

# ST MARGARET'S PAGE



3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER - 23 APRIL 2023- Year A

*In Peter writes:* Next Friday I will be participating in a professional development day for Richmond Primary School Teachers. We will be looking at how the Resurrection, the raising of Jesus Christ from the dead, breaks into our world now, and how it offers each of us release and hope. The Resurrection of Jesus does bring hope, the restoration of life, and the possibility of being released from the unreasonable weight of perfection, from enforced common patterns of behaviour, from actions determined by social customs, from fashionable causes, rather than conscience, from the sense of aloneness and alienation that effects everyone from time to time. Resurrection promises liberation, release and hope for the future. Focusing on these qualities of hope is the antidote to the gloom of contemporary society.

To allow this process of transformation to take place requires firstly the acceptance that past hopes were never fully realised. These might well have been legitimate, even desirable, such as an intensely happy marriage, children that care for their parents, a flourishing career, long lasting health. Yet these were not fully forthcoming for whatever reason, some impossible to fulfil, others subject to the force of circumstances, others assumed as by right rather than a gift. Life, if we are honest, is replete with disappointed hopes, what one philosopher described as 'the still sad music of humanity'. It was to such as these, you and me, that the risen Jesus spoke when he encountered to the two disciples, unbeknown to them, as they walked away from Jerusalem on that first Easter Day. Articulating their disappointed hopes Somehow Jesus' explanation about the recent events, His death and Resurrection, were foretold in the Old Testament, their disappointment was stoked by their misunderstanding of the Scriptures.

In the same way it is easy to misread our lives, of not seeing much good in anything, of focusing on the disappointments and failed initiatives of life rather than the gifts given, and the struggles undertaken to give life coherence. The two disciples no

Mass Times & Liturgical Services		
Weekend Mass	Saturday	10.00 am
	Sunday	8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.30 pm
Weekday Mass	Mon, Tue & Wed	10.00 am
Eucharistic Service	Thursday & Friday	10.00 am
Confessions	Saturday	10:30-11:00am
	Sunday	10.00 – 10.20 am

longer understood the plot line, the death of Jesus brought an end of their expectations of national and religious renewal in Israel. So, for us, the experience of fractured family life whether through divorce, separation, ill health, job loss or difficulties with children makes us wonder what happened the assumed coherence of our lives. Both disciples had to accept a renewed plot line to find coherence, that embraced Jesus' death and Resurrection. That is true for us too. Jesus offers the plot line that embraces failure and suffering into something larger, release and restoration of life at its centre. Resurrection will not change our family circumstances, but the Resurrection makes us see everything in a different way.

This different vision is not abstract, for the troubled mind and heart, a set of worthy ideas. This renewed vision engages us, physically and spiritually present in the Liturgy of the Eucharist, both as present medicine for life and foretaste of the kingdom of heaven. So, in the Sunday's Gospel account of the Supper at Emmaus, it was not till the two disciples had sat down at table and witnessed the consecration and breaking of bread that they finally recognised Him. Situated between the earthly life of Jesus, and the life of the earliest days of the Church, this encounter with the risen Jesus at the Supper table ties together His earthly life and the sacramental life of the Church. Now the Mass is the place to encounter Jesus. It is here at Mass that our hearts should burn, that shafts of divine light, love and mercy, shines upon our situation, on all those disappointed hopes that once acknowledged, make us predisposed to hear the Good News. Jesus Christ breaks into our lives once we know we need His grace, once we have the humility to recognise these disappointments. Now they can be wrapped up into something greater, the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus, made present in the Bread and Wine that has become His Body and Blood at Mass.

St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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

## Mass Intentions Sat 22 Apr – Sun 30 April

22/04	Sat	10.00 am	Works of charity in the neighbourhood	
		6.00 pm	The families of St Margarets Parish	
23/04	Sun	8.30 am	Jozef Hrin junior RIP	Elizabeth Hobbs
		10.30 am	Olga & Alex McLaughlin 50th Wedding Anniversary	
		6.30 pm	For you the people	
24/04	Mon	10.00 am	Matthew Green RIP	Patrick Collins
25/04	Tue	10.00 am	Emily (Eve) Hooper RIP anniversary	Winter
26/04	Wed	10.00 am	For you the people	
27/04	Thu	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service	
28/04	Fri	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service	
29/04	Sat	10.00 am	Hans Peter Ickemeyer RIP	Patrick Collins
30/04	Sun	8.30 am	Sylvia Hobbs RIP	Elizabeth Hobbs
		10.30 am	Margaret Tobback RIP	Chris Rickards & Clare Nicholas
		6.30 pm	Agnes Preston RIP	Una Byrne

## Entrance Antiphon:

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

## Response to the Psalm:

Show us, Lord, the path of life.

Fr Peter would like to thank you for your generosity over Easter, both in the Easter Sunday Collection and in cards and gifts left here in the Presbytery. I am very grateful.

This gives me an opportunity also to thank everyone who assisted in the solemn Liturgies, musicians led by Emma and Gavin, the altar servers led by Pat, the flowers led by Alison, the readers led by Paddy, and the welcome committee led by Ann and Kathryn. Many parishioners have commented on the Triduum and the good numbers over the Liturgies as always gives hope for the future.



## Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony

Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 13th May 2023 at 2:30pm.

A final call for the **Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm** with the Cardinal in Westminster Cathedral. The Cardinal is inviting to this celebration all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2023. Please send names, wedding date, full postal address and email address or telephone number to the parish office by email.



## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Cathy McKendry, 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, Jim Polland, Theresa Bulpitt & Sue Rolph.

**Anniversaries** - Francis Kirwan, David Hill, Ann Noble, Iolanda Henderson, Elizabeth Anderson, Mary Otterway, Arnold Hill, William Gauci, Jim Doyle, Thomas Ford Millar, Rose Mitchell, Kathleen Louise Bannister

**Recently deceased** - Matthew Green, son of Jimmy Green, died at St Thomas's Hospital on 5th April after a long illness.

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

## Congratulations to Olga & Alex McLoughlin on their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary on 23 April 2023.



3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER - 23 APRIL 2023

Acts 2:14,22-33

Psalm 15

1 Peter 1:17-21

Luke 24:13-35

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER—30 APRIL 2023

Acts 2:14, 36-41

Psalm 22

1 Peter 2:20-25

John 10:1-10

## Dates for your diary

- ⇒ Sunday May 7th at 12.00 noon, Parish celebration lunch for the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III.
- ⇒ Saturday 17th June, Parish Quiz Night.



### **THIS EASTERTIDE ACROSS SOUTHWARK LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS 2023**

Explore what it means to be filled with the Holy Spirit.  
Weekly talks and discussion - Daily reflections - All day retreat

**When:** Tuesday evenings starting with a meal from 7.00 pm till 9.30 pm on the 2nd, 9th, 16th May & 6th June 2023 and Saturday 27th May 11 am—5.00 pm

**Venue :** St Margaret's Parish hall, 130 St Margarets TW1 1RL

**Contact:** 07717 473 160 for any queries.

**LEAFLETS AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.**



## **THANK YOU**

### **Lenten Almsgiving: Charities supported: Spear + Santa Teresa Del Nino Jesus School, Madagascar**

Donations to date for our Lenten Almsgiving total £3,700 with approximately, a further £650 to come from Gift Aid. This will be split between the two charities.

Thank you to all those who have contributed generously. We will keep the collection open for another two weeks with envelopes at the back of church in case you would still like to donate.

A parishioner has also generously donated a further £3,000 directly to the Madagascan school project.

**THANK  
YOU!**

## **Margaret Tobback RIP**

**1930—2021**



The 10.30 mass on Sunday the 30th April is being said for the intention of Margaret Tobback who sadly passed away on the 9th February 2021. As her funeral was during covid, many parishioners,

family and friends who knew Margaret were not able to attend her funeral and therefore her family would like to welcome and invite parishioners to some light refreshments after the mass in the Church Hall where we can remember and share our memories of Margaret. Please see below a brief history of Margarets life and link to a video that was created by her family. She was a truly active and valued member of the parish. Link— <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ad0U3Xr35Mw>

Margaret was borne in Belgium in September 1930. In 1939, at the start of the second-world war, she and her mother Trixie became refugees and fled to England where they were later joined by her Father Louis.

For many years they lived in Richmond and were parishioners at St Elizabeth of Portugal. From 1954 Margaret ran the newly created Girl Guides Company based in the crypt of St Elizabeth's Church. In the late 50's Margaret and her mother Trixie moved to a house in Strawberry Vale.

Despite having spent many of her teenage years in hospital Margaret went on to train at Digby Stuart College to be a school teacher. One of her first posts was at St Mary Magdalen's Primary School in Mortlake where she stayed until 1967. She then held teaching posts in Hanwell and later in Hammersmith until her retirement.

In the early 60's Margaret was very attracted to St Margaret's of Scotland, which at that time was considered to be a very forward looking parish under the guidance of Fr Sidney Dommersen.

She has remained an active member of the Parish, reading at Mass, helping train the First Holy Communicants as well as many other duties, despite never having actually living in the Parish.

Margaret died after a short illness in West Middlesex Hospital on 9th February 2021.

May she rest in Peace.



**PRIEST TRAINING FUND**  
**Diocese of Westminster**

**Priest Training Fund**

Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood.

There are currently 48 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 14 of whom are from our own Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also from our Diocese. Last year 8 men who studied at Allen Hall were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd.

Donation envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations). Thank you for your generosity.

The Archdiocese of Southwark are organising 'Living and Sharing Discipleship Joy: A Day of Evangelising Formation' on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April, 9.30am to 3.30pm at Sacred Heart Parish in Wimbledon. Further information from <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/dayofformation2023>.

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May, there will be an open evening at St James, Spanish Place, for any men interested in learning about or discerning a vocation to priesthood. The regular evening Mass will be at 6.00pm, followed by a gathering downstairs in the Social Centre for a short presentation and informal conversations and refreshments. Do come and join us if you can. The nearest tube stations are Bond Street and Baker Street.

Thank you for all that you do to encourage vocations. The Vocations Team, Diocese of Westminster



**Coronation weekend BBQ  
2023**

**Parish Celebration Lunch**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**12.00 noon till 4.00 pm**

**Come and join us for a  
barbeque lunch**

**at**

**St Margarets Church garden**

**Tickets on sale after Mass**

**Adult - £5/-**

**Family (2+2) £15/-**

**Please bring salads and desserts  
to share.**



**Congratulations to our  
100 Club Winners**

**Winners for the month of April 2023**

**1st Prize No.15 Helma Jotischky £100/-**

**2nd Prize No 34 Maria Sharratt £50/-**

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