

# ST MARGARET'S PAGE



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 24th September 2023 - Year A

## *In Peter writes:*

Everywhere there is news of climate catastrophe, the consequences of which are made worse through corruption and violence; the murder of Christians in northern Nigeria by itinerant herders as grazing lands perish; lack of accountability in privatised water companies in this country, and the deliberately started fires in the Mediterranean. The Church sees the deliberate damage meted out on the created world as the consequence of sin, expressed in the desire to dominate and waste creation rather than be creation's guardian. God gave Adam and Eve dominion over the earth not domination, and the desire to dominate is always the motor and consequence of sin.

Described in this way, of uniting ecology and morality, makes space for our individual and community contribution towards creation's restoration. So, Pope Francis quoting the Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Constantinople invites us to replace consumption with sacrifice, greed with generosity, wastefulness with a spirit of sharing. This is our shared level of life, and though any one person might think what difference would my contribution make, it would at least help form us spiritually, of being able to practice restraint in front of the multiple goods of the modern world. Individual actions multiplied many times over by multiple people does make a difference even if moderating the amount of waste that modern life generates. Multiple actions such as these set the tone for change, about what constitutes what becomes acceptable. Change to collective requires both common customs along with legislation. So collectively recognising the harm done by the proliferation of plastic bags, legislation can capture the public mood and the number of plastic bags being used has rapidly diminished. Public concern for the hole in the ozone layer above the Arctic and Antarctica allowed legislation to be passed banning certain gases used in fridges and now the ozone layer has been largely restored. Law is a necessary part of life but without the consent of the vast majority it fails in its purpose to sustain social cohesion.

*Laudato Si*, Pope Francis' document on the environment and the English and Welsh Bishops document, *The Call of Creation*, are both very careful not to make the ecological movement a finger pointing exercise. Hope and Redemption are the guiding principles of the Christian life, hope that draws forth faith in the goodness of God and animates the life of charity. A fatalistic religion would see no point in the care of creation except for selfish reasons. Christianity understands human fallibility but is not fatalistic. Its vision on the physical world is always life giving and life

## Mass Times & Liturgical Services (24/09—1/10)

<b>Weekend</b>	Saturday	10.00 am
	Sunday	8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.30 pm
<b>Weekday</b>	Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday	10.00 am
<b>Euch Ser</b>	Thursday & Friday	10.00 am
<b>Confessions</b>	Saturday	10:30-11:00am
	Sunday	10.00–10.20am

sustaining, being the providential and generous backdrop for human life.

By inviting us to share this vision of a shared world, reinforces our responsibility for creation more compelling. The Church sees human development and the care for creation as embracing the whole created order, humanity and nature together. Life embraces all life, human, animal and vegetable in one whole. This care for life includes all the ethical issues that come from potential medical advances, issues such as abortion, end of life care, and the treatment of the disabled. These issues sit within the care for creation in array and the time when these issues were somehow separated from concern for creation is now over.

To me the most attractive call is the personal call to live, conscious of the beauty of life, of the fragility of our common home, and attempt to live simply, none of which comes without personal struggle. Of course, one person's simplicity is another person's example of complexity and excess. However, there are limits to private property in the sense that everything belongs to God. Private property within reason helps maintain the social order of society but turning physical buildings and land into a fetish as has happened in this country is contrary to the common good. It is remarkable how much effort and treasure are expended on purchasing a property along with the inability to move into a new property without extensive conversions and additions. How to strike a balance between finding somewhere to live, of keeping the property in good order, instigating physical renewal, and planning for ecologically friendly ways to heat and light the property, is all finely balanced. How this works out in practice is a matter of personal and family decisions but the choices made reflect how we stand on the care of creation. To me this is a work in progress in every aspect, the human world and material world, and though the changes made here in my life are miniscule in worldly terms, they will loom large on the day of judgment because that was the part given to me. Like the individuals given the one coin, burying it in the earth, is no real option.

### St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

• E-mail: [stmargaretsonthames@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:stmargaretsonthames@rcdow.org.uk) • Website: [www.stmargaretsrcchurch.co.uk](http://www.stmargaretsrcchurch.co.uk) • Phone - 020 8892 3902  
Parish Priest: Canon Peter Newby. Deacon Joseph Estorninho; Parish Administrator: Cynthia Souza; Bookkeeper: Ann Edes  
Office Hours: Monday to Friday (9.30 am - 12.30 pm) Emails are not checked out of office hours.

