

# ST MARGARET'S PAGE



Solemnity of Christ the King - 21 NOVEMBER 2021 Year B

*In Peter writes:* 'None of us can slow the passage of time, and while we often focus on all that has changed in the intervening years, much remains unchanged, including the Gospel of Christ and his teachings'. Queen Elizabeth's letter to the General Synod of the Church of England read out by her son Prince Edward, alludes to just how long she has reigned in this country. By June next year it will have been seventy years. Her long year of service to this country and her commitment to the Christian faith, beyond her role as Head of the Anglican Communion gives an insight into kingship very different to the caricature presented by those with republican sympathies.

Kingship cannot be justified on the principles demanded by the citizens of nowhere, of so-called universal values of the modern liberal world. But these are not the only values that mark human cultures. Until recently everyone grew up in a definite culture, that nourished traditions of family life, ways of thinking, manners of living, all grounded by an undefined hope for a better future. These traditions, both secular and religious were underpinned by a particular faith that gave substance and solidity to these lived traditions of humanity.

These cultural traditions are fundamental for our well-being, not because they possess every truth, not because they are perfect, but because they give the ground for the way we understand ourselves. Traditions can develop and change over time. Living traditions, whether within countries or institutions possess the internal dynamism to generate change. Where development does not take place, such societies and institutions perish and crumble. Faith adds to this critique the power of the Holy Spirit giving believers the ability to grasp the need for development and how the reality of sin blunts this dynamism. The scandals within the Church were both sinful actions but coupled with the sinful inability to see reality and hear the plight of the victims.

The modern secular world has detached itself from its historical moorings, and the general acceptance that these societies are more accepting, and caring is just wishful thinking. The financial rewards derived from both international capitalism and state spending has blinded us to the detrimental effect of secularism. Traditional ways of thinking are constantly seen as being inadequate and so long-standing institutions taken over by those with not the slightest care for

Mass Times & Liturgical Services (22/11 - 28/11)		
Saturday	10.00 am	
Sunday	8:30 am, 10:30 am & 6.30 pm	
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday	10.00 am	
Eucharistic Service	Friday	10.00 am
Rosary (In church )	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu & Sat	9.30 am
Confessions	Saturday	10:30-11:00am
	Sunday	10.00 – 10.20 am

their long-term future, obsessed as their leaders are about current fashionable causes.

Modern secular agendas have allowed for democracy to be detached from natural law, the immemorial customs of humanity, and through noisy pressure groups to institute change with which most people disagree. Most of us were taught, rightly so, that democracy was the preferable, more just way of running societies but at the time, for me at least, in catholic school, the basic precepts of natural law were not questioned. Democracy had a context both philosophical and traditional, the Houses of Parliament. Contemporary culture possesses this power to break us apart in the name of democracy. The environmental movement and the movements for re-thinking sexual identity typify this atomisation of culture. Shouting and demonstration becomes the only means by which to communicate the message while at the same time national delegations see little further than themselves.

In a strange way kingship looks to the forgotten dimension of governing, focused more on communities that atomised individuals. The citizens of nowhere are vociferous in their condemnation of kingship, identifying the easily grasped lacunae but fail to propose an alternative that would maintain both living tradition and the rights of people.

The kingship of Christ gathers the peoples of the world into the living tradition of community called the Church, visible and invisible, that possesses its own internal critique of grace and forgiveness. This is the reality celebrated this Sunday which marks the culmination of the Church's liturgical year. Kingship may preserve what democracy can easily forget, the living traditions of community, the natural law and the dignity of the person.

St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Monday to Friday (9.30 am - 12.30 pm) Emails will not be checked out of office hours

## Mass Intentions Sat 20th – Sun 28th November

20/11	Sat	10.00am	Holy Souls	
21/10	Sun	8.30 am	Joe Cummings recently deceased	O'Leary family
		10.30am	Holy Souls	
		6.30 pm	Ann Bolton recently deceased	Davis family
22/11	Mon	10.00am	Holy Souls	
23/11	Tues	10.00am	Cathleen Sweeny RIP	Davis family
24/11	Wed	10.00am	Guido Saganic RIP	
25/11	Thu	10.00am	Michael Langton	Emma Jay
26/11	Fri	10.00am	Eucharistic Service	
27/11	Sat	10.00am	Holy Souls	
28/10	Sun	8.30 am	Holy Souls	
		10.30am	For you the people	
		6.30 pm	Guido Jambini RIP	

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Rose Blackman, Georgina Lotitto, 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), Kevin Sweeney, Christopher Cousins, Irena Starzecki & Judith Thomas

**Recently deceased** - Madeleine Key RIP

**Anniversaries** - Gerald McDonnell, Angela De Souza, Annie Swan, Irene Stanley, Keith Anthony Mathewson, Myles Murray, Vyvian Leyel, Nina Gumbleton, George Noonan, Gertrude Pugh, Michael Ryan, Kathleen Chidzey, Ben Merricks

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed*

*through the Mercy of God rest in peace. Amen*



### Month of Holy Souls



There will be 3 Masses a week offered for Holy Souls and a weekend Mass. Please write the names you want on the purple sheets, provided in the Church on the table as you enter and we will put them on the Holy Altar for the duration of November.

