

ST MARGARET'S PAGE



7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 20 FEBRUARY 2022 - Year C

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Pray + Fast + Give

Two charities put forward applications to be considered as recipients of this year's Lenten Project monies – so a decision was taken to accept both of them and to split any amounts raised equally between the two.

The charities that the parish will support this year for our collective almsgiving and fund raising are:

GETA. Give Education to All, St Theresa's Nursery and Primary School (STNPS) in Kibaale, Hoima Diocese, Uganda. UK registered Charity: 1167092

INS – Integrated Neurological Services, Twickenham. UK registered Charity: 1107273

GETA. Give Education to All

Since its formation in 2014 your generosity has helped GETA raise funds for the benefit of Fr Paul Bigirwa's educational project - St Theresa's Nursery and Primary School (STNPS) in Kibaale, Hoima Diocese, Uganda.

The school has two current projects:

1) to complete the extension to the girls' existing dormitory and the construction of 5 rooms for the teachers' living quarters. The foundations and walls were constructed prior to the disruption caused by the pandemic and funds allocated for the completion had to be diverted to Covid management measures. Approximately £1,500 is required to fund the works. The school has agreed to name this facility in memory of Margaret Tobback who was a great friend and supporter of Fr Paul.

2) St Theresa's is in the process of getting UNEB (Uganda National Education Board) accreditation, as they have been identified by the central government to conduct e-learning in the area as part of a national roll-out programme. They will initially require: X 5 Dell computers + peripherals, a Canon printer / copier + consumables, and X 5 power stabilisers at a total cost of approximately £2,000.

Thank you for your past generosity and your continuing support.

David Rose, Chairman and Trustee, GETA

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

INS – Integrated Neurological Services

A Twickenham based charity, we provide ongoing rehabilitation, therapy, social and emotional support to adults with a range of neurological conditions, including Stroke, Parkinson's, Multiple Sclerosis and Brain Injury. We also offer advice and training to their unpaid carers, many of whom have health issues of their own. The majority of those we help are aged over 65 years and unable to afford the long-term care they need to stop their condition deteriorating, which is not available on the NHS. We step in when timelimited NHS services end and deliver ongoing therapy and support to help people stay mobile and independent.

Neurological conditions are life-changing because they cause long-term disability and can affect people's ability to live independently. Our aim is to enable more people with a neurological condition to access integrated care and support to improve their health and wellbeing and make the most of opportunities available to them, so they can lead as fulfilling a life as possible.

Last year, INS supported over 300 people, with around 12 new referrals a month. The number has been increasing recently due to delays in diagnosing conditions during the pandemic and waiting lists for community rehabilitation teams.

With £5000, INS could offer an additional activity class for one year, such as an art and craft class or a creative writing class. These classes are invaluable in easing the isolation and loneliness that many sufferers and their carers experience when faced with a debilitating neurological condition. Thank you for your support. This charity was proposed by Ann Edes whose neighbour is supported by INS. Una Byrna, another parishioner, a long-time volunteer and friend of INS assisted with the application.

St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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Parish Priest: Canon Peter Newby. Deacon Joseph Estorninho; Parish Administrator: Cynthia Souza; Bookkeeper: Ann Edes
Office Hours: Monday to Friday (9.30 am - 12.30 pm) Emails are not checked out of office hours.

Mass Intentions Sat 19/2 – Sun 27/2

19/2	Sat	10.00am	Joseph de Souza RIP	Barbara de Souza
20/2	Sun	8.30 am	For you the people	
		10.30am	Frances Reynolds recently deceased. Mother of Anne Jones	Maz & Bernard Winter
		6.30 pm	For members of the McCarthy & the Thomson families	
21/2	Mon	10.00 am	Simona Gambini- thanksgiving on her birthday	
22/2	Tues	10.00 am	Elena	
23/2	Wed	10.00 am	Margaret and James Gormley	Susannah O'Leary
24/2	Thu	10.00 am	Ian Reid RIP	Mary Reid
25/2	Fri	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service	
26/2	Sat	10.00am	Michael Shanahan recently deceased	Cathy McKendry
27/2	Sun	8.30 am	Dan Heffernan RIP anniversary	Su Slattery
		10.30am	Joe Cummings RIP	Susannah O'Leary
		6.30 pm	Mary Lockett recently deceased	Gretta and Liam Gallagher

