

# ST MARGARET'S PAGE



12th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A  
21<sup>st</sup> June 2020

*In Peter writes:* As a young boy I thought, for reasons that are obscure to me, that the final judgement would be the equivalent of having your life being replayed in all its details in front of a heavenly court. Such thoughts probably kept me more or less on 'the straight and narrow'. Later I could see that was just one of many possible visions of the final judgement, student visions placed more emphasis on the mercy of God. Developing an understanding of the mercy of God raised a serious question mark on my conduct too and took the shine away from student political engagement. Did every student politician have to be so obnoxious, and why did I have to follow suit? Now I see the final judgement as raising the question in my heart, 'where am I going with what I am doing?'. Far from being an unbearable weight the final judgement has reinforced my wavering will in being a disciple of Jesus Christ.

These reminiscences have been brought on both by this Sunday's Gospel and reflecting on the current period of our country's history. It looks from current vantage point that our society is going through a national crisis, in terms of historical identity, mental well-being, and economic destruction and for the first time ever this crisis is completely non-religious in tone. Sadly, other than the Queen, no religious voice has been able to speak above the cacophony of protest, political diatribe, pseudo-scientific claims, and predictions of health and safety catastrophe. All those in our society who wish to keep religion out of public life have reaped their own whirlwind. The reality of the secular alternative has been revealed in this time of crisis. The secular vision is incapable of conducting reasonable public discourse, of maintaining a measure of integrity in personal areas of expertise, of not using the crisis as an opportunity for personal academic or cultural advantage, and failing to recognise that human life, both individual and collective, requires both forgiveness for failures and the sense of purpose to look to the future in confidence.

Times of crisis may also bring out the best in people, and so can we rise to the challenge of the time or do we flail around looking for someone to blame, and get angry

when the culprits cannot be found? The search for someone to blame is fast becoming a national pastime encouraged by the media as an easy way to promote a particular agenda. The Christian recognises there is often no one to blame as such, because the existence of evil, rather than individual evil acts is not open to pinpointing blame. By extension therefore, all those conspiracy theories peddled on the internet as to the cause of Covid-19 and its transmission, whether it be the installation of G5 mobile masts, biological warfare, or secret societies wanting world domination are all fantasy.

For the Catholic Church, evil is understood as the absence of God, and the question of evil moves from why God caused it on purpose to why He permits evil to parasitically live off what exists whether it be the world or the human person. This question of evil and suffering can only ever be posed in the present moment, and not to the time before the beginning of creation. The better place to start is with the answer answered by God Himself to the question of evil caused and suffering undergone. The answer is a living and loving relationship with the source of life itself. This Sunday's Gospel speaks of the depths of this living relationship that God in Jesus Christ has for each person. It is the summons to recognise that neither evil nor suffering have the final word, only love and peace do. The divine care brings a concomitant responsibility of declaring oneself for Jesus. In this crisis we can declare for Jesus by bringing to the conversations we have about the country and its problems, a supernatural sense of purpose that places history under the providential hand of God. Therefore by any individual, our conversations should demonstrate a sense of proportion about what can be achieved, the sense of reasonableness as to the extent of government initiative, tolerance of those with different viewpoints and the promotion of forgiveness, none of which is much in evidence in public realm at the moment.

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The Parish Office is closed because of Covid-19. Emails are continued to be checked regularly.

## MASS INTENTIONS

June - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>

Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am Mass	Aldo Bianchin RIP-1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv (Lily McCaw)
Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00 am Mass	Carmen Bourne RIP - 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv (Lily McCaw)
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am Mass	Aldo Bianchin RIP 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv (Mercedes Bianchin Key)
Thu 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am Mass	Carmen Bourne RIP - 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv (Mercedes Bianchin Key)
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am Mass	Terry Lewis RIP (Erhardt-Lewis family)
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am Mass	Anthony Lopes RIP (Jean & Desmond)
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am Mass	For you the people

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Mary Reagan, Pauline Slawson, Janet McAllister, Ben, Mark Titmus, 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 and Patricia Parkes, Judith Thomas, Wanda Ostrowska, Christopher Browne, Antonella Sesta, Margaret Masterson, Bernard Sharratt, Carmen Ruibal, Ann Macpherson, Chris McLoughlin (son of Olga), Paul Costello and Kevin Sweeney

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Donal Dwyer (brother of Mary Ibbett), Rose Mitchell, Ann Noble, Juliane Ditsche, Antonio Lopes, Muriel Kelly, Juliet Grafton, Karina Kinnear

## MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like Mass said for your intentions or for the repose of the soul of someone, please contact Cynthia via [email](mailto:stmargaretsonthames@rcdow.org.uk) (stmargaretsonthames@rcdow.org.uk). She will compile the list which will be published on the Parish website each week.

Sunday Mass will be offered for the intentions of all the Parish, but Masses may be said for specific intentions from Monday to Saturday.

## 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Entrance Antiphon

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.

Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them forever.

### Responsorial Psalm

In your great love, answer me, O God.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

### Communion Antiphon (Ps 144:15)

The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

## THE FINANCIAL WELFARE OF ST MARGARET'S

The St Margaret's [Virgin Money Giving](#) is now live. This is a secure method for giving. If you are using the St. Margaret's website, you will find the Virgin Money Giving under the 'Support' tab.