### 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:

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

Last Saturday, we had the first of our Synodal Pathway listening exercises reflecting on our experience of parish life and of the church. There is another session **on Tuesday 23rd November 7:00pm to 8:30pm** in the Church hall.



Zoom link for those who cannot attend –

**Parish listening session - Tuesday 23rd November 2021**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83139495854?pwd=c0RLNEFNTzZkRkdaNEExcEVTYWhRdz09>  
Meeting ID: 831 3949 5854

Passcode: 387467

I will hold a further evening session on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 7.00-8.00 pm.**

A little brief to help you understand the Synodal Pathway listening exercise - The Synod is a participative and inclusive process of listening and discerning that offers everyone—within and beyond the worshipping Catholic community—the opportunity to express themselves, to be heard and to contribute to how the People of God can better 'journey together'.

It is intended to inspire people to dream about the Church we are called to be, to learn from one another, to realise the gifts in each and every person, to bind up wounds, to renew relationships and build bridges, to warm hearts and restore strength for our common mission.

Care should be taken to involve those who may risk being excluded: women, young people, those with disabilities, refugees, migrants, the elderly, people who live in poverty, Catholics who rarely or never practise their faith. And as well as seeking to include all the baptised, the process should include those beyond the visible Church. No one – no matter their religious affiliation – should be excluded from sharing their perspective and experiences, insofar as they want to help the Church on its journey of seeking what is good and true.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - 21 NOV  
1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 28 NOVEMBER 2021

Daniel 7:13-14  
Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm 92  
Psalm 24

Apocalypse 1:5-8  
1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2

John 18:33-37  
Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

## Sacramental Preparation Baptism



The next available Baptism courses are as below:

**January** 12th & 19th 2022

**March** 8th & 15th 2022

November courses are fully booked.

Should you wish to have your child baptised in this parish, attendance at these courses is compulsory. Currently taking place on Zoom.

Please either speak to Fr Peter after Mass or contact the parish office.

## Tea, Coffee & Chat

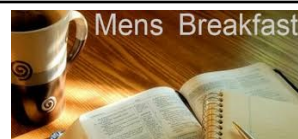
Our next tea afternoon will take place on



**Wed 24th November , 2.15 pm - 3:45pm** in

the Church hall. All are welcome. Please feel free to bring a friend or neighbour.

**Men's Breakfast -  
"COP27 - The sequel" Saturday,  
27th November 2021 at 8.15 am**



We can feel the clamouring for another Men's Breakfast and, would you believe it, this time we are going for a live event.

Our friend Peter Desmond, who was a very involved parishioner at St Margaret's for many years, will give a talk on his work on climate change and how Christians can respond in the aftermath of COP26.

Peter will share some of his story about how he became involved in climate action and how he has brought his Christian faith into his work on sustainability in the UK and Africa. We are aiming for the breakfast to be "Carbon neutral". Please plan your travel accordingly, we will have a little quiz and see if we can share some good ideas.

We are making this a hybrid event so will also be on Zoom in case you can't come to the church. (contact parish office for Zoom details). Please share this around. Colin Messenger

## First Holy Communion 2022

This year course will be composed of a number of parts -

1. 10.30am Sunday Mass with children's liturgy. (November 7th till December 12th)
2. 10:30am Sunday Mass with children's liturgy (January 9th to February 6th)
3. 5:15pm Saturday Classes followed by 6:30pm Mass (27th February—3rd April)
4. 5:15pm Saturday Classes followed b 6:30pm Mass (1st May—22nd May)
5. First Holy Communion in June 2022



Should you wish your child to participate, please collect an attendance card from Fr Peter after Mass.

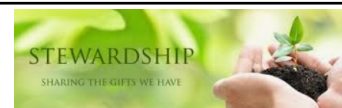
The First Holy Communion course is for those families who either live in the parish or have been coming here for a long time. Those from outside the parish who have not come to Mass here before, are advised to contact your local parish for FHC.

## Adult Confirmation

The development of faith through the sacraments used to follow a well-trodden path, of First Holy Communion Year 3 and Confirmation Year 9. If you missed the Year 9 slot for whatever reason and you would like to be confirmed, please contact Fr Peter. The next Adult Confirmation Course will take place after the New Year on a day and time to be mutually arranged.



## Our Parish, Our Needs, Our Responsibility



### Planned Giving Appeal

'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 Sunday we launched our Stewardship renewal. Over the coming weeks we ask all parishioners to prayerfully reflect on their commitment to our parish. As a parish and as individuals, we have been blessed with many, varied gifts. Biblical Stewardship calls us to share our gifts of time, talent and financial blessings with our parish community and our world. These gifts come from God, so let us strive to return a sacrificial, not token, portion to Him. Everyone should consider giving something, mindful of their blessings and circumstances.

