

ST MARGARET'S PAGE



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A 19th July 2020

In Peter writes: The days of home schooling are now over and the promise of some form of summer break is on the horizon. How much it will resemble previous summers remains to be seen but we can always hope. The Covid-19 pandemic with its attendant regulations and economic consequences has demonstrated that the world remains an ambiguous place. In terms of health and economics the disease has had a much greater impact on the old and vulnerable, and those in front line services, the gig and hospitality economy. The ambiguity of the world had never really gone away, it was just hidden behind a growing economy and slowly rising living standards for the majority. This crisis has stripped away the mask of human invincibility in terms of health and economic well-being.

These last few months need not be seen purely in a negative light. Instead for the person of faith and vision these times have demonstrated that any response, individual and collective will have to be positive in nature. To sit and simply absorb all the bad news and alarmist predictions either on television, the newspapers or internet is never going to inspire a positive approach. Hope lies deeper within the heart and touches on the spiritual conditions of living life itself. This Sunday's parable of the wheat and the darnel offers an explanation to our predicament. Darnel is always being sown amongst us by the enemy who in traditional language might be described as the devil in the world at large, or in the terms of psychology the shadow inside each of us. Whichever way this malign force maybe described, its existence is co-existent with creation, not as its principal cause nor its final end but as the ever-present rebellion against the created order. The forces of evil are found both within the world and within ourselves and others.

Jesus describes the consequences of this ever-growing darnel. To accept Jesus' teaching on the mysterious source of evil has profound consequences. Every worthwhile human endeavour will always at time be a struggle similar to the corn trying to struggle upwards for light amidst the ever-sprouting green weeds. The corn does break through as any visit to the countryside will testify, but the corn struggles.

The parable demonstrates another insight that will always serve us well. God is not indifferent to the struggles undergone in this life. Judgement will be passed at harvest time, and those excluded will be grinding their teeth, a singular image of those who thought they should be amongst the elect but find themselves excluded. As always it is easier to place others outside the mercy of God, but the parable is addressed to each of us that we seek friendship and communion with God now, to belong with Him now before it is too late.

Reflecting further, the knowledge that every worthwhile collective human enterprise undertaken over time will involve struggle. This is true for our own families, our workplaces, the local community, the country or even the parish. Yet this knowledge should not bring condemnation but mercy. Modern culture is very good at proclaiming the ideal of human behaviour, almost as if we live, on one hand, in the world of Hello magazine, and on the other within the faux-scandalised headlines of the tabloid press. The Church proclaims a different road. The eschaton will be the moment of definitive judgement between the wheat and the chaff. In the meantime, the project of life continues, the seed, planted in our hearts becomes the rich corn, and struggles with the darnel of complacency, self-pity and over self-confidence. The Church offers the spiritual food through the sacraments and preaching for this life journey, that allows for a successful struggle against the darnel.

This is the last newsletter before the summer, so may I wish you all a restful summer holiday where ever you are going and despite any potential limitations you might find on arrival! I would like to thank all those who have participated in the Sunday Zoom Masses as readers and musicians, and to Caroline Estorninho who has kept the technical side going and has acted as a tv producer for the last four months. All of you have kept the Parish together in this time and your collective efforts will bring many blessings. I would also like to thank our team of parish befrienders who have made contact with the many housebound parishioners in St Margarets Parish. You have helped keep us together during this extended lockdown and time of isolation.

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The Parish Office is closed because of Covid-19. Emails are continued to be checked regularly.