## Mass Intentions: 23rd Sept—1st Oct

23/09	Sat	10.00 am	<b>For you, the people</b>	
24/09	Sun	8.30 am	<b>Alan and Mary (Patricia) Picton RIP</b>	Vicky & Ray Phelan
		10.30 am	<b>Eleanor Drew RIP</b>	Mary Martin
		6.30 pm	<b>Peter Dixon RIP —5th anniversary</b>	Sylvia Dixon
25/09	Mon	10.00am	<b>Bernard Aylward RIP</b>	Rite Johnston
26/09	Tues	10.00am	<b>Special Intentions</b>	
27/09	Weds	10.00am	<b>For Ukraine—all who are suffering</b>	Parishioner
28/09	Thurs	10.00am	<b>Eucharistic Service</b>	
29/09	Fri	10.00am	<b>Eucharistic Service</b>	
30/09	Sat	10.00am	<b>Works of charity in the neighbourhood</b>	
01/10	Sun	8.30am	<b>Geoff Power RIP</b>	Peter & Su Slattery
		10.30am	<b>For you, the people</b>	
		6.30pm	<b>Deceased members of St Margaret's Parish</b>	

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

John Forsyth, Rose Blackman, Ursula van der Westhuizen, 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), Tony Tucker, Dr Christopher Khoo, John Wood-Collins, Jim Polland, Theresa Bulpitt, Sue Rolph & Dick Cotter.

**Anniversaries** - Frank Hayes, Mary Edwards, Mary O'Malley, Ann Daly, Joseph Periera, Agnes Winter, Michael McDonagh, Esther Boon, Agnes Carter, Rose Harding, Wood, Annie Mangan

**Recently deceased** - Eleanor Katharine Drew RIP (daughter of Allison & Geoffrey Drew). Frank O'Hara RIP. Kate Harrison RIP

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

**September Prayer Intentions** - For people living on the margins - We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

### Entrance Antiphon:

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

### Response to the Psalm:

The Lord is close to all who call him.

### **Sacramental Programmes**

Sacramental preparations are open for parishioners and those who attend Mass regularly at St Margaret's.

#### Baptism

Should you wish to have your child baptised in this parish, attendance at our Pre Baptism course is compulsory. Please either speak to Fr Peter after Mass or contact the parish office.

#### First Holy Communion 2024

If you would like your child to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, please speak to Fr Peter after any Mass that you attend. Enrol on the course during the first half term, from September 1st to October 22nd. Collect attendance card. Applications will close on that date. Attendance on to the Children's Liturgy at Sunday 10.30 am Mass is required.

**Confirmation 2024** The 2024 Confirmation Course will begin in January 2024 and will continue till after Easter, date yet to be established. Kindly speak to Fr Peter or Deacon Joseph after any weekend Mass that you attend. Enrol on the course during the first half-term from September 1st to October 22nd.

**Marriage Preparation** St Margarets alternates with The Brompton Oratory for the courses. We will hold a course on Saturday, 13th April 2024. Please contact the parish office to register your interest. The Brompton Oratory will hold a course on Saturday, 7th October 2023. For information on courses at The Brompton Oratory, kindly contact Fr Michael Lang (michaellang@rcdow.org.uk) for further details.

**Adult preparation for the sacraments** - This autumn, beginning on September, Deacon Joseph will be leading a ten session enquiry course for those interested in becoming Catholics, or for those adults who already Christian would like to be received into the Church, or who wish to be confirmed as adults. The next course begins on Monday 18th September.

**Funeral notice:** Kate Harrison, a former member of the parish, passed away recently. Her family have extended an invite for those who knew her to join them at Mortlake Crematorium at 2.40pm on Monday 9th October.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory, Amen.

