

ST MARGARET'S PAGE

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 18th October 2020



In Peter writes:

Last Sunday afternoon the Parish celebrated Confirmation for nine teenagers who had been preparing over the year for receiving the sacrament. I was very pleased to see that two had chosen 19th century American saints, Katherine Drexel and Lily of the Mohawks. Katherine Drexel was a member of the banking dynasty but gave up her wealthy life to found a religious order, the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. Her mission was to teach native and African Americans. Through her life she established 50 schools for African Americans, and 12 schools for Native Americans. St Kateri Tekawitha (Lily of the Mohawks), after her conversion aged nineteen she moved to Kahnawake, a Christian settlement of native-americans, south west of Montreal, and worked tirelessly for the Church.

These two saints living in the 19th and 16th century respectfully shows how advanced the Church was in comparison to secular society of the time. Indeed, it is only the power of the Gospel that allows for the compassionate transformation of society, of identifying the truly marginalised. Long before 'Me Too' or 'Black Lives Matter', the Church has spoken and acted on the injustices that permeate fallen society. The Church itself is a perfect society even when its members are tainted by sin and human limitation, because the Church is composed of both saints and sinners. The secular world will forever try to minimise the role of religion and claim for itself every aspect of social advance. Recent events have proved this to be a hollow claim. Me Too was a reaction to the acceptable working practices in the creative industries and promotion of sexual liberation. Black Lives Matters erupts after thirty years of attempts at race relations.

The Church recognises that the dynamic of social change comes through personal conversion. Reading the signs of the times in the light of the Gospel and conversion of heart is obvious in the two saints mentioned earlier. It is also obvious in Mother Teresa, seeing the dignity of those left to die in the street; St Pope Paul VI, his personal sanctity and commitment to the Second Vatican Council when so many turned against him for both sides of the ideological divide; and St Pope John Paul II, who could see the dangers of modern life to the sanctity of life, to name a few near contemporaries. To belong to the Church is to belong to a visible society that is at the forefront of social change with regard to the marginalised. The

Mass Times & Liturgy Services		
	Sunday	8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.30 pm
Mon. Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat		10.00 am
Thursday Communion Service		10.00 am
Rosary	Mon, Tue, Wed and Sat (via Zoom) (please email the parish office for the link)	9.30 am
Adoration	Wednesdays	8.00 – 9.15 am
	Friday & Saturday	10.30 – 11.00 am
Confessions	Saturdays	10.30 – 11.00 am
	Sundays	10.00 – 10.20 am

Church is always ahead of the curve when it comes to civic society.

This Sunday's Gospel on paying tribute to Caesar demonstrates that the Church recognises the validity of civil society, but that in fact everything ultimately belongs to God. The separation of Church and State, the prerequisite of modern societies, is posited on a misunderstanding of this Gospel. The restriction of religion to the private realm allows secular society to legislate on social and sexual issues on which it has no competence. Recent events have shown that civic society with its ability to legislate has shown itself woefully inadequate because democracy without an anchor is simply the tyranny of the majority. All morality must ultimately all stem from God, otherwise it becomes simply current fashion dressed up in whatever philosophical system seems appropriate at the time. Morality also becomes purely transitory, as so much conversations on current social mores has indicated. Listening to so much complaints about our current condition gives the impression that the former eras of our own society were grossly inadequate. No human society is person but however inadequate provided an opening for whatever current fashions exist. The demonising of the past only goes to show the shallow roots of contemporary morality.

On the other hand, the Church can look back at generation of saints who have questioned the culture of the time, stood up for freedom of religion, attended to poor and marginalised, promoted the rights of women, and were instrumental in fostering harmonious relations between different races. It is right to render unto Caesar what belongs to Caesar, but to acknowledge that only God reigns over all. The morality of the Gospel will also be the effective source of change in every society.

