

ST MARGARET'S PAGE



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
34TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME— 20th NOVEMBER 2022 - Year C

In Peter writes:

This last year has witnessed the death of Queen Elizabeth II and the country now waits for the coronation of King Charles III. The many years of dedication shown by the Queen contrasts with the high-handedness and petty squabbles of the political and media classes. Her constancy provided an anchor for those who have no wish to live their lives in a constant state of flux, faux indignation and imminent catastrophes. Monarchy in many ways has saved the country from the worst excesses of political and social chaos. It was not always thus. The tone was purposefully set by the Queen herself and within the limitations of human fallibility and weight of tradition, she refashioned the monarchy as the embodiment of stability and common decency.

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King, and this parish celebrates its Patronal Feast Day of St Margaret, Queen of Scotland. An unforeseen convergence of dates but illuminating. Sunday's Gospel, taken from St Luke's Gospel, is the account of Jesus' conversation with the two thieves on the Cross. One of the two criminals, recognises that Jesus had done nothing wrong, unlike either of them, and intuiting something about Jesus asks for forgiveness. Mercy is a fundamental facet of Jesus' kingship and had been a constant feature of His public life.

Reflecting on the mercy offered by Jesus throughout His life, demonstrates someone in complete control of Himself and so His actions, words and insights are completed orientated to the other. Kingship with regard to Jesus Christ is both supernatural, of cosmic proportions, but also of intensely human proportions, the mastery of self. Exercising His Kingship sits with His care with those He encountered.

Here lies the lesson for ourselves, mastery of self is liberation to serve others. Kingship in Christ's image is the commission to serve. St Margaret, our Patron saint, demonstrated the same dynamic, an internal mastery of self, despite the vicissitudes of political circumstances following the death of St Edward the Confessor and usurpation of the throne by King Harold II. Despite foreign exile in Hungary, later to flee to Scotland, she was known for her acts of mercy, and her piety. Despite the difficulties of her own life she never gave up her mastery of self, thus exercising her own queenship and free-

Mass Times & Liturgical Services		
Weekend	Saturday Sunday	10.00 am & 6.00 pm 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 6.30pm
Weekdays	Mon, Tue, Wed & Friday	10.00 am
Eucharistic Service	Thursday	10.00 am
Rosary	Monday to Saturday	9.30 am
Confessions	Saturday Sunday	10:30-11:00am 10.00 – 10.20 am

ing herself to serve others.

Jesus Christ has always been thought by the Church as exercising a kingly ministry, a fact emphasised by the genealogies in the Gospels, and of being son of David. From His conception Jesus had been marked out for kingship, a kingship that extended beyond the Jewish people to embrace the world, and ultimately the cosmos. This sequence known through progressive stages only makes known what was true for the beginning, that Jesus Christ is King.

Jesus' kingship, even in its cosmic proportion, never left its origin in the life of one person. The whole of reality found in the one king, Jesus Christ. This combination of whole and individual mirrors the church's understanding of conscience, of taking care of the whole by taking care of the part. It is easy to see in the light of this relationship between whole and part, of world to individual how destructive so much modern media has become. Constant attempts to disenable the individual in front of the crises of the world by so-called experts and managers are their ways of maintaining their positions of privilege and power. Once the individual is frozen out, kingship disappears because mastery of self has been replaced by group think.

Group think has cost the Church dear in all her scandals, it has cost every other profession, educational and political entity too. Exercising mastery over oneself, being your own king or queen, allows one to serve detached from ego and the need to conform needlessly to the forces of group think rather than Jesus Christ. St Margaret is a great inspiration. Wherever we are, whatever conditions in which we live, prayer to God and service to the other is always possible. Mastery of self through the gift of the Holy Spirit will allow us to offer even greater service to others.

St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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Mass Intentions Sat 19 Nov – Sun 27 Nov

19/11	Sat	10.00 am	For the Holy Souls	
		6.00 pm	The families of St Margarets Parish	
20/11	Sun	8.30 am	For the Holy Souls	
		10.30 am	For the Holy Souls	
		6.30 pm	For the Holy Souls	
21/11	Mon	10.00 am	For the Holy Souls	
22/11	Tues	10.00 am	Works of charity in the neighbourhood	
23/11	Wed	10.00 am	For the Holy Souls	
24/11	Thu	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service	
25/11	Fri	10.00 am	Work of missionaries throughout the world	
26/11	Sat	10.00 am	Geny Anderson RIP	Kasia
		6.00 pm	The families of St Margarets Parish	
27/11	Sun	8.30 am	For the Holy Souls	
		10.30 am	Ronald Cooper RIP anniversary	Margaret Watkins
		6.30 pm	John & Rita Lavery and Lynda Ban-Lavery	Gerard Ban-Lavery

