

# ST MARGARET'S PAGE



30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 24 OCTOBER 2021 Year B

*Fr Peter writes:* Last weekend was a memorable moment in the life of St Margarets, of great efforts from so many parishioners offering themselves and their care to so many different aspects of parish life. It was a three-day sustained ray of hope that the Gospel message, through the mediation of the Church, still speaks today. Our weekend both marked the opening of the newly refurbished hall, basement and facilities as well as our post-summer, post-lockdown reboot. For those now confident in returning to Church our weekend gave much hope, and despite, our broadcasting issues, my hope is that those not able to be present in person might have felt included as well.

Two images that Pope Francis uses to describe the Parish, and mentioned by Fr Tim in his Saturday talk, are the Field Hospital and the Village Square, and so the Parish church is a place of succour and of life. Both imply the overflow from the 'Sunday experience' into the rest of the week. Requesting churches to be open is not simply a matter of physical doors, but also of open minds and hearts, of two-way traffic, of going into the Church for spiritual sustenance and outwards into the world to proclaim the living truths of the Gospel, that life, despite all its vicissitudes, can be beautiful.

The ability to see life as beautiful is never restricted to the physical mechanism of the eye alone but resides in the soul and heart. Being able to see is as much about as wanting to see. One early 20th century thinker wrote that he wanted to grasp 'the sheer strangeness of experience' in his writing. As David Hockney said to the HGV driver when told that the landscape does not look like his paintings, replied, 'you are not looking hard enough'. Losing the ability to wonder often includes losing the ability to empathise with the suffering within the world and the inability to recognise that others, outside the Church, are looking for redemption too.

This Sunday's Gospel pinpoints the uncanny ability of professionally religious people to put others off religion. Sitting at the side of the road,

Mass Times & Liturgical Services (25/10 - 31/10)		
Saturday		10.00 am
Sunday		8:30 am, 10:30 am & 6.30 pm
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday		10.00 am
Wednesday	Funeral Mass	12.00 pm
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

physically blind, Bartimaeus, calls out to Jesus, Son of David, while the apostles are intent of silencing this eccentric. Jesus Christ is no longer physically calling out to Bartimaeus to step forward. Instead we possess, through Baptism and Confirmation, the voice of the Holy Spirit, appealing to us through the call of conscience, to do the right thing and reach out to the metaphorical Bartimaeus of this world.

Despite every scandal, despite every indifferent act of mission, and the selective deafness to cry of the peoples of the world, the message of the Gospel still finds its potential recipients like Bartimaeus. Their journey is not completed till they encounter both Jesus and the disciples. The Gospel account emphasises that Jesus did not bypass the apostles but works through them, a subtle difference that distinguishes the Christians of the Enlightenment (all personal meaning and no collective practice) from Christians of the traditions (faith and living community go hand in hand).

Every community then is invited to become the sort of community that would welcome Bartimaeus into its midst. Contemporary Bartimaeus' come in many forms; the obviously dispossessed, the physically impaired, those with tragic personal histories, those weighed down by responsibilities not of their own making, those whose eyes have grown dim through worldly success and consumerism. They, along with everyone else has a rightful place in the Church, not in abstract but in a defined living community. This is made possible only by the doors of our hearts being open, not just the physical doors of the Church, though they are necessary too.

St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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## Mass Intentions Sat 23rd October – Sun 31st October

23/10	Sat	10.00am	Missionary spirit of the Parish and the Church	
24/10	Sun	8.30 am	For the intentions of Irene Starzecki	Jean McGinley
		10.30am	For you the people	
		6.30 pm	Works of charity in the neighbourhood	
25/10	Mon	10.00am	Deceased members of St Margarets Parish	
26/10	Tues	10.00am	The families of St Margarets Parish	
27/10	Wed	12.00pm	Funeral Mass - Patricia Parkes RIP	
28/10	Thu	10.00am	Missionary spirit of the Parish and the Church	
29/10	Fri	10.00am	Eucharistic Service	
30/10	Sat	10.00am	Patricia Parkes RIP	Cathy McKendry
31/10	Sun	8.30 am	Jane Gallagher RIP	Mary Gallagher
		10.30am	For you the people	
		6.30 pm	Intentions of Erica Walker	Melanie Blackwood

## ✠ 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

**Anniversaries** - Peter Ollivier, Sue Trister, Brendan Lane, Maurice Allen, Kathleen Bowers, Annie Elizabeth Peel, Leonard Collins, Cecilia Sykes, Nuala Persson

**Recently deceased** - Nowell Anderson died peacefully in his sleep on Wednesday, 20 October 2021.



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



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

### Entrance Antiphon:

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

### Response to the Psalm:

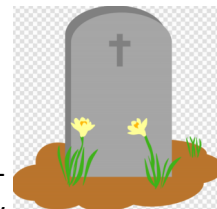
What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad.