Even if you are only able to donate less than you might normally do, every gift is valuable.

Thank you to everyone for your generosity.

## Private Individual Prayer

The church will be open for individual prayer as below

10.30 am – 1.00 pm **Monday, Wednesday & Friday**

11.00 – 1.00 pm **Saturday**

2.00 – 4.00 pm **Sunday**



## LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN



Diocese of Westminster  
JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION



CAFOD are offering a webinar of a Liturgy of the Word with Children at home. Parents and children are encouraged to join online for prayers and reflection on this Sunday's Gospel. It is based on CAFOD children's liturgy resources.



## CHILDREN'S Liturgy of the Word

Please use [link to register](#): After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

For family support, TenTen are also making freely available resources for families, called Prayers for Home, which include '[Sunday Liturgy for Families](#)' and '[Daily Prayers for Home](#)'

Please find the link to [LOOK](#), color in sheets to find what is in the Gospel today.



## JUSTICE & PEACE E-BULLETIN JUNE 2020

[Justice & Peace E-Bulletin](#)

[Sunday reflections](#) for the month of June, compiled by Fr Javier Ruiz-Ortiz at Bow

## Volunteers Needed!



### Volunteers to monitor the Church during opening hours

**A friendly presence to reassure visitors**

During Church opening times the Diocese has asked that someone be present to ensure proper procedures are fulfilled. Weekdays will be covered by Fr Peter.

Kind request for volunteers for the following slots for the weekend of **27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> June**.

The times would be

#### **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June**

11:00 - 11:40am; 11:40am - 12:20pm; 12:20pm - 1:00pm

#### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

2:00pm - 2:40pm; 2:40pm - 3:20pm; 3:20pm - 4:00pm

If you would like to volunteer please contact the Parish Office via email ([stmargaretsonthames@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:stmargaretsonthames@rcdow.org.uk)) or phone. There will be a brief training session (online) to go through the recommended procedures.



**St Peter & St Paul – 28<sup>th</sup> June**

<b>Reading 1</b> Acts 12:1-11	Now I know the Lord really did save me from Herod.
<b>Psalm</b> Ps 33:2-9 r. 5 or 8	From all my terrors the Lord set me free.  OR  The angel of the Lord rescues those who revere him.
<b>Reading 2</b> 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18	All there is to come is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b> Matt: 16:18	You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it.
<b>Gospel</b> Matt 16:13-19	You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

**Church Opening**



Firstly, may I thank *Margaret Crowe, Kathryn James, Chris Key and Su Slattery* for coming to clean the Church last Saturday and arranging all the necessary notices allowing for safe opening of the Church.

This week the Church was visited by 5 on Monday and 7 on Wednesday, so not too crowded. Please look after yourselves when you come and practice social distancing by the government and Church. There will be stewards on Saturday and Sunday in anticipation of larger numbers.

If anyone would like to offer 40 minutes on either Saturday or Sunday please contact the Parish Office.

**Thank you, Fr Peter**

**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

<b>Reading 1</b> Zech 9:9-10	See now, your king comes humbly to you.
<b>Psalm</b> Ps 144: 1-2. 8-11. 13-14 r. 1	I will bless your name for ever, O God my King  OR  Alleluia!
<b>Reading 2</b> Rom 8:9, 11-13	If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b> cf. Matt 11:25	Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.
<b>Gospel</b> Matt 11:25-30	I am gentle and humble of heart.

**Congratulations to our  
100 Club Winners**

**June Winners**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize £100/- Leslie Hill**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £50/- Catherine Sugrue**



**Cheques will be sent out shortly by post.  
Numbers are picked by a Random Number Generating Website.**

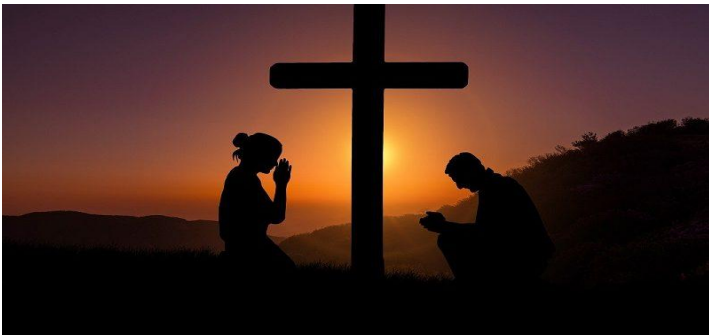
## Pause for Faith: Catholic life, conversations and prayer with Fr Stephen Wang



Join [Fr Stephen Wang](#) each day as he live streams on the new YouTube channel '[Pause for Faith](#)' - For some inspiration and spiritual support during the Lockdown.

It's an informal conversation about living the Christian faith, with some Catholic history, the lives of the saints, Christian teaching, spiritual traditions, practical tips for everyday life, contemporary issues facing the Church and the world, some Q&A and interviews.

Don't be alone! The whole point of live streaming is that you can join a community of viewers who are watching and praying together.



Please be wary of any emails supposedly sent by Fr Peter asking for help.

Do Not open any links or attachments and above all do not pay any money.

Please do not open this email and delete it straight away.

These are fake and should be ignored.

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**THANK YOU !**