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Cathy McKendry, Olga Romero, Sue Rolph, Rose Blackman, Rachel Rose, 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, Dr Christopher Khoo, John Wood-Collins, Eleanor Drew, Theresa Bulpitt (sister of Margaret Crowe) & Mary Maguire

Anniversaries - Carmel Murray, Bernard Cunningham, Gerald McDonnell, Angela De Souza, Annie Swan, Irene Stanley, Keith Anthony Mathewson, Myles Murray, Vyvien Leyel, Nina Gumbleton, George Noonan, Gertrude Pugh, Michael Ryan, Kathleen Chidzey

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 Henrietta Pia Caroline Crowley who was Baptised 2 weeks ago. May the light of Christ burn brightly within her and guide and protect her always. Congratulations to the family.

Entrance Antiphon:

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.

To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

Response to the Psalm:

I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's house."

LAS POSADAS 2022

Innkeepers & Pilgrims Needed in Advent

Small figures of Mary & Joseph will be travelling through



Twickenham this Advent. Inn-

keepers are needed to host them for a night as they continue their journey. Would you like to welcome them into your home? Innkeepers then become pilgrims as they take Mary and Joseph on the next leg of their journey to the next home they will be staying at.

The tradition of the travelling crib is hundreds of years old and originates from Spain and South America where each evening during Advent "Las Posadas" takes place ("posada" means inn or lodging). Pilgrims re-enact Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem in preparation for the birth of Jesus, travelling on their journey looking for somewhere to stay for the night.

This is a lovely way to do something spiritual in Advent and enhance your anticipation of Christmas and the excitement of receiving again the new life that comes to us with the birth of the baby Jesus.

Young and not-so young; singles, couples and families can all take part.

The sign-up sheet is online. If interested, please sign up for one date on the sign-up sheet at volunteersignup.org/MDFYD with your name, address and contact details. Ann will then be in touch with further details of Mary and Joseph's journey.

Any questions, please contact Ann Edes on 07837 095 837 or annxedes@gmail.com

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - 20 Nov 22

2 Samuel 5:1-3

Psalm 121

Colossians 1:12-20

Luke 23:35-43

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Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 121

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

St Margaret's Forthcoming events



Thank you to all those who came together for the Blessing of the graves

Sunday, 20th Nov.

10.30 am Mass

Feast day of St Margaret's

There will be a shared lunch in the hall after Mass. All are welcome. Please bring a savoury side dish or a pudding to share. Helpers needed on the day. Donations will be gladly received.



Sharing pictures of our Children's Advent Wreath making session that took place on 13th November. **Come join us for the next one after 10.30 am Mass on Sunday 27th November.**



Advent wreath making evening in the Church hall

Saturday 26th November,

8pm till 10pm

Donations requested to cover the cost of materials.



We will be making a traditional wreath in oasis with foliage, berries, candles etc.

All materials will be provided along with a glass of mulled wine and mince pie.

Places need to be booked in advance to ensure we can provide all the materials.

This is not a tutorial it is just a nice get together to celebrate the start of Advent.

Limited spaces available. Please contact the office if you wish to book.

21st November, 12.30-

1.30pm: There will be

a Prayer Vigil outside

the Home Office with Westminster Justice & Peace and London Catholic Worker to pray for migrants seeking safe passage to the UK. Third Monday of every month. Contacts Barbara Kentish (J & P) bararakentish@talktalk.net and Br Johannes Maertens (LCW) johanmaertens@hotmail.com

PRAYER VIGIL



"Is there any hope for the world?"

Whether it's a climate crisis or a catastrophe, the long-term prospects for planet Earth are not good.

Rev Derek Winterburn (Anglican Lead for Care for Creation in this part of London) will tackle head on how Christians can bring a distinctive perspective to the essential changes we all should be making now, as well as how we might work for wider changes nationally, and internationally.

Saturday 26th November 8:15 – 10:00AM

Enjoy a delicious hot Breakfast



We need helpers to clean the Church, Could you help?

Sat 10th Dec 2022 , 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.