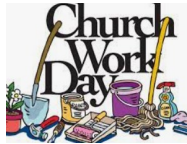
If you did not take a Week 1 appeal newsletter, please collect one from the back of the church. We shall be hearing more about stewardship and the needs of our parish over the coming weeks. Please give prayerful consideration to this appeal.

If you have any questions, there will be volunteers available after Mass today. Thank you.



## “Spring” clean the church for Advent

Sat Nov 27<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am – 1 pm



Could you spare one hour or so to help spruce up the church up ready for Advent and the Christmas celebrations? Lots of small jobs needing undertaking, come for an hour or come for the whole morning. Refreshments provided. Please sign up at the back of church or drop a note to the parish office if you can come. More info: chat to Patrick Collins & Jimmy Green

## Calling all gardeners



### Parish gardening – dates for your diary

It's time to get on top of some of those autumn and winter gardening jobs, clear up the borders and plant some spring bulbs ready for a show of colour next year. Could you join us on **Sat Nov 27<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am – 1**

If you have gardening tools to hand, please bring them with you (hand forks, secateurs, gardening gloves). Refreshments provided.

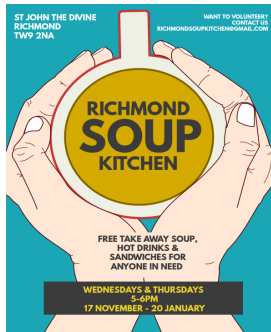
### Also: Garden drop ins; Wednesday mornings

Have you noticed the garden and the church grounds looking tidier and more cared for? That is because our regular gardening team come every Wednesday morning to keep on top of the gardening jobs. Come and join them between 10 am – 12 noon (term times only).

More info: Cath Brizzell 07754 893846

### Glassdoor update:

We are still looking to finalise a start date for our Glassdoor shelter likely to be on Mondays from mid January 2022. If you would like to be involved and haven't got in touch with us yet, please email Cath Brizzell (cathmcdee@yahoo.com)



### Winter Soup and Sandwich Service:

Until Richmond Glass Door shelters open after Christmas, St John the Divine Church in Richmond will be running a Soup and Sandwich take away service two days a week on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5.00 -6.00 pm starting on Wednesday 17th November.

They are looking for volunteers to help set up and serve guests from 4.30-6.30.

Please contact Isabelle Swann if you would like to be involved:

(swannisabelle@hotmail.co.uk)

I am delighted to let you know that Westminster Cathedral's annual Christmas Celebration, a wonderful evening of music and readings for all the family in the magnificent Mother Church of the Diocese, is taking place this year on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30pm. Doors will open at 6:30pm, with organ music being played from 7pm. The programme includes some of the finest Advent and Christmas choral music from across the centuries, sung by the world-famous Cathedral Choir, as well as favourite congregational carols. Westminster Cathedral Choir and Orchestra will be conducted by Simon Johnson, the Cathedral's new Master of Music. Tickets are now available at Ticketmaster:



<https://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/westminster-cathedral-tickets-london/venue/254582> We look forward to welcoming you to the Cathedral as we celebrate the start of the Christmas Season.

We are looking for an outstanding practitioner who can teach GCSE RE



mostly in KS3 (A level Philosophy & Ethics would be desirable but not essential) to join us from January 2022 to deliver high-quality lessons to ensure great learning. Salary negotiable dependent upon calibre and experience. Please send the CES application form, two references, and a covering letter to [recruitment@srrcc.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@srrcc.org.uk) by Friday 26th November 2021. Please also get in touch if you would like to talk in more detail about the role. <https://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk/our-college/work-at-srr>

Foundation Governor Vacancy St Paul's Catholic College, which continues to develop with the support



of our excellent staff and Governing Body and is in the top 10% of schools nationally, is currently looking to appoint a Foundation Governor to join our Governing Body. We are particularly interested in anyone who has a financial background, however, this position is not applicable to any existing parents of St Paul's children. For further information with regard to this role please contact our Clerk to the Governors, Jo Chappell, directly on 01932 704119 or email [jchappell@st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:jchappell@st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk) St Paul's Catholic College Manor Lane, Sunbury on Thames, TW16 6JE Tel : 01932 783811 Web: [www.st-pauls.surrey.sch.u](http://www.st-pauls.surrey.sch.u)

St James's is an outstanding Catholic school with close links to St



Margaret's parish. Due to the generosity of previous parishioners who funded part of the new build some years ago, the Admissions Policy gives priority places to 15 Catholic children who live within the geographical boundaries of St Margaret's parish. The Head Teacher Mr Beatty warmly invites you to join a tour of the school and meet him on a Friday morning at 9:30 am. Please reserve a place by emailing the school office [info@st-james.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-james.richmond.sch.uk)

St Ignatius Catholic Primary School is looking for an Admin and Welfare Officer, please contact Adele Colombo at the school, 01932 7858396, or visit their website for more information—[Vacancies](http://Vacancies)



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