

# ST MARGARET'S PAGE



25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021 Year B

*In Peter writes:* This may be foolish to say but the predicted pandemic surge after lockdown restrictions were lifted has not occurred on the scale predicted by some scientists. This is not the moment, though, to proclaim that the pandemic is all but over. A middle path founded both on optimism that the worst is over and caution in maintaining Covid protocols, will be necessary for the months ahead. This middle way, of ambiguity and of muddling through, brings our bodily frailties and social desires together in a haphazard manner. Muddle lacks the clarity of bureaucratic process or ideological certainty. Muddle possesses all the hallmarks of indecision, and often the butt of journalists and internet ideologues secure in the fact they will never be asked to run any organisation bigger than themselves. However, this best describes how we our daily and family lives are conducted.

Muddle and confusion mark the disciples too. Their muddle was infused by the charismatic leadership of Jesus and the sense of foreboding about what was likely to happen in Jerusalem, their ultimate destination. Jesus, the spirit-filled Messiah will come to an untimely end, like the prophets before Him. Jesus describes his end, but additional talk about the resurrection left them confused. Fear as to the future and the enormity of what was being proclaimed left them baffled but something made them unable to ask Him to explain.

Jesus identifies why they were unable to explain without mentioning a word, by simply asking what they were talking about. Suddenly they could grasp that playground talk about who is the greatest did not sit well with talk of crucifixion and resurrection. Looking from the outside, the subject of their conversation seems at odds with their way of life. It shows how deep conversion must plumb to change deep seated perceptions and abandon such irrelevant concerns. The apostles show how living unreflectively, even an overt religious life can still

Mass Times & Liturgical Services (18/9 - 26/9)		
Saturday		10.00 am
Sunday		8:30 am, 10:30 am & 6.30 pm
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday		10.00 am
Eucharistic Service	Thursday & Friday	10.00 am
Rosary (In church)	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thur & Sat	9.30 am
Confessions	Saturday	10:30-11:00am
	Sunday	10.00 - 10.20 am

be a muddle of conflicting emotions, thoughts, and events. Perhaps some of us would like to bring a little more order into our lives whether it the material, maintain the family home, family finance, to the personal the welfare of children and parents. Imposing a human order on the muddle of daily life can only lead to disappointment, as humans do not respond to efficiency but require something more profound, love, time, and companionship. These in their turn require sacrifice not rigid order, and so sacrifice is at the heart of all shared human life.

How, one might ask, can sacrifice be maintained each day as humanly exhaustion would quickly follow. Sacrifice is more of a disposition, to be of service to others, not simply the addition of a multitude of tasks. The Gospel concludes with the reassuring words that all the energy needed comes from simply being receptive to the grace of Jesus Christ. Receiving grace, in trust, just like a child, is the simple answer, but also the most difficult, as our worldly pre-occupations quickly intervene. The good news is that Jesus does not abandon us, as He did not abandon the apostles. Discipleship is a continuous process of being muddled, seeing clarity, and becoming muddled again. There is hope in the chaos of daily life.

This will be the last newsletter article for a while and I will take up my pen again after my forthcoming retreat in October.

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**Mass Intentions Sat 18th September – Sun 26th September**

18/9	Sat	10.00am	Maria Agda Bertos	Claire Chapele
19/9	Sun	8.30 am	Mary Shipsey RIP	Peter & Su Slattery
		10.30am	For you the people	
		6.30 pm	Mary Coughlan RIP Anniversary	Davis family
20/9	Mon	10.00am	Works of charity in the neighbourhood	
21/9	Tues	10.00am	Work of missionaries throughout the world	
22/9	Wed	10.00am	John Clarke RIP	Davis family
23/9	Thur	10.00am	Eucharistic Service	
24/9	Fri	10.00am	Eucharistic Service	
25/9	Sat	10.00am	Deceased members of St Margarets Parish	
26/9	Sun	8.30 am	The families of St Margarets Parish	
		10.30am	For you the people	
		6.30 pm	Daniel Fanning RIP	

**Entrance Antiphon:**

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

**Response to the Psalm:**

The Lord upholds my life.



**Mass Arrangement for week commencing 20th September**

**THERE WILL BE NO SATURDAY 6.30 PM MASS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER**

**Weekday Mass**

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 10.00 am

**Eucharistic Service** - Thursday & Friday 10.00 am

**Weekend Masses**

**Saturday** - 10.00 am

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

(Booking no longer required for 10:30 am Mass)

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**Confessions**

Saturday 10:30-11:00am

Sunday - 10.00—10.20 am

**Rosary: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday** at

9.30am 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, Mary Arnold, Cesar Juan Urrutigoity, Mary Ethel Arnolda, Sydney Parkes, Wanda Ostrowska, Christopher Browne, Antonella Sesta, Margaret Masterson, Carmen Ruibal, Ann Macpherson, Chris McLoughlin (son of Olga), Kevin Sweeney, Christopher Cousins, Simon Barber & Teresa Smith

**Anniversaries** - Mary Edwards, Mary O'Malley, Ann Daly

**Recently deceased** - Patricia Parkes who died peacefully at her home having received the rites of the church. The family has thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers.

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

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



**Readers Rota**

Our thanks and good wishes are extended to Lydia Cuddy-Gibbs, who has organised so ably the rota for the Ministers of the Word and the Eucharistic Ministers for several years. Lydia is taking a break from this task as the birth of her second child is imminent. Emily Wantenaar, mum of Julia, one of this year's First Holy Communion children, has kindly offered to take on this role.

