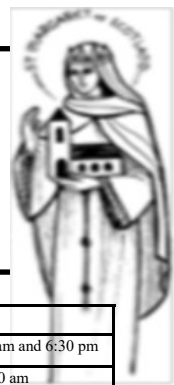


ST MARGARET'S PAGE

1st SUNDAY OF LENT - 21st February 2021 Year B



In Peter writes: Last Thursday, the day after Ash Wednesday, the readings at Mass struck me as being marvellously contradictory, Moses was saying, 'choose life' while Jesus was saying 'loose life'. These contradictions make it very difficult for an atheist to get a grip on Christianity, a religion with a definitive content but also a context that can bring two seemingly opposing thoughts into unity. Choosing life in front of the Law is the obvious course to follow, to give up life, in another context, that of taking up one's Cross makes sense too. What brings the two together is not the arbitrary will of God, but of our changing disposition in front of God, of following a way that denies immediate satisfaction in order to seek the greater life, for the Israelites, the Promised Land, for the Christian, the Kingdom of God.

Lent is the season when we ask Jesus Christ to take control of our lives; to free us from more than we can hope and offer us life beyond our imagining. Oscar Wilde was quoted as saying he could resist everything except temptation. A crusty old English Literature don at Oxford University used to complain to me about undergraduates finding value in Wilde's aphorisms. Wilde was melodramatic about temptation but does make the point that resistance, as we all know, is somewhat more difficult than commonly imagined. Anyone who has been on a diet knows that even an unprepossessing leftover in the fridge has an alluring capacity. Some small thing tugs at us almost unconsciously to break the diet, to declare inwardly that it did not count.

Temptation becomes for the follower of Jesus the negative side of the positive attempt to live the Christian life. Temptation is always present to us and this Sunday's Gospel recognises that temptation was always present to Jesus too. What would it mean for Jesus to be tempted, one without sin or experience of wrong doing? These temptations are not those from which we suffer, but the life-long temptation of falling away from His mission to save humanity through the Cross.

Jesus is literally thrown into the desert after His Baptism by John where He is tempted. No details, unlike St Matthew's and Luke's Gospel, are given. Indeed, for the literary minded, the temptation of Jesus forms part of the Prologue of St Mark, the few introductory

Mass Times & Liturgical Services		
Sunday	8:30 am, 10:30 am and 6:30 pm	
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday		10.00 am
Eucharistic Service	Friday	10.00 am
Adoration	Saturday	10:30 am - 11:00am
Rosary	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu & Sat (via Zoom) (please email the office for link)	9.30 am
Confessions	Saturday	10:30-11:00am
	Sunday	10:00-10:20am

lines that set the context for His public life. Placing temptation in the introduction alerts the reader to identify where Temptation might lie for Jesus. Reading further into the Gospel, Jesus gets up early to leave Capernaum so that he does not become some local celebrity; He continually crosses the lake to avoid the crowds without success; He tells Peter, 'Get behind me Satan', when Peter suggests with wishful thinking that He will not die a violent death; He accepts His Father's will in the Garden of Gethsemane; He remains silent at His trial. All these were moments of positive decision, about remaining on the path of being the Messiah.

Temptation covers the obvious sins but there is something more subtle here about abandoning the destination to which we are all being called, supernatural life within the Trinity, heaven. Jesus' temptations were about abandoning His vocation as the live-saving Messiah, our temptation is to abandon our vocation to become human. No-one becomes human in abstract or as a good idea, but through life as lived, our families, our friends, those with whom we share our lives and our communities. Temptation pulls us away from this vocation to become human, to focus on ourselves to the detriment of others, through pride and selfishness.

This Sunday's Gospel of the Temptations of Jesus identifies the vocation to which every person is called to become human, a vocation only fully possible in Jesus Christ. Perhaps the most difficult lesson to learn is that if we never experience temptation of whatever form, then we are making no attempt to live the Christian vocation. Better to stumble than to think there is nothing personally wrong. But something is wrong therefore it is other people - the default position of modern secular liberal society.