For more information contact via email - stmargaretsonthames@rcdow.org.uk or chat to Patrick Collins & Jimmy Green after Mass. Or reach the parish office: 020 8892 3902.



The Friends of Westminster Cathedral are holding the following events to support Westminster Cathedral. Both events are to be held at 7 pm in Westminster Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Avenue, London SW1P 1QJ.

- 22 November: Katharine Parr: The Sixth Wife. Talk by Alison Weir 7pm £10
- 23 November: Cathedral Quiz with fish and chip supper. 7pm £18

Tickets from friends@rcdow.org.uk
Andrew Hollingsworth, Vice-Chairman

From January 2023 we will be starting up a new Parent & Toddler group on **Thursday mornings 10am till 12 noon, term time only.**



We are looking for people to join our rota to volunteer at these sessions. If you are interested please contact Kathryn (07889952111)

It would be super to have a mixture of Parents and Grandparents involved in this offering from our Parish to the community.

If you are able to donate good quality toys for babies and toddlers, trains, dinosaurs, farm animals / farm, fancy dress, puppets, duplo that you no longer need at home or larger items like kitchen, dolls house, train table, please can you call Kathryn to discuss.



CAFOD World Gifts: Give a gift of hope this Christmas

In Advent, let's share the promise of hope that has been made to us with our sisters and brothers around the world. You can buy CAFOD's World Gifts for family and friends this Christmas online at <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/> or pick up a catalogue in church. World Gifts such as "super soup kitchens", "trees for life", or "water for a family" will help transform lives in a world filled with challenges.



GETA Soup Lunch

Many thanks to all who were able to attend the



Soup Lunch on Friday 11th November. Your generous donations raised a total of £131 to continue supporting the work of Fr Paul Bigirwa in Uganda. GETA is in discussions with Fr Paul as to the direction of our future financial support for his initiatives. This includes the possibility of sponsoring the Further Education (16+) of identified students.

David Rose

charity no. 1167092

NEW PARISH ADMINISTRATOR FOR ST THEODORE'S, HAMPTON:

We are currently advertising for a new part time Church Administrator. The role is being advertised on the Diocesan website: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/parish-administrator-hampton-on-thames-parish/> The closing date for applications to the Diocese is Monday 5th December 2022 at noon.

Laptop required

by our Ukrainian guest (to learn English so she can get a job). If you have a laptop, in good working condition, that you are willing to donate please contact Teresa Smith 07726 722614

As we gradually begin to turn our attention to



a life in the Spirit course

Advent and Christmas, come join us as we start to explore "The Gift," a course that will help us develop a much closer personal relationship with God: The Catechism reminds us that we can actually come to know the Father's love like Jesus did while on earth. 'This is the most beautiful moment of any creature's life: to know that one is loved, personally, by God, to feel oneself lifted to the bosom of the Trinity and to find oneself in the flood of love that flows between Father and Son, enfolded in their love, sharing their passionate love for the world.' Fr Raniero Cantalamessa, Come, Creator Spirit. **We will be running the first three sessions of the course before Christmas, on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm starting on November 17th and then 24th November and 1st December.** The teachings are relaxed, personal and informative, rooted in the Bible, the Catechism, Evangelii Gaudium and reflections on the Holy Spirit from Pope Francis. Sessions are comprised of a 30 minute video followed by small group discussion over tea and biscuits. Please do join us!

St Anne's Nursery At St James's Catholic Primary School

Places available now for January 2023! The nursery at St James's has everything you would expect for your child's initial experience of education. The children have access to a large open plan learning space that leads directly to a well-resourced outdoor space. There are many well-documented advantages of sending your child to a nursery provision at a primary school but the most immediately obvious, is the extensive amount of resource available. The nursery is led by our highly experienced practitioner, Mrs Hayes, who has specialised in this area of education for many years. Mrs Hayes and her team of practitioners ensure that the children are immediately recognised for their strengths, nurtured for their individuality and are readied to make the best possible start in their primary education. Children of St Anne's Nursery really know how to 'Put out into the Deep'. We would love to welcome your child to our nursery. More information is available on our website and we offer prospective parent tours every Friday morning. Call the school office for a space. <https://www.st-james.richmond.sch.uk/> Contact: 02087448860



Enjoy warmth and good company here at St Margaret's at our much loved "Tea & Chat" every alternate

Wed from 1:45 pm – 3:15 pm

Dates for your diary. Please note the slight change of dates

November 23rd

December 7th & 21st

All are welcome.

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