St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 17th Oct - Sunday 25th Oct

DATE	DAY	TIME	INTENTION	DONOR
17-Oct	Sat	10.00 a.m.	For unemployed seeking work	
		6.30 p.m.	No Mass	
18-Oct	Sun	08.30 a.m.	For you the people	
		10.30 a.m.	Mark Titmus (RIP)	Christopher James Key
		6.30 p.m.	For all young people	
19-Oct	Mon	10.00 a.m.	Leo Goveas RIP	Cynthia Souza
20-Oct	Tue	10.00 a.m.	Kieran Reilly RIP	Gallagher
21-Oct	Wed	10.00 a.m.	Mary and John Coughlan (RIP Anniversary)	Davis Family
22-Oct	Thu	10.00 a.m.	Communion service	
23-Oct	Fri	10.00 a.m.	Muriel Kelly (RIP)	Jean & Desmond McGinley
24-Oct	Sat	10.00 a.m.	For unemployed seeking work	
		6.30 p.m.	No Mass	
25-Oct	Sun	08.30 a.m.	Cathy McKendry (Intentions)	Sarah McKendry
		10.30 a.m.	For you the people	
		6.30 p.m.	For all young people	

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Fr Paul Bigirwa, Patricia Mary Picton (Mary), Arthur Mathewson, Maureen Costello, Helen Sweeny, Pat Friel, Mary Reagan, Pauline Slawson, Janet McAllister, 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 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

Contactless Giving is here!

Please look out for the donation device – simple and easy to give. Choose an amount for your donation and tap your debit/credit card. You can donate either on the way in or the way out of Mass.



We are very grateful to all our regular donors who support the parish financially by standing orders, payroll giving or weekly envelopes. However, in the past, we have also received about £25k per year in loose plate collections which have all but disappeared as fewer people carry cash now.

We are grateful for every donation, no matter how small. Thank you for your generosity.

Entrance Antiphon:

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words,
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Response to the Psalm

Give the Lord glory and power.

IMPORTANT

Advance booking needed to attend 10:30 MASS on Sundays

During the COVID-19 crisis, St Margaret's are doing everything possible to allow you to worship safely. However, the 10.30 Mass has become very busy and to ensure that parishioners can sit at a safe, social distance, numbers need to be limited to the maximum allowed inside the building.

Therefore anyone wishing to attend the Sunday 10.30 am Mass must book a place in advance.

Bookings can be made through a link on the website. Bookings for the following Sunday will open each week on Monday and close on Saturday at 6:00pm.

If you or you know someone who has no access to the internet or has difficulty using technology, please phone the parish office 020 8892 3902 to reserve a place.

The 8.30 am or 6.30 pm Sunday Mass are less busy and there is no need to book a place – please just turn up. Or please consider coming in the week as the Sunday obligation to attend Mass is temporarily suspended.

For those parishioners still at home, we will continue to stream the weekday (Monday to Wednesday and Saturday) and Sunday Mass for you to watch and participate.

My hope is that these regulations and procedures will not have a long shelf life. Thank you for your co-operation in the meanwhile.

Fr Peter

18th October - 29th Sunday in OT

Isaiah 45:1.4-6

Psalm 95

Thessalonians 1:1-5

Matthew 22:15-21

25th October—30th Sunday in OT

Exodus 22:20-26

Psalm 17

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Matthew 22:34-40



CELEBRATE runs Catholic Charismatic, faith-filled, fun events for all ages, combining good Christian teaching, inspirational speakers and celebration of the liturgy, all in the power of the Holy Spirit. Young and old alike join together in a vibrant atmosphere to celebrate the love of God.

You can find more information on our website www.celebrateconference.org

We'd love to hear from you! Join the CELEBRATE community on our Facebook, or get in touch via email: info@celebrateconference.org
Please find links to [Celebrate Poster](#) & [Dates](#)

Sunday November 8th



Blessing of Graves

Fr Peter will bless the graves of those buried at Twickenham cemetery starting at 2:00pm.

If you would like a family grave blessed please contact the Parish Office giving an approximate location of the grave. As we are now in Tier 2 restrictions, further guidelines will be given out shortly.

The Bible Timeline Course

12 Periods, One Story!

The Bible Timeline Course, starting on Wednesday 4th November 2020 at 7.00pm, over 7 weekly sessions.

