

# ST MARGARET'S PAGE



26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 25 SEPTEMBER 2022 - Year C

## *In Peter writes:*

Last Monday's funeral of Queen Elizabeth II will be seen in future years as the highpoint of public ritual from the secular, queuing all night to pay respects, to the overtly religious, the funeral and commendation rites in Westminster Abbey and St George's Chapel Windsor. There is still a sufficient bedrock of Christianity in this country to hold a line about the exercise of ritual. Ritual eases the transition from life to death and death into hope. Ritual marks the transition, giving due regard both to the life of the deceased, the reality of death, but for the Christian, the vista of eternal life after death.

Queen Elizabeth's funeral involved 3000 members of the armed forces, and countless others, whose role revolved around religious services, which were overtly Christian with the appropriate sense of praying for life after death. Catholics and Anglicans differ about the pathway from death to eternal life, but all Christian hope points towards beatitude in heaven. Such concern for life after death gives life as lived its proper context. Thus, the emphasis placed by Archbishop Welby on the Queen's devotion to duty as her Christian response to her position.

The liturgy of the funeral and commendation for Queen Elizabeth did not differ from the standard Anglican form and is one open to every Christian, though the Catholic form may also include applying the fruits of Mass to ease the deceased's passage through purgatory. What the steady unfolding ritual revealed was the paucity of imagination of those who look for alternative liturgical styles. Over-priced humanist celebrants take the traditional form and denude the form of content, biblical readings replaced by texts, literary or poetic, often beautiful in themselves, but of human origin alone. Traditional hymns replaced by pop songs of questionable taste and limited spiritual appeal. Listening to Abba as the curtain closes in a crematorium makes light of death but paradoxically of the life of the deceased too. With ritual absent, there can only be fragments not shared meaning: some in on the joke, others baffled by the impiety. Time and again I now experience religious indifference and post-modern irony visited upon faithful Catholics by their family members. After last Monday this impiety can be

Mass Times & Liturgical Services		
Weekend	Saturday Sunday	10.00 am 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 6.30 pm
Weekdays	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday	10.00 am
Eucharistic Service	Thursday	10.00 am
Rosary	Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri & Sat	9.30 am
Confessions	Saturday Sunday	10:30-11:00am 10.00 – 10.20 am

seen for what it really, the product of a culture that has overheard and never heard the Gospel, nor appreciated the dynamic of European culture, the care of the soul and precious quality of life.

Unbeknown to those planning these impious services the life of the deceased is being devalued. If the funeral has no shared meaning in ritual, then paradoxically the life of the deceased loses value. When I see photo tributes in crematoria, I think to myself that this should be done in the reception afterwards where memories can stimulate laughter, mingled with tears, conversation develop and the necessary myths of life sustained. Secular culture tries to blot out the possibility of grief, and thus shrinks the experiences of lament and peace. Making light of life as this Sunday's Gospel is never a zero-sum game.

The parable of the rich man and Lazarus highlights the consequences of a culture of religious indifference. The rich man knows the outline of salvation history: God's action at the Exodus, the role of Moses, and the mission of the Prophets to bring the people of Israel back to God. Yet the message of salvation and the means to exercise the spiritual life has no traction. If the message did he would have shown some compassion for the poor man at his gate and would demonstrate a basic empathy to the sufferings of others. Demonstrating solidarity on earth reflects the solidarity in heaven, so refusing to exercise solidarity on earth means accepting an eternity of rejected solidarity which can mean nothing other than hell. What is tragic about the rich man is that he at least recognised the need for divine encouragement and the precious quality of life, lived now and in eternity.

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 24 Sep – Sun 2 Oct

24/9	Sat	10.00 am	Noreen Doyle RIP	Catherine Sugrue
25/9	Sun	8.30 am	Mairin Gould RIP	Davis & family
		10.30 am	For you the people	
		6.30 pm	John & Rita Lavery and Lynda Ban-Lavery	Gerard Ban-Lavery
26/9	Mon	10.00 am	In thanksgiving to St Charbel	
27/9	Tues	10.00 am	Deceased members of St Margarets Parish	
28/9	Wed	10.00 am	Teresa O'Leary RIP and intentions of the O'Leary family	Maggie Thomson
29/9	Thu	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service	
30/9	Fri	10.00 am	The families of St Margarets Parish	
1/10	Sat	10.00 am	Missionary spirit of the Parish and the Church	
2/10	Sun	8.30 am	For you the people	
		10.30 am	For The Intentions of Thomson & McCarthy families	
		6.30 pm	For wellbeing of Ellie	

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Cathy McKendry, Olga Romero, Sue Rolph, Rose Blackman, 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, Christopher Browne, Antonella Sesta, Margaret Master-son, Carmen Ruibal, Chris McLoughlin (son of Olga), Judith Thomas, Allan de Souza, Tony Tucker, Dr Christopher Khoo, Mary Ibbett & John Wood-Collins.

