

ST MARGARET'S PAGE



3rd SUNDAY OF LENT - 20 MARCH 2022 - Year C

In Peter writes:

Why do bad things happen to good people is one of the perennial human questions and the stuff of every religious studies A level and beyond in the intellectual world, and the lived reality of so many. What did the people of Ukraine or Syria do to justify having their cities, towns and homes pulverised? The secular world is ill-equipped to offer any philosophical solution, other than legislation which, as has become tragically obvious in both the Ukraine and Syria, is hardly worth the paper on which it is written. Legislation has replaced moral conversion because the starting place for every moral discussion begins with the un-vocalised sentiment that 'I am basically a good person' which multiplied universally makes 'everybody a good person'. It is bad people need legislation not me.

Questioning the morality of bad things happening to good people can imply that such events should be restricted by God to those who deserve such punishment. That process of thinking then involves judging between good and bad people, and judging is what the modern liberal would have to hate to admit. Yet secular liberalism is the true judgemental religion of the present day. To answer the question in this binary way always involves trying to find a culprit and implies placing God on the level as every violent person since Cain. The list of the violent is potentially endless. The victims of violence and natural disaster were not marked with greater guilt than anyone else. They were not targeted for those reasons.

This Sunday's Gospel presents us with the same ageless conundrum. Jesus avoids answering the question about the guilt of the victims and turns the matter round. Humanity should not remain passive in front of potentially future tragic events, either those caused through human sin or those caused by natural disasters. Instead Jesus invites a different reaction, of perpetual conversion, so being ever prepared, to meet God whenever the moment will come, both at death and in this life too. Despite all the difficulties of life thrown out seemingly at random and experienced in different ways, Jesus calls for positive engagement with building His kingdom.

The Beatitudes, from St Matthew's Gospel, commend the peacemakers because of their role in bringing together people of different views, mentalities and cultures, of enemies, and those mutually incomprehensible. In South Africa the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Committee worked to achieve just this end, of bringing seemingly diametrically opposed worldviews

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 & Thur	10.00 am
Eucharistic Service	Friday	10.00 am
Rosary	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri & Sat	9.30 am
Confessions	Saturday Sunday	10:30-11:00am

together. Such work is really only possible in Christian societies where forgiveness and reconciliation are part of the religious and cultural patrimony of the country. Such work is needed in Syria, and will be needed in the Ukraine, because creating a just society, of bearing fruit is always the Christian answer to war and destruction. Life possesses a divine source and to recognise its power through the mission of the Church is to seek to be converted. Christian life both extends from heaven over the barrier of death and into earthly life now. This divine spiritual power released by the death and resurrection of Jesus and into which every Christian has been inserted through the sacrament of baptism repairs the soul and potentially mitigates completely the tendency to sin and violence. The power of the Resurrection offers a vision of peace co-existence with others.

Great generosity has been shown by those families who will take in an Ukrainian refugee family but this generosity must be complemented by brining about the restoration of conditions that allow, should they wish, return to their home country. This is where they were anchored before the invasion and this land possesses the built environment and collective memories of generations.

Immediate generosity is marvellous but by itself does not fulfil the collective conversions implied by this Sunday's Gospel. Everyone has the mandate as a Christian to help create, influence and sustain the culture of the Gospel., the warm realities of homecoming, welcome, dwelling, and belonging. Here are the shared fruits of conversion and as the Gospel indicates there is an urgency to this mission, whether it is the Ukraine, Syria, this country, this local community, this parish, this family.