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday 20th July - Sunday 26th July

Mon 20 th	10.00 am	The staff and all the community of St. Edmunds Catholic Primary School in Whitton (Carmel & Leslie Hill)
Tue 21 st	10.00 am	Health care workers, doctors & nurses
Wed 22 nd	10.00 am	Thanksgiving on 80th birthday (Mary Ibbett)
Thu 23 rd	10.00 am	Thanksgiving of 15 year Wedding Anniversary (Walker)
Fri 24 th	10.00 am	Graham Ward RIP (Charlotte Charles' husband) (Margaret Tobback)
Sat 25 th	10.00am	Special Intention (Walker)
Sun 26 th	8.30 am 10.30am 6.30 pm	For you the people Kevin & Moira Wood (50th Wedding Anniversary) James Gallagher (RIP) (Mary Gallagher)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Pat Friel, Mary Reagan, Pauline Slawson, Janet McAllister, Ben, Mark Titmus, 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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Donal Dwyer (brother of Mary Ibbett), Rose Mitchell, Ann Noble, Juliane Ditsche, Antonio Lopes, Muriel Kelly, Juliet Grafton, Karina Kinnear

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like Mass said for your intentions or for the repose of the soul of someone, please contact Cynthia via [email](mailto:stmargaretsonthames@rcdow.org.uk) (stmargaretsonthames@rcdow.org.uk). She will compile the list which will be published on the Parish website each week.

Sunday Mass will be offered for the intentions of all the Parish, but Masses may be said for specific intentions from Monday to Saturday.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon (Psalm 53:6.8)

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.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 85)

O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Gospel Acclamation (Cf. Ep 1:17.18)

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon (Ps 110:4-5)

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

Communion Antiphon

THE FINANCIAL WELFARE OF ST MARGARET'S

The St Margaret's [Virgin Money Giving](#) is now live. This is a secure method for giving. If you are using the St. Margaret's website, you will find the Virgin Money Giving under the 'Support' tab.

Even if you are only able to donate less than you might normally do, every gift is valuable.

Thank you to everyone for your generosity.

Church Opening Hours

Monday to Friday – 8.00 am – 12.30 pm

Mass – 10.00 am

Saturday – 8.00 am – 12.00 pm

Mass – 10.00 am

Adoration – 10.30 am – 11.00 am

Confessions 10.30 am – 11.00 am

Sunday 8.00 am – 12.30 pm

Mass – 8.30 am & 10.30 am

6.00 pm – 7.30 pm

Mass – 6.30 pm

Keeping St Margaret's parish connected!



A sponsored, socially distanced "relay" on Saturday, 18th July

On Saturday morning, just before 9 am, 10 parishioners/families readied to set off. Thankfully the weather was good.

Some walked, some biked, some went on scooters. We went from house to house around the parish, each doing one "leg" between their home and the next one. The youngest participant was 3 years old, and we were also joined by a parishioner who had just celebrated her 80th birthday!

We did this to connect the parish, in both a physical and more metaphorical sense -- raising funds to contribute towards the purchase of the new AV equipment to support continued live streaming of Mass from St Margaret's. Making the Mass available to parishioners at home is playing a really important role in keeping parishioners connected to the church and the liturgy and supporting our community in these difficult times, especially those who are older and/or housebound. So a very big thank you to all those who took part. And also to those who could not take part but have already made a donation.



Any donations to support this effort would be gratefully accepted and can be made either

- using the parish Virgin Money link at <http://tiny.cc/aguesz>
- by cheque sent to the parish office, marked "AV equipment"
- or by direct transfer to the parish bank account

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LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN



Diocese of Westminster

CAFOD are offering a webinar of a Liturgy of the Word with Children at home. Parents and children are encouraged to join online for prayers and reflection on this Sunday's Gospel. It is based on CAFOD children's liturgy resources.

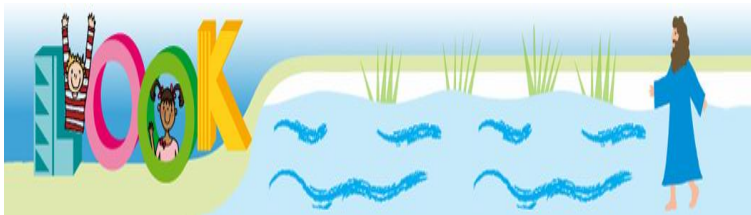


CHILDREN'S Liturgy of the Word

Please use [link to register](#): After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

For family support, TenTen are also making freely available resources for families, called Prayers for Home, which include '[Sunday Liturgy for Families](#)' and '[Daily Prayers for Home](#)'

Please find the **LOOK** color in sheets, for the month of June, to find what is in the Gospel.