Should you wish to be added to the autumn reader's rota, please email [stmargaretsrotas@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:stmargaretsrotas@rcdow.org.uk) saying which Mass you normally attend.



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Wisdom 2:12. 17-20

Psalm 53

James 3:16 – 4:3

Mark 9:30-37

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 26th SEPT

Numbers 11:25-29

Psalm 18

James 5:1-6

Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

### Liturgical and catechetical activities

Before outlining the many different liturgical and catechetical activities that will be taking place in St Margarets, I would like to thank those who have assisted in the running of the parish over the last eighteen months. I am sure none of the helpers thought they would be offering a helping hand for such a long period of time and I would like to thank members of the welcoming committee, the cleaners, social event organisers and catechists. Each in their own way have allowed the parish to maintain both a liturgical life and sense of community.

Some of the good practices will continue notably our welcome desk in front of the church, of identifying new parishioners who have begun coming to Mass here.

The simple community events such as the regular tea parties will continue once the Hall has been refurbished.

Now the time has come in this period of post Covid recovery to reboot our parish life and help find the next generation of active participants to engage in parish life.

#### 1. Music at 10.30 Mass

Before the summer, I wrote that Bernard Winter has retired from both overseeing the music at St Margarets and leading the choir at 10.30am Mass. Once again may I thank him for the long years of music ministry in this parish.

From the beginning of September, I am pleased to say that Gavin Evenhuis will lead a group on the 2nd and 4th Sunday's of the month, and Mark Underwood, the 1st and the 3rd Sundays.

Both choirmasters singing faith and worship music and more traditional hymns are inviting those who wish to sing to come forward and engage in this ministry.

Emma Higham will continue to play the organ and sing at the 8:30am, and Eleanor Hill will be starting a monthly music group at the 6:30pm Mass, and James Holland will be singing at the 6:30pm twice a month as well.

Lastly, may I ask the Congregation to refrain from clapping at the end of Mass. It seemed a strange habit to me because liturgical music is about participation in prayer and not attending a concert of sacred music.

2. Sacristans— during the **pandemic**, it was not possible to have sacristans work closely with the clergy, but now I am looking for 4 volunteers who might set up for Mass and return the sacred vessels and other items used at Mass, back to the sacristy. This will be very helpful to me and these are simple and straight forward tasks.

3. **Teenage Confirmation**—will begin in January 2022.

### Sacramental Preparation

#### Baptism



The next Baptism course are as below: should you wish to have your child baptised in this parish, attendance at these courses is compulsory. Currently taking place on Zoom.

**November** 9th & 16th  
**January** 11th & 18th 2022

Should you wish for your child to be baptised, please either speak to Fr Peter after Mass or contact the parish office.

### First Holy Communion 2022



This year course will composed of a number of parts -

1. 10.30am Sunday Mass with children's liturgy. (November 7th till December 12th)
2. 10:30am Sunday Mass with children's liturgy (January 9th to February 6th)
3. 5:15pm Saturday Classes followed by 6:30pm Mass (27th February—3rd April)
4. 5:15pm Saturday Classes followed by 6:30pm Mass (1st May—22nd May)
5. First Holy Communion 11th June 2022

Should you wish your child to participate, please collect an attendance card from Fr Peter after Mass.

The First Holy Communion course is for those families who either live in the parish or have been coming here for a long time. Those from outside the parish who have not come to Mass here before, are advised to contact your local parish for FHC.

### Adult Confirmation

#### Mondays 6th September 6:30pm



This course is for those who wish to be confirmed before their wedding or perhaps wish to become a catholic. It will consist of a rolling series of talks and discussions tailored to fit those who come forward. The course will be led by Fr Peter and Deacon Joseph.

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!

**MONEY GIVING**

## Afternoon Tea

Wednesday 22nd September

2.00 pm - 3.30 pm in the parish garden. Everyone is welcome and feel free to get a friend along.



## Certificate of Catholic Practice forms

Fr Peter will sign the forms at the Church hall on the dates below



Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

Saturday 9th October 2020 11.00 am—1.00 pm

## St Paul's Catholic College, Sunbury - Open Events



For admission to Year 7 in 2022

Thursday 23rd September 2021

Open Morning from 8.45am-10.15am and 11.00am-12.20pm

Open Evening from 6.00pm-8.30pm

Evening Address from Headteacher, James Mc Nulty, at 6.30 pm and 7.15 pm. Tours approximately 1 hour – no appointment necessary

### St Paul's Sixth Form Open Evening

For admission to Year 12 in 2022

Wednesday 29th September 2021

Open Evening from 6.00pm – 8.00pm Address by Head of Sixth Form, Mark Jones, at 6.30 pm

## ST. MARK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL, HOUNSLOW

We invite Parents and Year 6 students to attend our

### Open Mornings and Open Evening on

Wednesday 29th September (Morning only)

9.00 – 10.30am

Thursday 7th October (Morning and Evening)

9.00 – 10.30 am and 5.00 – 9.00 pm

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*The 2nd of our 2 sessions of*

## *First Holy Communion 2021 (September 2021)*



*Congratulations to all our children. God's Blessings to you!*

*Picture courtesy - Simon & Emily*

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## St Margaret's Revive and Reunite Weekend

Save the Date: October  
15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>/17<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 15<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 16<sup>th</sup>

10 am Mass followed by Adoration & Sacrament of Reconciliation

11 am talk Fr Tim Redmond

Parish lunch followed by tea & coffee in the garden

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>

10:30 am Family Mass

BBQ lunch in the garden

Craft corner and outdoor games for children, teens, and adults

Helpers needed: please register with the parish office. Thank you.