A 7-session course on Wednesdays, starting on **Wed 4th November, 2020 @7pm**

Course info: www.comeandsee.org

To register for the course: <https://comeandsee.org/registration.html>



Diocese of Westminster

The Year of the Word *continued*.....

Sunday Meditations for October 2020 - Kindly produced by Fr Javier Ruiz-Ortiz,

<https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/evangelisation/the-god-who-speaks/the-god-who-speaks---sunday-meditations---october-2020/>

According to Thy Word - In this new, faith-sharing resource for small communities, Mgr Keith Barltrop takes us on a journey through six ancient Titles of Our Lady, helping us discover how to echo in our own way Mary's words, "be it done unto me according to thy word" (Luke 1:38). The booklet is downloadable in Pdf

<https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/faith-formation/small-communities/>

According to Thy Word — Online: for those unable to join a local small community, there is an opportunity to join an online discussion over six weeks on Wednesday evenings at 7pm, facilitated by Deacon Adri-an Cullen. To register for this online faith-sharing event please contact Warren Brown at catadmin@rcdow.org.uk

• **Journeying with the Bible** - now online, the continuing series of talks presented by Fr Javier Ruiz-Ortiz PhD and Sr Monica Cardona STL. See website <https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/evangelisation/the-god-who-speaks/journeying-with-the-bible/>

To register for the talks please contact Catadmin@rcdow.org.uk



ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE
ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Due to Covid-19 restrictions our parent tours this year will take place virtually. The tours will take place every Friday at 9-9.30a.m from Friday 23rd October through to Friday 8th January (excluding half term and Christmas holidays).

The format of each tour will be:

- An introduction from the Head of Primary and an opportunity to ask any questions
- An information video about our Primary school
- A virtual tour of the whole College site

Please visit the website <https://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk/> to find out more information. We look forward to welcoming you to our primary school soon.

St Richard Reynolds are recruiting for an RE teacher with a specialism in KS4 / KS5 from November 2020 (maternity cover). Part time will be considered. Please contact recruitment@srrcc.org.uk for further details.

St Richard Reynolds are recruiting for an outstanding English teacher from December 2020 / January 2021 (maternity cover). Please contact recruitment@srrcc.org.uk for further details or visit our website

<https://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk/our-college/work-at-srr>

Extra helpers needed

All of you who have returned to Mass over the summer will have seen the team of stewards and ushers at each Mass, who greet you with the temperature "gun", record your name and contact phone number for track and trace purposes, usher you to a socially distanced seat and encourage an orderly queue at Communion. You probably don't see that they also stay behind after Mass and disinfect the pews ready for the next congregation.



Our team of volunteers have been very faithful over the last two months but now we need **SOME MORE HELPERS** to share the load. Please contact us via email stmargaretsonthames@rcdow.org.uk if you are happy to help, mentioning which Mass you usually attend.

*On Saturday 17th October
more of our children celebrated their
First Holy Communion.*

Congratulations to:



Cian Blunden

Samuel Pala

Kristian Pala

Kaosisochukwu Nicole Onuoha

Felix Shah

Filip Prochazka

*May God Bless them and their families and keep
them in His care*

Congratulations to our Confirmation Candidates.



*Thank you to Fr Peter and our Catechists for making
this such a memorable occasion.*

*May God Bless them and their families and keep
them in His care*

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Real junk food project

Justine, from Harris and Hoole, across the street from the Church has been running the Real junk food project Cafe at the Etna Community Centre, 13 Rosslyn Road on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 11:30am to 1:30pm. Socially distanced dining rules applied. Pay as you feel.



CAFOD
Just one world

‘Our parish raised £115.00 for CAFOD’s coronavirus appeal this Harvest Family Fast Day, in addition to donations made online or by text. Your support will help ensure our global family can survive, rebuild and heal. Thank you for your generosity, and please keep the world’s poorest communities in your prayers at this time.’

We recently held a joint online event between CAFOD and Missio for clergy and religious. If you would like to listen to a recording, [please click on the link below.](#)

<https://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/missio>

With very best wishes, Tony