St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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Mass Intentions

Saturday 20th February – Sunday 28th February

20Feb	Sat	10.00am	Bernard Frances Lee (RIP anniv)	Adeline Lee
21Feb	Sun (1st SUNDAY OF LENT)	8.30 am	Tony Slattery RIP Anniv	Su & Peter Slattery
		10.30am	John McHugh RIP	Mary McHugh
		6.30 pm	Margaret Tob-back RIP	Maz & Bernard Winter
22Feb	Mon	10.00am	Sr Elizabeth Emmett RIP	Barbara de Souza
23Feb	Tue	10.00am	For the private intentions of Fr lan Hoskins	Ann Edes
24Feb	Wed	10.00am	Cecilia Souza RIP	Ann Edes
25Feb	Thur	10.00am	Desmond McGinley RIP	Rose Blackman
26Feb	Fri	10.00am	Eucharistic Service	
27Feb	Sat	10.00am	Anton Barber RIP	Pat & Paddy Walsh
28Feb	Sun (2nd SUNDAY OF LENT)	8.30 am	Jo Heffernan RIP Anniversary	Su & Peter Slattery
		10.30am	Cecilia Souza RIP	Chris & Cynthia
		6.30 pm	For you the people	

Entrance Antiphon:

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

Response to the Psalm:

Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant



Current arrangement for Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday

at 10.00 am (streamed on YouTube)

Eucharistic Service on Friday's

at 10.00 am (not streamed)

Sunday Mass as normal

8.30 am

10.30 am (streamed) (Bookings via website)

6.30 pm

Rosary on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday at

9.30 am (join via Zoom)

Government guidelines allow Churches to remain open for worship.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Stanislaw Wozniak, Adriana Posse de González (Valeria's Mum), Rachel Rose, Fr Paul Bigirwa, Patricia Mary Picton (Mary), Arthur Mathewson, Pat Friel, Mary Reagan, Pauline Slawson, Ben, Carol Samba, Colin Bartram, Gerry McEntee, Rose Williams, Peter Coughlan, Hilary Sudell, Rose Lorden, William Hamilton, Luca, Mary Arnold, Cesar Juan Urrutigoity, Mary Ethel Arnolda, Sydney and Patricia Parkes, Wanda Ostrowska, Christopher Browne, Antonella Sesta, Margaret Masterson, Carmen Ruibal, Ann Macpherson, Chris McLoughlin (son of Olga), Kevin Sweeney & Christopher Cousins

Recently deceased – Bernard Sharratt RIP, Margaret Tob-back RIP, Peta Ledingham RIP, Eileen Phelan RIP (Ray's mother)

Anniversaries - Eric Pinto, Dermot Morgan, Eileen Schmidt, Ellen Gallagher, Ivy Ollivier, Thomas CH Yong, Kathleen Balmer, Pat Brazier, Moira McDonnell, David Chow, Neville Stracey, Rosie Noaks, Rita Kabat

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the Mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

Congratulations to our 100 Club Winners February Winners

1st Prize - £100/- No. 37 - Catherine Wigington

&

2nd Prize—£50/- No. 24—Mary Ibbett

Cheques will be in post shortly.
Numbers are picked by a Random Number Generating Website.

21 February - 1st SUNDAY OF LENT	Genesis 9:8-15	Psalm 24(25):4-6,7b-9	1 Peter 3:18-22	Mark 1:12-15
28 February - 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT	Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18	Psalm 115	Romans 8:31-34	Mark 9:2-10

Lenten Almsgiving



Thank you to all those who voted. Over 120 votes were received through a mixture of in person, online and by phone. We are pleased to announce that the charity who received the most votes was Richmond Furniture scheme. The monies raised by St Margaret's will go to procure starter packs of essential home items for those being re-housed or moving into accommodation for the first time.

Please note: the parish WILL NOT be collecting furniture. If you do have good quality furniture that you no longer need, please contact RFS directly on 020 8765 4665 although it is not open at present due to lockdown restrictions.

The three main objectives of the Richmond Furniture Scheme within the borough of Richmond:-

Poverty – The prevention and relief of poverty by supplying donated furniture and household goods at minimal cost to those in need in the borough;

Environment – The protection and preservation of the environment by encouraging the reuse/recycling of donated furniture and household goods

Volunteering – Providing a space for people to come & gain valuable experience, brush up & learn new skills & to improve their wellbeing.

The project for which we urgently need support: Starter packs for those in the greatest need

We are currently experiencing an increasing level of referrals for those coming to us for help from particularly difficult circumstances who have little or no possessions. They include families fleeing domestic violence, homeless people (often coming off the streets into housing for the first time) and many others coming to us from emergency housing & challenging personal circumstances.

