

# ST MARGARET'S PAGE

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021 Year B



*In Peter writes:* The end of the school year cannot come quick enough for both parents and teachers. Suddenly infection rates have increased from the end of June, and the current regulations for self-isolation have resulted in classes and year groups being sent home to self-isolate. What would have been the last week of Primary School for Year 6 with its classic leaving activities has had to be abandoned. Rites of Passage that mark the transition from Primary to Secondary, from GCSE to A Level, and school to university have been curtailed and for many cancelled completely. Looking back with rose-tinted spectacles might have given these transitions greater importance to us than they had at the time, but the experience of whatever sort was necessary to have retrospective vision.

These 'never to be' experiences will be replaced with other real experiences of transition in times of Covid. Both history and personal life are replete with 'what ifs'. What if I had done this, and not done that. Would I be a happier more contented person? What if the course of history had been different, England had prevailed on Sunday. The 'what if' of our lost school transition will be replaced by others of family get-togethers and local summer holidays

The same may be said of the national and international response to Covid. No-one really knows. Even those who claim to follow science do not know because despite the mythology, science is about humanly chosen methods, humanly chosen assumptions and human intuition connecting theories with data. Scientific advance and understanding lives under the ethical umbrella of human choices. This explains the wide disparity in predictions because small change to assumptions as to data and personal inclination towards either doomsday or libertarian solutions, are magnified on the larger scale.

Covid has revealed science not to be arbiter of truth or absolute certainty compared with the vacillations of human experience, those that took place, those which did not, and those what if. Science looked straight-forward compared to the vacillations of the human spirit but after eighteen months of Covid this looks different now. The distinction is no longer between science and religion as it has been in the 19th

Mass Times & Liturgical Services (19/7 - 25/7)		
Saturday		10.00 am & 6.30 pm
Sunday		8:30 am, 10:30 am (bookings only) & 6.30 pm
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday		10.00 am
Eucharistic Service	Friday	10.00 am
Rosary	Monday, Wednesday & Saturday (In church)	9.30 am
Confessions	Saturday	10:30-11:00am
	Sunday	10.00 am - 10.20 am

and 20th centuries. Now it is being certainty and foundation. Certainty was formerly found in science, now this form of dogmatic certainty is found in gender politics and the so-called culture wars. Foundation, though, is the opposite of certainty. Foundation is discovered through commitment, to a person, called faith when related to God. The three monotheistic faiths, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam offer an ordered foundation through a relationship with God whether in the covenant, the person of Jesus, or the book of the Koran. Each of these relationships involves a lifetime's journey, of discovering the richness of personhood and awe-inspiring simplicity of God.

This Sunday's Gospel narrates Jesus invitation to His disciples to go away with Him for some rest, to recharge their batteries after their preaching and healing mission (as described in last Sunday's Gospel). They are to rediscover the foundation on which their life of discipleship depends, to reflect on their missionary experiences of preaching the simple message of reconciliation and healing. They must have been successful since crowds began collecting in this 'lonely place'. Everyone needs rest to recharge batteries and a change to reflect on relationships, the paths of life. A few weeks break brings insights not possible in the business of everyday life. This summer holiday we might reflect on the last 15 months and see where we had tried to find certainty or misplaced our foundation in something lifeless. Has it been the quirks of science, the siren calls of the internet, the glib assertions of the culture wars or might we turn to the foundation that is Jesus and His Church?

May I wish you all a restful summer holiday wherever you may be taking a break from daily routine. I hope that your time of rest brings positive insights into your life and how to build on the true foundation that is Jesus Christ.