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Sue Rolph, Rose Blackman, 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), Christopher Cousins, & Judith Thomas

Anniversaries - Jean Brown, Eric Pinto, Dermot Morgan, Eileen Schmidt, Ellen Gallagher, Ivy Ollivier, Thomas CH Yong, Kathleen Balmer, Pat Brazier, Moira McDonnell, David Chow

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, May the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Entrance Antiphon:

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

Response to the Psalm:

The Lord is compassion and love.

Ash Wednesday Mass at St Margaret's

10.00 am & 8.00 pm



Liturgy at Home

If you, or someone you know will be unable to get to Mass on Ash Wednesday and would like ashes and a service booklet for an at-home liturgy, please let the parish office know.

Wednesday "Tea & Chat"



Come and join us every alternate

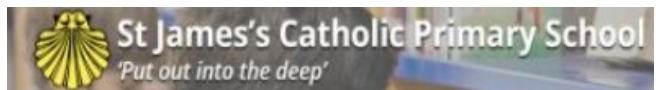
Wednesday afternoon

2.00 pm - 3.30 pm

February 23rd & March 9th & 23rd

All are welcome.

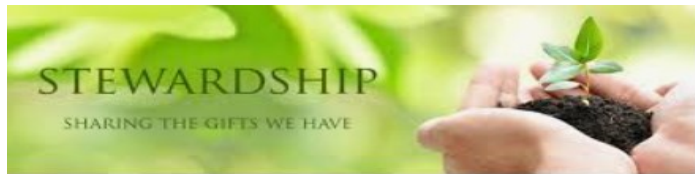
Please feel free to bring along a friend or a neighbour.



We are delighted to welcome the St James's School "Nota Bene" choir who will join us on Sunday 27th February to lead the singing at the 10:30 am Mass.



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8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 27 FEB 2022	Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7	Psalm 91	1 Corinthians 15:54-58	Luke 6:39-45



“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied Grace” – 1 Peter 4:10

Last November, the Finance Committee held a stewardship campaign to encourage parishioners to offer their time and talents to nurture parish life, to assist in furthering the mission of the parish and to reflect prayerfully on their financial support to the parish.

On behalf of Fr. Peter and the Finance Committee, I would like to thank you all for your very positive response to the campaign. More than 40 people offered their time, skills and talents to help with many of the important roles that are integral to the life of our parish and to provide a wider outreach to the community.

Many parishioners also reflected on their giving and have set up a new standing order or weekly envelope arrangement or have increased their existing one. These increased donations, together with gift aid, should increase the annual parish income by approximately £12,000 ensuring that the parish continues on a solid financial footing. Thank you. Everything that happens in our parish is only possible with your support.

Peter Slattery
Chair, Finance Committee

Donations to Parish Funds

If you missed the campaign to set up a standing order but would like to do so, please complete a form available on the website or from the parish office or you can do this yourself through online banking. The parish bank account is:

Bank: HSBC

Account Name: WRC DT St Margarets on Thames

Sort Code: 40 05 20 Account No: 01094823

For offertory giving, please use the bank reference: XOF your surname and initials

For donations to the building fund and refurbishment project, please use the bank reference: XBF your surname and initials

If you are a UK tax payer, please gift aid your donation which increases the amount the parish receives by 25% at no additional cost to you. Gift Aid forms are available from the parish office or on the website.

Thank you.



Holy Hour

Every Friday, there will be a Holy Hour with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction starting at

8:00 pm followed by Compline. Please join us as we pray for the grace to move our parish and the church forward following two years of living with the pandemic.