We would like to give additional and much needed assistance as they start to rebuild and restart their lives in a new home by providing them with basic starter packs. These would include key items needed in the home such as kettles, saucepans, cutlery, basic cooking utensils, crockery etc. Necessary items that are difficult to fund on a very limited budget.

How can you get involved?



Have you got a skill, passion or talent that you could share? Would you hold a mini-workshop on Zoom?

We are keen to hold mini online fundraising events on Zoom typically half an hour or 45 minutes long. Could you help with this fundraising? If you own a skill that we could benefit from which could include baking, cooking, crafting, keep fit, singing, home pub night socials, quizzes, acting skills, music, poetry reading, IT skills workshop, gardening (for example creating a spring planter etc) or any other skill that you are happy to share.

Could you run a children's competition? To create an Easter garden on a tray, organise a family bake-off, lead a craft session?

As well as raising money, this would also be a good way of keeping those who are shielding feeling connected with the parish community.

Please get in touch either with Vicky Phelan or the parish office if you would like to know more.

Envelopes for weekly or one-donations will also be available.



Possible other activities for Lent

[The Lenten calendar](#) produced by Hanwell parish which they have suggested be shared with other parishes. It offers opportunities for prayer and for simple actions in line with Laudato Si and Fratelli Tutti.

The Passage 40 years of service to homeless people. To mark 40 years of service to homeless people this Lent we have produced 40 reflections for Lent each marking a year of service and reflecting on the needs of homeless people today. If you would like to share in our Lenten journey please contact Andrew Hollingsworth andrew.h@passage.org.uk tel. 020 75921886.



Dates for Pre Baptism Course 2021

Session 1 & 2
23rd February & 2nd March

Session 1 & 2
11th May & 18th May

Please contact the parish office via email for more information.

First Holy Communion Sessions 2021

Should the government announce the return to school for March 8th, the Parish will begin the First Holy Communion course on Saturday 20th March. The 14 children will be in their school bubbles, and we will engage in a socially distanced learning activity for the children, and I will give a talk to parents in the Church, again socially distanced. I will make the final decision next week.



CONFIRMATION 2021

Because of the current lockdown and the uncertainty surrounding the date for resumption of normal services we will be conducting our Confirmation sessions on-line using Zoom. The first session will begin on **Tuesday 23rd February at 8:00** and thereafter at the same time each week. As we will have only 5 sessions there will be additional material to view on-line during the week, which will be discussed in the following session. Attendance at all sessions is expected.



Please register your interest at the parish office.

Marriage Course

The next Marriage Preparation Course will take place here at St Margarets on **Saturday 27th March**, either in person, if permissible, or on-line. The cost of the day-long course is either £80 per couple (if held in person) or £50 per couple (if held on line). A decision as to the form of the course will be taken at the beginning of March.



This year the parish will offer a 30-minute weekly Lenten reflection beginning with a short presentation by Fr Mark Toops of Ascension Press on the previous Sunday's Gospel. This will be followed by some discussion prayer and music.



The times are Monday 8:00pm and repeated Tuesday 11:30am. If you would like to participate, please look at Fr Marks' first video for Ash Wednesday. We will look at his other videos on the days themselves.

<http://www.youtube.com/embed/dPn86vrvIMc?autoplay=1&rel=0>

I look forward to sharing our Lenten journey together.

Fr Peter

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday during Lent, join Deacon Joseph for Stations of the Cross at 7:30 pm.

To join, go to the St Margaret's website and click on the link.

[St Margaret's \(stmargaretsrchurch.co.uk\)](http://StMargaret's(stmargaretsrchurch.co.uk))



Children's Liturgy on Zoom; on alternate Sunday mornings

9:45 – 10:15 am

For children aged 4 – 11 (roughly)



Upcoming dates: Feb 21st, March 7th & 21st
If any children would like to join the children's liturgy sessions, please email the parish office for the zoom link and to arrange to pick up a pack of the craft materials. Thank you.

Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience™ will be streaming on Saturday 1st May at 5:00 GMT.



Join our pilgrimage guide, Deacon Dan Revetto of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles for this wonderful experience. The *Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience™* will last about 90 minutes. Pope Francis has granted a plenary indulgence for all who take part in the *Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience™*.

The link to join will be put on the website in due course.