Set of *Sunday Reflections* for *July*, kindly produced by Fr Javier Ruiz-Ortiz, for 'The God Who Speaks' initiative.

For more information on the 'The God Who Speaks' in Westminster see <https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/>

Updated website for further resources and ideas <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/>

SOUP LUNCHES

Sadly, our lunches will have to remain suspended for the time being. The people in the community who Fr David Cullen cares for in Zambia still live with great poverty and the need for our help goes on of course.



Because of the great generosity of a number of people, we have managed to continue making a contribution to his work each month during the lockdown period.

It would be wonderful if we could continue to make a monthly donation to the poorest in that community. If you could make a contribution to assist in his work, it would be greatly appreciated. **Please contact Bernard or Maz Winter 02089430824/07769721975** if you would like to make a donation to Fr David's work among the poor.

Volunteers Needed!



A friendly presence to reassure visitors

A Request for volunteers at Sunday masses to help maintain Social Distancing protocols during the summer.

We are looking to work on a Rota basis for Sunday 8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.30 pm masses.

Please contact us via email stmargaretsonthames@rcdow.org.uk if you can help.

READINGS & GOSPEL

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 26th July	
Reading 1 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12	You have asked for a discerning judgment for yourself.
Psalm Ps 118: 57. 72 76-77. 127-130 r.97	Lord, how I love your law!
Reading 2 Rom 8:28-30	God intended us to become true images of his Son.
Gospel Acclamation John 15:15	I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.
cf. Matt 11:25	Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.
Gospel Matt 13:44-46	He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 2nd August	
Reading 1 Isa 55:1-3	Come and eat.
Psalm Ps 144: 8-9. 15-18 r.16	You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.
Reading 2 Rom 8:35, 37-39	No created thing can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ.
Gospel Acclamation Luke 19: 38	Blessings of the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace be in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.
Matt 4:4	Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Gospel Matt 14:13-21	They all ate as much as they wanted.

Resumption of public Mass - Sunday Mass Arrangements

Public Mass will resume on Sunday 5th July under the following conditions laid down by the English Bishops following guidance from the Government. This is a welcome moment in the life of the Parish and I am sure many of you wish to chat with each other after so long. Please resist breaking social distancing however tempting! Everyone should be able to feel safe coming to Church so please respect each other in this regard.

There are a number of options with regard to Mass attendance though the Bishops have suspended the obligation to attend Sunday Mass for the time being. The 10:30am Parish YouTube Mass will continue.

Mass at 8:30am; 10:30am and 6:30pm. The maximum number that the Church can safely hold, following all distancing requirements is between 80 and 100. Every alternate bench will be unavailable for sitting and the middle part of available benches will be unusable. This will maintain social distancing.

Weekday Mass 10:00 am Monday to Saturday

This Mass will take place in the Main Church with the same protocols

Protocols

Entry: Please use the hand sanitizer available at the entrance.



Mass sheets and hymn books will be unavailable. There will be no public singing.



Reception of Communion: This will take place after Mass has finished. The priest will receive communion, then conclude Mass. The congregation will receive afterwards and then leave the Church.

Helpers

Every Mass will require two volunteers at the front to ensure everyone uses the hand-sanitizer, and further helpers to give a quick clean to the benches after the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses. Gloves and cleaning material will be provided.

Confessions

These will take place in the Library after the Saturday 10:00am Mass.

These arrangements may change slightly as the Parish works out how best to provide Mass whilst maintain government and episcopal requirements.

The Page will not be published
during the summer holidays.
We will gladly resume in the month of September.

Fr Peter would like to wish everyone a
safe and happy Summer holiday!



Thank You!
