

ST MARGARET'S PAGE



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST - 19 JUNE 2022 - Year C

Fr Peter writes: This Sunday the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Corpus Christi (the Body of Christ), to reinforce the central position the Eucharist holds in Catholic Life. A few weeks ago, the Bishops of England and Wales re-instated the Sunday obligation but to whom were they speaking. Those who remained faithful throughout lockdown, whether in person, when allowed, or online still participate each week. Those who found life possible without the Eucharist during lockdown still find it possible now months after the last restrictions were lifted.

The days of simple assent to the Bishops are long over along with most external forms of authority in society as a whole. Compliance without mission, purpose or example has become just another weight placed on the shoulders of the individual. Every adult recognises that life is full of responsibilities and duties but they are immersed, however un-congenial these responsibilities and duties may be in themselves, in the wider project of shared life, in family and in community.

This Sunday's Solemnity celebrates this wider project within which the call to participate at Mass on Sunday, makes sense. What is at stake in the Eucharist is the bodily identity of Jesus Christ, the reality of the Cross, and the gathering together of the people of God. Recognising this divine reality will help change our language from 'I need to be told to go to Mass, to 'I want to go to Mass.' Probably too much for a teenager, but for the rest of us, a continual road of conversion.

Being brought up a Catholic and participating in the rites of the Church, makes it seem completely obvious that the Eucharist is the way to engage with faith, turning words, sentiments, and doctrines into a form of shared worship. Yet this transition needs some explanation. It is now not obvious. Many of the traditional anchors that made sense of the Eucharist whether it be family meals, home cooking, physical presence, unconscious localism, and an ordered society are no longer the experiences of most young people now. The social bonds that bring us together are either voluntary, sporting fixtures, or cultural, events attached to the Royal family.

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi offers an antidote. Before few had ever questioned the reality of the 'real presence in the Eucharist'. This was the obvious implication of the words of consecration, preceded by calling down the Holy Spirit onto the bread and wine. St Thomas Aquinas turned the doubts of the country priest into sublime poetry emphasising both the reality and the consequences for salvation. The same prayers are still at Benediction, the rite born out of the Solemnity.

Later the Church would see the consequences of the Eucharist expanding into her social action. When monks and scholars

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

started to study the earliest years of the church from the late 19th century, they were not engaging in dry academic study alone. They saw prophetically that participating in Mass, receiving the Eucharist, the fruit of both the sacrifice of the Cross and Resurrection would inevitably change the believer's perceptions of the outside world, and create a unique spiritual-social community. Thus, social action became a fruit of liturgical renewal in the early 20th century onwards.

What distinguishes catholic social action from that of non-religious charitable organisations is not their relative merit but the pretext in which it is undertaken. Both the catholic, immersed in the Eucharist, receiving the food of the love of Jesus for the sinner, and the destiny to which all are called through the Resurrection gives a spiritual and eternal dimension to the charitable enterprise. The inbuilt modesty in recognising that one's efforts are a tiny contribution to the conversion of the world and the personal nature of the enterprise bring an essential humanity to the charity. Social action starts at parish level because the parish worships together. Christian formation involves Jesus Christ and each other.

Much of the missionary work of the Church involves both evangelisation and social outreach, a combination that disillusioned architect of Graham Greene's *A burnt out Case* could not appreciate. The missionaries were quietly going about their daily rounds alongside their religious practices. They gave witness to a higher power and therefore a deeper purpose. At best their charitable outreach took place without ego, they truly served. Their answer to the meaning was their unspoken life of service.

Every church service project needs a Eucharistic heart that recognises the higher power of Jesus Christ to save and His graciousness in giving Himself as our spiritual food for the journey. Recognising the need for this food shows that nothing is possible without God's grace, and by implication no-one is beyond needing grace nor excluded from receiving such grace. Our collective efforts here at St Margarets are ours but are not executed without recourse to the Eucharistic heart of the Parish.

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Mass Intentions Sat 18 June – Sun 26 June

18/6	Sat	10.00 am	Missionary spirit of the Parish and the Church	
		6.30 pm	The families of St Margarets Parish	
19/6	Sun	THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST		
		8.30 am	For you the people	
		10.30 am	Cara Brenninkmeijer RIP	Gerard Ban-Lavery
		6.30 pm	Works of charity in the neighbourhood	
20/6	Mon	10.00 am	Deceased members of St Margarets Parish	
21/6	Tues	10.00 am	Maureen Tanner RIP anniversary	Maz & Bernard Winter
22/6	Wed	10.00 am	Anne Garcia RIP	Catherine Sugrue
23/6	Thu	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service	
24/6	Fri	10.00 am	Aldo Bianchin RIP and Carmen Bourne RIP	Mercedes Bianchin
25/6	Sat	10.00 am	Missionary spirit of the Parish and the Church	
		6.30 pm	The families of St Margarets Parish	
26/6	Sun	8.30 am	For you the people	
		10.30 am	Carmen Bourne & Aldo Bianchin RIP Anniversary	Lily McCaw
		6.30 pm	John & Rita Ban-Lavery and Lynda Ban-Lavery	Gerard Ban-Lavery

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Cathy McKendry, Olga Romero, Sue Rolph, Rose Blackman, Stanislaw Wozniak, 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 Masterson, Carmen Ruibal, Chris McLoughlin (son of Olga), Judith Thomas, Allan de Souza & Tony Tucker

Anniversaries - 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, Kieran Brady

Recently deceased - Anne Garcia RIP, Mark Koscieza RIP (Nephew of Olga McLoughlin)

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 Harry Alexander Mark O'Neill who was Baptised last week. May the light of Christ burn brightly within him. Congratulations to the family.