Offertory Giving

Thank you to all those who manage your regular giving through standing order, payroll giving or weekly envelopes. If you normally donate via the loose plate, but are not coming to Mass at the moment, please consider giving via our Virgin Money button on the website. All donations are gratefully received, no matter how small. Thank you.

January

Offertory Giving

Envelopes	640
Loose plate	362
Contactless	253
Virgin Money	181
Standing Orders/Payroll Giving	7362
Total Offertory	8798

Building Fund

Regular donations	2742
One-off donation	1000
Total Building Fund	3742

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](#).

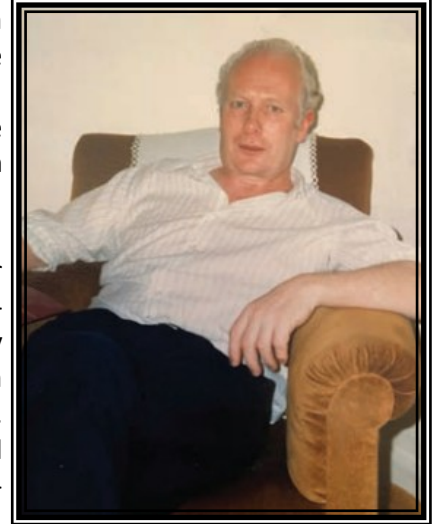


Patrick Joseph Doyle

RIP

21.3.1939 - 8.1.2021

Pat Doyle passed away in his home of over 50 years on Friday 8 January, sitting in front of his morning cup of tea. He leaves behind his beloved Shirley whom he married in St Margarets church in 1965, some 56 years ago. He is, of course, missed every day but it is fitting that we remember him here today and celebrate his life in the Church that was an important and ever-present part of his life here in south-west London.



Pat was born in County Wicklow in Ireland in 1939 and moved to the UK to look for work as a young 17-year-old. Pat's first job was behind a bar on the Fulham Palace Road where he found lodgings. He worked hard wooing Shirley in his early twenties and helped win her affections by escorting her back to St Margarets from central London on a night out before returning back to central London to his digs. They courted in and around Richmond, Twickenham and London and Pat remained a thoughtful and considerate partner to Shirley throughout their married lives together.

Pat was a quiet and industrious man who was always on the go mending, creating and building at work or at home. He learned his engineering and tool making skills in the machine shop and at night-school where he enrolled to acquire formal qualifications to go along with his self-taught talent. Shirley and he briefly worked together at Halliwell Gauges in Hampton, but Pat also worked in engineering roles at EMI and finally retired from Twiflex Engineering in 2004. It is typical of Pat that he donated the collection made for him when he retired from Twiflex to St Margarets Church – he was always a popular man but he did not covet attention or praise for the jobs he did, preferring to remain private, calm and unflustered in the world around him.

Pat and Shirley travelled to Ireland to visit family as well as to Europe on occasional trips and, of course, he never gave up supporting the Irish rugby side, especially when they were playing at Twickenham against Shirley's England! Pat was one of five brothers and sisters and remained in contact with them all through his lifetime. Pat worked together with his brother David, his best man, on their allotments here in St Margarets alongside John Nash, growing fresh food and providing activities for the young nieces, nephews and local children. This usually involved digging the allotment and then going to the sweet shop on the way home for one of Shirley's bountiful cake and biscuit bonanzas or perhaps a swift beer at the Turk's Head with lemonade and crisps for the young ones. Pat was a gentle and kind man who enjoyed entertaining children and watching them play. He always had a warm sense of hospitality and is fondly remembered by all the children who grew up with him and around him in St Margarets Grove.

Pat was certainly a perfectionist and all his jobs and handywork were done to his own high standard. But he was also free and generous with his time and always willing to help others for no reward. He took great pride in his work but was very humble about what he could do with his hands. He assisted here at the Church for many years and was able to get water flowing through the fonts when the Priest of the day lacked the skills needed for water pressure and plumbing!

Although Pat had been suffering with back pain and damaged lungs for a couple of years, he remained as active as he could in the community and around the house during his final days. He was still rubbing down and preparing the front gate for the garden path in December last year!

The most cherished things in Pat's life after Shirley and his family were his religious beliefs, his health and his ability to mend or build anything himself. He was devoted to his faith and his Church and was delighted to attend Mass at Christmas during lockdown. Pat's easy-going approach to life, his gentleness and his soothing influence on those around him will be missed by us all.