Advance notice of free event at St Mary’s University celebrating the launch of the book ‘Reclaiming the Piazza III – Communicating Catholic Culture’.

Tuesday 15th March 2022, 6.30pm-8pm, at Waldegrave Suite, St Mary’s University

Join us for the book launch of ‘Reclaiming the Piazza III - Communicating Catholic Culture’ edited by Leonardo Franchi, Ronnie Convery, and Jack Valero. Reclaiming the Piazza III is a timely contribution, showing how the Catholic theological tradition in its perennial wisdom engages with, and helps redress, the challenges of our times.

The event is free but booking is essential: <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/events/2022/03/reclaiming-the-piazza-iii>

Catholic History Walks £5 per person; more information on our website www.catholichistorywalks.com

Sunday February 20th. St Mary’s, Strawberry Hill. Meet **3pm** main entrance, St Mary’s University, Waldegrave Road, TW1 4SX. We’ll learn the story of this University and its connections with Horace Walpole, its WWII stories, and more.P

Friday March 4th Meet St George’s Cathedral Southwark London SE1 7HY **3pm**. (Nearest tube: Waterloo East or Lambeth North). A stroll around Southwark. Discover links with Charles Dickens, a ruined church with a story, and more about St George and why he is our local patron saint! This is a circular walk which will finish back at St George’s - but of course you can leave any time.

World Day of Prayer

Friday 4th March

10:30 am at Whitton Baptist Church
27 Hounslow Road, Whitton, TW2 7BZ



Every year a different nation in the world prepares a service which then takes place all over the world on that same day. This year's service has been written by women of England, Wales & Northern Ireland.

The local World Day of Prayer committee has asked us to put forward a representative from St Margaret's. The role would require attending two preparatory meetings (Nov & Jan) and the service itself in early March. Maria Sharratt was our representative until 2018 but since then we haven't been involved in the committee. It would be lovely to be a part of this ecumenical effort and hold a service at St Margaret's in the future. For more information, please contact Cynthia in the parish office.

Used stamps: collection for Medical Missionaries of Mary

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We are very grateful for the wonderful response that we have received as a result of which the stamp collection box will be out for another couple of weeks. Your help is immensely appreciated.

Used stamps needed for the MMM who sort and sell them to raise money for their work overseas. Please cut round them with a small margin and put in the box in the porch (and please, not the ordinary "Queen's heads")
<https://.mmmworldwide.org/>



The Passage a Catholic Charity, working with people who are homeless, is holding a St David's Day concert on Thursday 3 March at 7.30 pm in Holy Trinity Church, Sloane Square with

The London Welsh Male Voice Choir and soloist tenor Ryan Vaughan Davies. All tickets are £20. Please support the work of this excellent charity. Tickets at passage.org.uk/st-davids-day-concert or telephone 020 75921856

Kind regards,
Andrew Hollingsworth
Community Fundraiser

Bereavement Support



The Princess Alice Hospice works in partnership with community organisations to provide bereavement support training for volunteers. They have a programme to set up Community Bereavement Cafés that provide drop in sessions (usually once a month) that are open to all bereaved people regardless of how and where their loved one died.

These Bereavement Café's offer a warm welcome and a safe place to share experiences with other bereaved people and the volunteers who have had training from the Hospice.

The parish would like to host a monthly Bereavement Café but needs volunteers who are willing to be trained and then offer an ongoing commitment to run the Café sessions. The training is a two-day training on Fridays and there are dates in March, June and October of this year.

If you would like to find out more, please contact the parish office.



CAFOD's Walk Against Hunger Lent challenge

There are 200 million children in the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. This Lent, challenge yourself to walk 200km, and help give hunger its marching orders. Do 5k a day, your way, for 40 days, get sponsored and you'll conquer your 200km target in time for Easter – and help people around the world to live free from hunger. To find out more or take part, go to cafod.org.uk/walk.

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony



**Westminster Cathedral, Saturday
14th May 2022 at 3pm.**

The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2022. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).