Peter and Paul
Thursday 29 June Mass at 10.00 am &
7.00 pm**

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 Master-son, Carmen Ruibal, Chris McLoughlin (son of Olga), Tony Tucker, Dr Christopher Khoo, John Wood-Collins, Eleanor Drew, Jim Polland, Theresa Bulpitt, Sue Rolph & Dick Cotter.

Anniversaries - Mary Bailey, James Kearney, Cardinal Basil Hume, Mary O'Connor, Margaret Edwards, Olive Roberts, Sheila Fransen, Caroline Wakeling Horsbrugh, Claire Bonnici, Mary Rose Hunter, Patrick Davey, David Hughes, Carmen Bourne, Beatrice Gavican, Alphonsus Pinto, Tadeusz Wozniak, Alistair Frazer

Recently deceased - Judith Thomas RIP.

Maura Jane Evenhuis (Gavin Evenhuis' sister)

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

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY

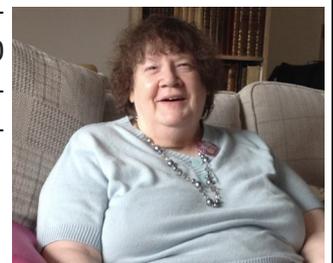
ADRIAN MCGUINNESS

**With best wishes from Fr
Peter and all at St Mar-
garets**



Judith Thomas RIP

Funeral will be held at St Margarets on Tuesday, 20th June 2023 at 10.30 am followed by cremation at 12.00 noon at Mortlake Crematorium, Townmead Road, Richmond TW9 4EN Committal. Judith's family would like to invite all who knew her to join us at either or at both services.



Wearing black is optional - Judith loved colour
Family flowers only please but there will be a collection for the Royal Marsden after the service.

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18 JUNE 2023

Exodus 19:2-6

Psalm 99

Romans 5:6-11

Matthew 9:36-10:8

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 25 JUNE 2023

Jeremiah 20:10-13

Psalm 68

Romans 5:12-15

Matthew 10:26-33

Richmond Sunday lunch scheme

Our next Sunday lunch for those in need is on 25 June.



Can you spare some time to help us? We are on a rota with other Richmond churches, and cater for around 20 guests each time.

We need help with:

- 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 is prepared off site and guidance will be given as needed.

Please join our easy signup sheet for any of our upcoming dates:

25th June, 6th August, 17th September, 29th October
10th December

<https://volunteersignup.org/>

or feel free to call me on 07754 893 846 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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Community Movie Screening of The Letter at St Margarets

on Tuesday, 27th June 2023 at 7.00 pm

In 2015, Pope Francis wrote Laudate Si, his encyclical on climate change and climate justice, subtitled "On Care for our Common Home". In the film "the Letter" Pope Francis brings together those on the frontline of climate change, from indigenous leaders in the Amazon to those studying the effects on our oceans, for a discussion on the growing crisis and our responsibilities for the care of our common home.

The film is a call to action, and so after the screening we will have some time to agree what next steps we can take as individuals, as a parish, and as part of the wider community. Contact the Parish office to reserve your seats.

ST. MARGARET'S FAIR Saturday 8th July

The church has booked a stall at the above event. The main aim of the stall is to advertise our presence in the community.



We shall be selling religious items and bric-a-brac. If you can donate any unused religious items or bric-a-brac for sale at the stall, please contact the parish office or Jimmy Green.

We will need volunteers to erect and operate the stall.

If you can volunteer please give your name to the parish office or Jimmy Green on 07400 475 950.

It is also a day full of fun for the entire family, so join in for a fun day. Please find more details on the website of St Margarets Fair — www.stmargaretsfair.org Thankyou.

Recollection for Women, 21st June 2023 10.00— 12.30 at St Margarets Church Hall

10.00 – Holy Mass

10.30 – First Meditation

11.15 – Rosary

11.45 Examination of Conscience

12.00 – Second Meditation

The priest will be available for confessions from 11.00 – 12.00

Join us !

19 June, 12.30-1.30pm:

Monthly Prayer Vigil outside the Home Office – Guest Speaker for Refugee Week Bishop Paul McAleenan. Music by Ooberfuse.

Organised by Westminster Justice & Peace, London Catholic Worker and the London Churches Refugee Fund to pray for migrants seeking safe passage to the UK. Marsham Street, SW1P4DF.

Contact Barbara Kentish barbarakentish@talktalk.net

St Margarets Youth Group - Volunteer leaders sought!

From September the Parish will launch a monthly group for Years 7,8,9 here at St Margarets, meeting on the second Sunday of each



month from 5:00pm to 6:15pm followed by Mass at 6:30pm after the first meeting.

The evenings would include sport, games, discussion and pizza.

If you are between 18 and late 30s, and have an interest in this ministry, please contact Fr Peter or the Parish Office. If possible, I would like to find two leaders before the summer so that all the necessary procedures may be undertaken before the first meeting on Sunday 17th September. Future dates would revert to the second Sunday of the month, October 8th, November 12th, December 10th.



Stewardship Sunday



This Sunday at all Masses, a member of the Finance Committee will present a brief overview of parish finances and ask for your support in sustaining the parish community.

A more detailed view of St. Margaret's 2022 income and expenditure is available on the notice board and there are some handouts at the back of church. Please speak to any member of the Finance Committee if you have any questions or would like more information.

The Committee is also piloting the introduction of a new "Welcome to the Parish" pack. It contains a number of inserts that can be easily adapted and evolved and would appreciate any feedback of other information that could be provided. Please speak to Fr Peter or email any comments to Cynthia in the parish office on stmargaretson-thames@rcdow.org.uk Thank you.

2022 Accounts showed a small net surplus of £23,572*, however this masks the fact that the parish relies on outside income to cover day to day expenses



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- However, it is not enough to cover the running costs/repairs of the Church, and we are reliant on "business" income; hall and car park rentals, lodgers in the Presbytery.
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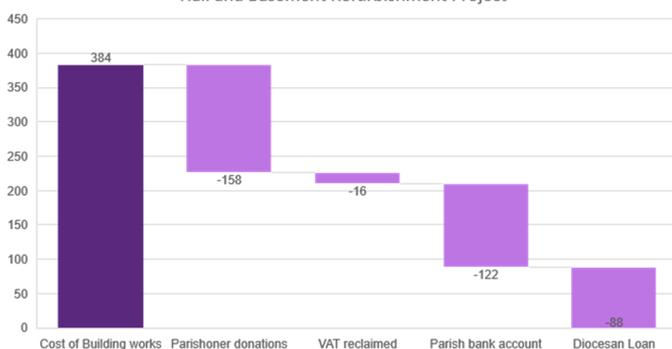
2023 Budget forecasting a shortfall of nearly £2000



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Building Fund

Hall and Basement Refurbishment Project



Works included:

- New kitchen and bar area with 3 minute dishwashers, new countertops, and illuminated etching of St. Margaret
- Refurbished floor
- Refurbished lavatory facilities
- Remodelled basement area to provide better meeting space
- Wheelchair lift to ensure basement meeting space is accessible to all
- Loan will need to be repaid at an estimated rate of £17k year (based on current BoE base rate over the next seven years)