### Blessing of graves

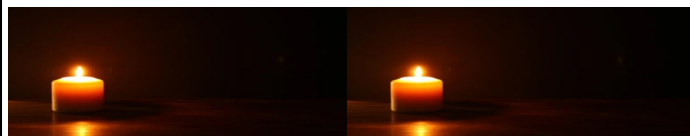
at Twickenham Cemetary

on Sunday afternoon on

**7<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00 pm.**



I will go along the usual route blessing graves. If you wish your family graves to be blessed, please contact the parish office, giving the approximate location of the grave



A long standing parishioner, **Judith Thomas**, who has now moved to a care home a little further away has left a special request to the parishioners at St Margaret's.



She has requested parishioners who might know her to feel free to visit and extends a warm welcome to anyone who would perhaps like to take time to make a phone call to her as she is feeling rather lonely.

May I request anyone who knows her or a friend of hers to share this information and please drop in a line to the parish office and her contact details will be shared. (Any contact information will only be shared after a careful check)

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31 OCTOBER 2021 - ALL SAINTS    Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14    Psalm 23    1 John 3:1-3    Matthew 5:1-12

## St Margaret's Revive & Reunite Weekend

The weekend had been a long time in planning, thank you to the organising team led by Marta: Kathryn, Ann, Mercedes, Lily, Will, Brandon & Harry. Thanks also to the very many helpers at all the events, including Gavin alongside Loretto Home worship team for Friday's evening prayer and praise, the welcomers and those who opened the bar afterwards, those who provided cakes and served the lunch on Saturday, the Sunday BBQ team, Alan who donated the delicious pulled pork, Mercedes' band of chefs and servers who brought salads and scrumptious puddings and all those who stayed to clear up afterwards.

The whole weekend was a marvellous joint effort and the new hall still looks pristine! The renewed facilities will be a worthy addition to our parish mission and allow the parish to expand what it already undertakes in cleaner and more up-to-date facilities.

Thank you to those of you who came and supported the St Margaret's weekend. Fr Peter



## Sacramental Preparation

### Baptism



The next Baptism course are as below: should you wish to have your child baptised in this parish, attendance at these courses is compulsory. Currently taking place on Zoom.

**January** 11th & 18th 2022

**March** 8th & 15th 2022

Should you wish for your child to be baptised, please either speak to Fr Peter after Mass or contact the parish office.

## 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 11th 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.

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](#). Thank you!

**Virgin MONEY GIVING**

## Tea, Coffee & Chat

Date for your diary:

**Monday 15th November 2pm - 3:30pm**  
in the hall

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



**A message from CAFOD: Thank you for supporting our Climate Crisis Appeal** for our recent Family Fast Day. Every donation helps us



in our work and is gratefully received. [cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis](http://cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis) Please pray for the success of the upcoming UN climate talks in Glasgow, COP26, from 31 October to 12 November. There are prayer cards at the back of church; please do take one and pray that that world leaders will put the needs of marginalised communities around the world, those most affected by climate change, right at the heart of these climate talks. For more information see [cafod.org.uk/COP26](http://cafod.org.uk/COP26)

*May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 and instill in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the most vulnerable.*

Tony Sheen  
Community Participation Co-ordinator -CAFOD

## Calling all gardeners



Are you a keen gardener? Do you love getting your hands dirty? Do you have an hour or two to spare?

We need your help to tidy and maintain our beautiful church garden. Tasks include weeding, pruning, clearing, planting, and composting.

We are a friendly and sociable gardening group and will be meeting regularly over the coming months. Whether you are an amateur or more experienced, young or old, we need you! Come and join one of our gardening sessions as a one off, or more regularly.

Refreshments will be provided.

To find out more, contact Cath Brizzell  
[cathmcdee@yahoo.com](mailto:cathmcdee@yahoo.com)/ 07754893846

Cabbage Patch 10-mile run  
- 17th October 2021



It was perfect running weather for this event - dry with the temperature in the mid-teens so no chance of heatstroke! I completed the course in the official time of 1h 33m 37s and an age grading of 62.68%. Thanks to all those who came along to cheer on the runners, and also to those who have donated so far - your generosity is much appreciated by the pupils and staff of St Theresa's. Will you help us to raise even more by donating today?

To donate: \* visit [www.geta.org.uk](http://www.geta.org.uk) and click the 'donate' button

\* cash / cheque in an envelope to the Parish Office

\* cash / cheque in an envelope to 57 Court Way, Twickenham, TW2 7SA

\* direct payment into our bank account. (This helps reduce our admin costs) Contact us at [info@geta.org.uk](mailto:info@geta.org.uk) or [david.rose@geta.org.uk](mailto: david.rose@geta.org.uk) for our account details

Cheques should be made payable to 'GETA'. If you are an eligible taxpayer please mark your envelope 'Gift Aid' with your name and address, including postcode.



Thank you for your continuing support.

David Rose Chairman GETA

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