St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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Mass Intentions Sat 19/3 – Sun 27/3

19/3	Sat	10.00am	Deceased members of St Margarets Parish	
		6.30 pm	For you the people	
20/3	Sun	8.30 am	Patrick Doyle RIP	Shirley Doyle
		10.30am	Late John McHugh RIP	Mary McHugh
		6.30 pm	Maura O'Driscoll Devitt RIP	Tom Devitt
21/3	Mon	10.00 am	Deceased members of the Pinto family	
22/3	Tues	10.00 am	Wanda Ostrowska RIP	
23/3	Wed	10.00 am	Ernest Pacitto, Anniversary RIP	Margot Watkins
24/3	Thu	10.00 am	The families of St Margarets Parish	
25/3	Fri	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service	
26/3	Sat	10.00am	Missionary spirit of the Parish and the Church	
		6.30 pm	For you the people	
27/3	Sun	8.30 am	Jane Gallagher RIP	Mary Gallagher
		10.30am	Juana Lucia Espuelas (recently deceased)	Margaret Crowe
		6.30 pm	Wojciech Jozwiak RIP	The Watts family

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Olga Romero, 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, Christopher Browne, Antonella Sesta, Margaret Masterson, Carmen Ruibal, Ann Macpherson, Chris McLoughlin (son of Olga), Christopher Cousins, & Judith Thomas

Recently deceased - Fr David Cullen RIP, Wanda Ostrowska RIP

Anniversaries - Fr. Desmond Swan, Geoffrey Hunter, Hilda Lasow, George Chidzey, Winifred Spencer, John Cody, Alicia de Souza, Elizabeth Underwood, Catherine Rayson, Charles McQuorquada, Belinda Smith, Agnes Condron, William Affleck, Hazel Fabian

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 Cordelia Aurora who received her Baptism last week. A warm welcome to her to the parish community of St Margaret's. Congratulations to the entire Cuddy-Gibbs family.

Entrance Antiphon: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Response to the Psalm:

The Lord is compassion and love.

Lent at St Margarets

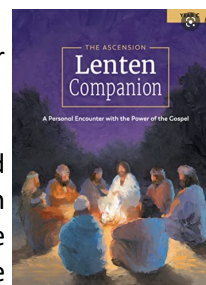
LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

During Lent the following times of prayer, catechesis and almsgiving will be offered to give an anchor to whatever we have decided will be our Lenten practices this year.

Lent Course

Fr Mark Toups: A personal encounter with the power of the Gospel



7:00pm – 8:00pm led by Fr Peter and Marta Baker (in person in the Church hall and by zoom). Kindly contact the parish office if you would like to receive the link.

Stations of the Cross



Wednesday's (7.30 pm led by Fr Peter or Deacon Joseph)

Friday's 7:30pm led by Deacon Joseph.

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday's 8:00pm – 9:00pm Exposition concluding with compline. 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.



Lenten Project

Please see details of fundraising events overleaf. Envelopes for donations are available at the back of the Church and can be added to the collection basket.

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT - 20 MARCH 2022 Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15

Psalm 102 1 Corinthians 10:1-6. 10-12 Luke 13:1-9

4th SUNDAY OF LENT - 27 MARCH 2022 Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm 33 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 Luke 15:1-3. 11-32

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SPONSORED FUNDRAISER

Lenten Project sponsored fun-run

Join our 2-mile family fun-run...jog...walk...or saunter along a stretch of Twickenham's finest riverside and through Marble Hill Park raising funds for St Margaret's Lenten Project in the process.

When: Sunday 20th March, from 2.00p.m.
Where: meet at the Church table outside the Barmy Arms.

(This is also the finishing point for this circular route)

Sponsorship forms are in the Church, the Hall and the Parish Office.

For more details see the Lenten Project information boards or visit www.geta.org.uk where there is a downloadable map of the route.

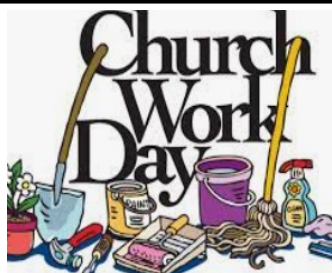


We need helpers to clean the Church

Could you help?

Saturday 26th April

10.30 am—1.30 pm



Could you spare one hour or so to help spruce up the Church. Lots of small jobs need undertaking. Come for an hour or come for the whole morning. Refreshments provided. Please sign up at the back of the Church or drop a note to the parish office, or even just turn up on the day.