Entrance Antiphon:

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

Response to the Psalm: You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.

Visits to the sick and housebound

If you are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact Deacon Joseph via the parish office.



A Day in Lourdes

Visit of the Relics of St Bernadette

St Mary's University is pleased to announce that the Relics of St Bernadette will be coming to the University Chapel on 6th September 2022.

Schedule for the tour

- **2.30 pm** - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and blessing of the sick
- **6 pm** - Sung Mass with choir: Rt Rev bishop Richard Moth. Guest Preacher: Toby Lees OP
- **8.30 pm** - Torchlight procession around the University with Rosary

If you wish to attend any of these events, please let the parish office know so that seats can be reserved for you. A group will be going from St Margaret's to the afternoon blessed sacrament procession and blessing of the sick.

It will be a marvelous event bringing loads to Twickenham for a day, so please join us, register your interest and book the date for your diary.



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13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 26 JUNE 2022

Genesis 14:18-20
1 Kings 19:16. 19-21

Psalm 109
Psalm 15

1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Galatians 5:1. 13-18

Luke 9:11-17
Luke 9:51-62

Glad to share pictures from our much loved tea afternoons and some from our keen gardeners lovingly looking after the parish garden.



Tea and Coffee



Our young gardeners looking after St Margaret's parish garden.



ST MARGARET'S FAIR 2nd July 2022

The church has booked a stall at the above event which is held on Moormead near the church. We will be selling religious items and books as well as some bric-a-brac. All proceeds will be donated to the Church Building Fund.

We are asking parishioners to donate items for sale, so please look for that item you no longer need or books that you have already read.

We are also looking for volunteers to set up and take down the stall and help on the stall during the day. (No clothes, knives or bulky items).

If you would like to have more information on the same or have any queries, kindly contact the parish office or Jimmy Green on 0208 977 6511.

We are delighted to tell you that the Eco Festival, part of St Margarets Fair, has invited the Twickenham Repair Cafe to take part in their new event. We will have some of our lovely repairers showing skills and we will be promoting our monthly events. Please drop by and say hello and why not buy our hard workers a tea / ice cream!

REPAIR CAFE Twickenham

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'Rooted and founded in love'
MEDICAL MISSIONARIES OF MARY



Thank you for stamps for Medical Missionaries of Mary

Sister Breeda Ryan MMM writes: "Please convey our thanks and appreciation to the Parish of St Margaret's for the wonderful stamps. I have some very enthusiastic retired Sisters who trim and sort the stamps and the funds raised go to a needy mission in Kenya. We will remember you all in our daily Community prayers."

We hope to do another collection of stamps for the MMM after Christmas so please keep your used stamps till then.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 – LOOKING TO LISBON

World Youth Day 2023 will take place in Lisbon in the beginning of August 2023. Diocese of Westminster Youth Ministry with support from Cardinal's Appeal is offering a limited number of places on this pilgrimage with a 50% discount to young people between the ages of 16-25. Any 16 year olds who apply will need to be finishing year 12 by the start of World Youth Day pilgrimage.



These young people will commit to a series of preparatory sessions from September 2022, to prepare them to assist in support roles during the pilgrimage, such as by acting as small group leaders, and also offer formation to them which will be helpful in living their faith post-World Youth Day.

More details can be found at

<https://dowym.com/programmes/world-youth-day-leadership-training/>

or by contacting Westminster Youth Ministry at youth@rcdow.org.uk. Please apply by 31 July 2022.

Will You take the first Step?



CAFOD's Gap year programme, Step into the Gap is a great opportunity for Young Adults aged between 18-30 to immerse themselves in interactive experiences, develop leadership skills while exploring their faith, and meeting new people.

This is a chance to reflect on your role in global society while spending a year inspiring others to act for the poor and most marginalised. Based in the UK in a retreat centre or Catholic Secondary school with accommodation, travel and stipend included.

Take the first step and find out more information and how to apply for September 2022 go to cafod.org.uk/gapyear

Tony Sheen
Community Participation Co-ordinator

A Day With Mary At St Vincent de Paul, Witham Road, Osterley Saturday 2nd July 2022

A day of instruction, devotion and intercession based on the message given at Fatima in 1917.



'Do not cast me off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength is spent' Psalm 71:9 'Day for Life' is the day in our calendar set aside to celebrate life from conception to natural death. This year the focus is on caring for and valuing the elderly. Funds raised from this second collection support various Day for Life initiatives, which focus on upholding the dignity of every human life from conception to natural death. Please do support this work in any way you feel able.

For more information and to donate, see here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/df122/>

Day for Life 2022: Resource Suggestions Sunday 19th June 2022 'Do not cast me off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength is spent' Psalm 71:9 Bishop's Message for Day for Life Bishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues 'We invite people to think again about the value and worth of older persons in families, in society, and to make practical choices to build bridges between generations.'

The full message can be read here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/df122-bishops-message/>

We will be having a Catholic History Walk along the Thames, starting from Margaret's Church:



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**Wednesday June 22nd, meet 6pm
outside St Margaret's Church**

We will walk along the Twickenham bank of the river, and discover the stories of exiled French royalty, Alexander Pope, St John Henry Newman, and more. The Walk will take about an hour and a half - of course you can leave any time. Suggested donation £5.00p

We are currently advertising a Teacher of English (Early Career Teacher)



ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

vacancy on our web-site and would be grateful if you could post the link somewhere in your next newsletter: <https://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk/our-college/vacancies>
Thank you in advance for all your support.

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