St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9.30 am—12.30 pm. Emails will not be checked out of office hours

**Mass Intentions Saturday 10th July – Sunday 18th July**

17/7	Sat	11.00am	Deceased members of St Margarets Parish	
		6.30 pm	NO MASS	
18/7	Sun	8.30 am	William Davis RIP	Davis family
		10.30am	For you the people	
		6.30 pm	Deceased members of St Margarets Parish	
19/7	Mon	10.00pm	Gregg Curry - RIP	Rita Johnstone
20/7	Tues	12.00pm	Funeral Mass – Barry Cummings	
21/7	Wed	10.00am	Private Intentions	Rita Johnstone
22/7	Thur	10.00am	Paddy and Catherine Heffernan RIP anniversary	Rita Johnstone
23/7	Fri	10.00am	Eucharistic Service	
24/7	Sat	11.00am	Family Mass for Reid & Kinstley	Angela Reid
		6.30 pm	NO MASS	
25/7	Sun	8.30 am	Greg Curry recently deceased	Su Slattery
		10.30am	For you the people	
		6.30 pm	Ruth O'Hara RIP	John O'Hara

**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 Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Mass Arrangement for week commencing 19th July**



**THERE WILL BE NO SATURDAY 6.30 PM MASS FOR THE REST OF THE SUMMER.**

**Weekday Mass**

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 10.00 am

Tuesday - 12.00 pm Funeral Mass

**Eucharistic Service - Friday 10.00 am**

**Weekend Mass**

**Saturday** - 10.00 am, No 6.30 pm Mass

**Sunday** - 8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.30 pm

*(Bookings required for 10:30 am Mass)*

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**Rosary: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday** at 9.30 am in the Church

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Rose Blackman, Georgina Lotitto, Stanislaw Wozniak, Adriana Posse de González (Valeria's Mum), 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, 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** - Margaret Auer, Deirdre Buckley, Ruth O'Hara, Mabel Marriage, Nan Donlin, Vida Dibley, Penny Delanghe, John O'Neill, Patrick Kerr

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed*

*through the Mercy of God rest in peace. Amen*

**Gathering safely for Mass post July 19**

From the 19<sup>th</sup> of July all legal restrictions on gathering will cease and we will be allowed to return back to some form of normality. However, we will come back to normal over an extended period of time and therefore there will be necessary protocols for attending Mass at St Margaret's. My thinking is taken from Professor Chris Witty's suggested of wearing masks in indoor spaces or when mandated to by legitimate authority (public transport) or when not wearing masks might cause concern to others.

I do not intend to impose mask wearing for any longer than necessary but I think for the next 6 weeks we should continue in the same way. Alternate benches will be available as of now but more people can sit on each bench.

**Celebration of Mass**

From 25<sup>th</sup> of July the congregation will be able to sing if they wish (through a mask). The prayers of the faithful and the offertory collection will return. Distribution of Communion will return to its normal position. I invite parishioners to leave Mass in an orderly way, block by block, using both exits.

Thank you, Fr Peter

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 18th JULY Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 22 Ephesians 2:13-18

Mark 6:30-34

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 25th JULY 2 Kings 4:42-44

Psalm 144 Ephesians 4:1-6

John 6:1-15



**Baptism** - Should you wish for your child to be baptised, please either speak to Fr Peter after Mass or contact the parish office. **Our next Baptism course—September 14th & 21st.**

### Home visits to the sick and housebound

Fr Peter, Deacon Joseph and some others who are Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available to take the sacrament to those who are sick and housebound or who are continuing to shield. If you, or any parishioner that you know, would like to be on the list to receive Communion at home, please let Cynthia in the parish office know.



### Offertory Giving

Thank you to all those who manage your regular giving through standing order, payroll giving or weekly envelopes. If you normally donate via the loose plate, but are not coming to Mass at the moment, please consider giving via our Virgin Money button on the website. Or even better, set up a standing order, forms for which are available from the parish office. All donations are gratefully received, no matter how small. Thank you.

#### May

	Loose	Envelopes	Contactless	Total
02-May	165	134	68	367
09-May	75	92	78	245
16-May	60	80	86	226
23-May	95	147	108	350
30-May	260	82	95	437
	655	534	435	1,624
Virgin Money Giving				125
Standing orders and payroll giving				4,361
<b>Total offertory giving - May</b>				<b>6,110</b>

#### Building Fund

Regular donations 1,501

#### June

	Loose	Envelopes	Contactless	Total
06-Jun	85	86		171
13-Jun	60	92	78	230
20-Jun	110	78	10	198
27-Jun	95	94		189
	350	350	88	788
Virgin Money Giving				455
Standing orders and payroll giving				4,264
<b>Total offertory giving - June</b>				<b>5,507</b>

#### Building Fund

Regular donations 1,526  
One off donation 1,000  
**2,526**

## St Margaret's Revive and Reunite Weekend

**Save the Date: September 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>**

**A weekend of activities to come together post COVID to rebuild the parish community and celebrate the newly refurbished facilities.**



Provisional Timetable - details and exact timings to be confirmed nearer the time

### Friday 17<sup>th</sup>

7 - 9 pm Praise and Worship evening: Music, Prayer and Adoration.



Opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

9 pm: Bar open: Wine, soft drinks & nibbles

### Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>

10 am Mass followed by Adoration & Sacrament of Reconciliation

11 am Visiting Speaker

Parish lunch followed by tea & coffee in the garden

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>

10:30 am Family mass

BBQ lunch in the garden

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!



A snapshot of another wonderful tea afternoon that took place on 14th July. DATE FOR YOUR DIARY; the next afternoon tea party will be on **Wednesday August 11th at 2 pm.**



Tea  
And  
Coffee



#### Catholic History Walks

We have a new series of walks for 2021

- 15/7/21 6.30pm ROSARY SHRINE, St Dominic's Priory NW5 4LB – the Garden of Luminous Mysteries, the Fleet River and the WWII home of General de Gaulle.
- 18/7/21 3.30pm RICHMOND, St Elizabeth's Church TW10 6AQ – Richmond Palace, Twickenham riverside and St John Henry Newman's home in Ham.
- 20/7/21 6.15pm WESTMINSTER, Westminster Cathedral steps SW1 1QW - Parliament, the Abbey, Buckingham Palace and St James' Park.
- 22/7/21 6.00pm TOWER, Traitor's Gate, the Roman Wall and St Thomas More execution site.

Cost: £10 - No need to book, simply come along. We look forward to meeting you there.

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#### "SEA SUNDAY

Next Sunday, the 18th July, is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea.



There will be a second collection for Stella Maris (the Apostleship of the Sea), the official maritime welfare agency for the Catholic Church. For an appeal talk by Bishop Paul Mason, and a video showing some of what Stella Maris does, please visit [www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday).

To donate and for more information, please visit [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate) or text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. Stella Maris is dependent on voluntary donations, so please give generously. Gift Aid envelopes are available at the church entrance please take one and return next Sunday"



## Diocese of Westminster

Some events and activities we would be grateful if you could promote in your parish newsletters.

**Self-Care for Volunteers: 13<sup>th</sup> July and 14<sup>th</sup> September, 13:00 – 14:00, on Zoom** 'You can't pour from an empty cup - take care of yourself first'.

As we are volunteering to support others, who is it that helps the helper when the pressure of a role becomes too much, when we disagree with another volunteer or client, or we have a bad day?

Come to one of these regular sessions run by Caritas Westminster and the Irish Chaplaincy, to learn some tips and strategies for self-care, with opportunities for further support if you need it.

Please register on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/self-care-for-staff-and-volunteers-tickets-138513887767>

**"Introduction to Volunteering": 21<sup>st</sup> September, 10 – 11:30 am, Zoom. Eventbrite link:**

Thinking about volunteering? Find out how to get started at a free interactive session run by Caritas Westminster. It is for people thinking about or just starting out in volunteering. Explore what your perfect role could be and how to find it, discover what your first days might be like, and how to deal with issues that may crop up along the way. This event covers all the basic need-to-knows about becoming a volunteer.

Book your place on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-volunteering-tickets-159672389415>

#### Volunteering Opportunity with the Caritas Volunteer Service

The Caritas Volunteer Service is growing! We are looking for a couple of volunteers who share our passion for social action and volunteering. This is an opportunity to help transform lives throughout the Diocese by helping charities and outreach projects find volunteers. Deadline for applications: 31 July. For more information please contact: <https://www.caritasvs.org.uk/volunteer-with-us.php>

*This will be the last of the newsletter for the year. We will return in September after the summer holidays.*



*Fr Peter wishes every one a very happy summer holiday.*