More information—Chat to Patrick Collins & Jimmy Green via email stmargaretsonthames@rcdow.org.uk

Or reach the parish office: 020 8892 3902

SOUP LUNCH DONATIONS



We are planning to send our monthly Parish donation to Fr David Cullen to assist the poverty stricken in Chipata, Zambia, on FRIDAY 25th MARCH.

Because of your generosity, we were able send £300 in February. Your ongoing support for the impoverished people of that community is greatly appreciated.

If you would like to donate, please contact Maz or Bernard Winter on either: 02089430824 or 07769721975.

If you prefer, you can leave a donation with Cynthia in the Parish Office in an envelope, clearly marked ' For Soup Lunch' please.

Many thanks once again for your great generosity.

Maz & Bernard

Looking for a party venue?

The newly refurbished church hall, kitchen and bar facilities, with access to the lovely outdoor space, are available for hire during the day and at weekends.



£125 for a 4-hour booking for children's birthday parties. Some slots for regular weekday bookings are available - rates on application.

Please contact the parish office on 020 8892 3902 or via email

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Wednesday "Tea & Chat"

Come and join us every alternate Wednesday afternoon 2.00 pm - 3.30 pm



March 23rd

*All are welcome.
Please feel free to bring along a friend or a neighbour.*

Tap 'n Give



If you don't have a regular commitment to offertory giving, and prefer to make a donation by card, please do use our contactless device which is at the back of church.

You can enable collection of Gift Aid on this donation – if you register your details once then any future donations using the same card will recognise you as the donor.

The easiest way to do this is to scan the QR code below and enter your details on your phone. You will be asked to make an initial donation at this time.



Thank you. All donations are gratefully received and enable the parish to continue its mission to share and celebrate our faith in Jesus Christ with the Catholic community living in St Margaret's' and beyond.

CAFOD has launched its appeal, please consider channelling your funds through them.

They too will ensure funds go directly to Caritas Ukraine and Poland. The link is below:



<https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Ukraine-Humanitarian-Appeal>

Lent Retreat for Young Adults (aged 18-30s) with the Assumption Sisters on **Saturday 2nd April 2022** in Kensington.

Young people are invited for a day retreat (10.30am-6.30pm) to prepare for Holy Week and Easter, with talks, workshops, prayer, Stations of the Cross, time for confessions and mass. Venue: Milleret House, 23 Kensington Square W8 5HN. Donations only. **Register** by emailing: tramy@assumptionreligious.org



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St. Paul's Catholic Primary School

"The Governing Body of St. Paul's Catholic Primary School, Thames Ditton, Surrey, is looking to appoint a dynamic, forward-thinking headteacher to start in September 2022. If you would like further information, please email clerk@stpauls-thamesditton.surrey.sch.uk or alternatively please go to <https://www.eteach.com/job/headteacher-1216606> to apply. The closing date for applications is March 24th."

We are a fantastic school looking to work with an exceptional headteacher, or deputy, who is an experienced leader dedicated to achieving excellence in all aspects of school life.

Tony de Vizio

Staffing Governor, St Paul's Catholic Primary School
Thames Ditton, 07958 473690, 020 8398 6791



St James's Catholic Primary School

'Put out into the deep'

Foundation Governor Vacancy

Would you like to serve the local Catholic community in an important and strategic way, ensuring that our children benefit from an education that reflects a Catholic vision and ethos?

St James's Catholic Primary School, Twickenham, has a vacancy for a Foundation Governor. St James's is an outstanding school and Governors play a strategic role in the school's development. Governors need to be willing to work as part of a team, read papers, attend meetings and ask constructive questions. There is free training available from the Borough and the Diocese.

For this vacancy, we are particularly seeking applicants with commercial, contract or legal experience. This vacancy is open to Catholics who are not parents of children currently attending the school. Governors are appointed for a four-year term of office, which can be renewed.

If you would like to learn more about being a school governor, please email Edel Hindley, Vice Chair of St James's Governing Body at edelhindley@gmail.com.