### **Eucharistic Service Schedule:**

10am Mass is replaced with a Eucharistic Service on the following dates:

- Thursday 28th September
- Friday 29th September
- Thursday 5th October
- Friday 6th October

### **Marriage Encounter non-residential enrichment weekend for couples:**

30<sup>th</sup> Sept & 1<sup>st</sup> Oct at St. George's Parish Centre – Sudbury. (Saturday 9am to Sunday 5.00pm). This is a great opportunity as a couple to affirm, enrich and explore your unique relationship (NB: There is no group sharing). For more information go to: <https://wwme.org.uk/book-a-weekend/>

### **Patronal Feast Weekend Celebrations**

**18th & 19th November**

**Saturday 18th November: 5pm in the Hall**

Talk by Melanie McDonagh: “The powerful women of the Mediaeval Church, St Margaret of Scotland included”.

Melanie McDonagh writes for The Tablet and The Evening Standard, amongst other newspapers.

**Sunday 19th November: 12pm in the Hall**

The traditional St Margaret’s BBQ will take place after the 10.30am Mass. Tickets amazing value! £15 per family, £5 per person—please bring a salad or dessert to share.

*The memorial of St Margaret of Scotland is Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November, and may be transferred to the nearest Sunday in churches dedicated to her name*

### **Men’s Breakfasts**

Reporting back from our first of three sessions.

Well, what an event. Ask Fr Peter or any of the other chaps who had an enthralling hour as well as a great breakfast!

We covered: Brain triggers, breaking habits, putting yourself first, getting checked (NHS for free), setting SMART goals and not cutting out but cutting down. (If you want a copy of the slides just send a note o: [info@twickenhamrepaircafe.org](mailto:info@twickenhamrepaircafe.org))

Please come to the next session on October 6th when we will be covering: Managing stress, mindfulness and mindful eating.



### **Holy Hour**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Friday evenings at 8:00 pm—9:00 pm. All are welcome to attend. For those not able to attend we will be starting a book of intentions in which you are welcome to write your intentions. Those attending Adoration will present your intentions before the Blessed Sacrament.



### **SAVE THE DATE:**

**Saturday 11th November**

Join us for our Parish Bingo Night!



**Come and join us for our much loved**

**“Tea & Chat”**

**from 1:45 pm – 3:15 pm**

**Wednesday 4th October**

**Friday 20 October**

*All are welcome.*

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



## Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

*How can we contribute to the mighty river of justice and peace in this Season of Creation? What can we, particularly as Christian communities, do to heal our common home so that it can once again teem with life?*



**Let Justice  
and Peace Flow**  
Season of Creation 2023

We must do this by resolving to transform **our hearts**, **our lifestyles**, and **the public policies** ruling our societies.

This is a time to renew our relationship with **OUR CREATOR AND ALL CREATION** through celebration, conversion, and commitment **together**. During **the Season of Creation**, we join our sisters and brothers in **the ecumenical family** in prayer and action for **OUR COMMON HOME**. Throughout the month-long celebration, **the world's 2.2 billion Christians** come together to care for **OUR COMMON HOME**.

**Youth Alpha** – Youth Alpha is coming up again at St James' Parish Twickenham and it is open to young teens in Years 9 to 11 of any faith or belief. Youth Alpha is a series of fun interactive sessions designed to open honest conversations around some of the big questions of life. Youth Alpha is a 10 series production tailored for teens, it's fun, interesting, and humorous. Sign up form <https://forms.office.com/r/mGePbY9F0K> For more information you can email [twickenhamgroups@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:twickenhamgroups@rcdow.org.uk) Youth Alpha includes pizza and treats!

### Gumley House School Open Events:

Gumley House are holding open events for admissions in September 2024:

**Thursday 5th October: 9—11am**

**Wednesday 11th October: 9—11am & 5—8pm**



### New to the parish... or new-ish?

Welcome to St Margaret's!

Please pick up a New Parishioner Pack from the porch to learn more about parish life here or have a chat to Fr Peter or Deacon Joseph after Mass.

With prayers for your time at St Margaret's



### Have you thought about becoming a school Governor?

Are you looking for a way to live out your faith and serve your local community at the same time?

Foundation governors come from all walks of life, bringing a mix of skills, knowledge and experience. Catholic school pupils in England and in Wales are from significantly more diverse ethnic minority backgrounds than the state sector, and governing bodies should reflect this.

If you are interested, contact [governors@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:governors@rcdow.org.uk)

St Mary's Primary School in Isleworth are actively looking for Foundation Governors—contact the school if you're interested.



### Visits to the sick and housebound

If you are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact Deacon Joseph via the parish office.