**Anniversaries** - Ann Daly, Joseph Periera, Agnes Winter, Michael McDonagh, Esther Boon, Agnes Carter, Rose Harding, Wood, Annie Mangan, Anne O'Hare, Mary Deal, Josephine Chivers, Ben Orton

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

## Entrance Antiphon:

All that you have done to us, O Lord,  
you have done with true judgement,  
for we have sinned against you  
And not obeyed your commandments.  
But give glory to your name  
And deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

## Response to the Psalm:

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

## Eucharistic Service

We will have Eucharistic Service taking place on Monday 3rd, Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th October.

## Call out to be an Altar Server



Calling all young people who have made their First Communion. They are now able to serve on the altar if they would like. In fact anyone of any age are welcome!

We have training sessions that take place regularly in the church. If you would like to know more, please get in touch with Pat as below.

Pat [Keane pat@hotmail.com](mailto:keane_pat@hotmail.com)

## HOLY HOUR

**'Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God'. (Phil 4:6)**



From Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, we will be resuming our Holy Hour at 8:00 pm ending with Benediction.

Please come and join us in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

## Donations to Parish Funds

If you would like to set up a standing order, please complete a form available on the website or from the parish office or you can do this yourself through online banking.

The parish bank account is:

**Bank: HSBC**

**Account Name: WRCDT St Margarets on Thames**

**Sort Code: 40 05 20 Account No: 01094823**

For offertory giving, please use the bank reference: XOF your surname and initials.

For donations to the building fund and refurbishment project, please use the bank reference: XBF your surname and initials.

If you are a UK tax payer, please gift aid your donation which increases the amount the parish receives by 25% at no additional cost to you.

Gift Aid forms are available from the parish office or on the website.

Thank you.

## Celebrating 45 years of Caritas St Joseph's

You, and any parishioners interested, are cordially invited to join us as we celebrate 45 years of the mission of Caritas St Joseph's – supporting those with intellectual disabilities both at the lifelong learning centre in Hendon, and in our communities.

**Saturday 8th October Mass of Celebration at Westminster Cathedral 2.00PM, followed by refreshments.** Email Gail Williams [gailwilliams@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:gailwilliams@rcdow.org.uk)

## Come and join us for Our much loved "Tea & Chat" afternoons

every alternate

**Wednesday. PLEASE NOTE THE EARLY START TIME**

**from 1:45 pm – 3:15 pm**

**Next dates for your diary**

**September - 28th**

**October - 12th & 26th**

*All are welcome.*

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



## Loving4Life

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Next Retreat: 8th-9th October 2022, Wistaston Hall Retreat Centre, 88 Broughton Lane, Crewe CW2 8JS

Information and Bookings: [www.loving4life.co.uk](http://www.loving4life.co.uk) Contact Jane Deegan at [jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

Mobile 07517 906435

## Looking for a party venue?

The newly refurbished church hall, kitchen and bar facilities, with access to the lovely outdoor space, are available for hire during the day and at weekends. £125 for a 4-hour booking for children's birthday parties. Some slots for regular weekday bookings are available - rates on application. Please contact the parish office: 020 8892 3902

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## Men's Breakfast October 1st 8:30.

### "Scam and Eggs"

Men's Breakfast is back and we are really cooking this time with a topic which everyone needs to know about.

Our very own Pat Keane will be sharing his vast knowledge gained from over 30 years in IT and cyber security. Pat volunteers with Friends Against Scams (a National Trading Standards initiative) as a Scamchampion.

It's estimated that scams cost the UK between £5-£10 billion a year.

Over 55s most targeted but 16-34 most likely to be successfully scammed.

LOVE HEALS—BODY MIND and SPIRIT MINISTRY  
Welcome you to come to a day Retreat of quiet Reflection  
Saturday 1st October 2022, 11:00am – 4:30pm  
The Catholic Church of our Lady of Assumption & St Gregory  
Warwick Street, Piccadilly, W1F 9JR

Programme—Rosary

Holy Mass in the Extraordinary Form, (Celebrant Priest: Father Mark Elliott Smith)

Lunch

(Please bring your own Lunch - Tea and Coffee available)

Scripture-Based Talk - 'Suffering'

Christian Meditation , Blessed Adoration with Divine Mercy

Healing Prayers - Praise & Worship, [Yours in the Love of](#)

[Christ, David, Eileen, Tony and the UK Team](#)

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St Richard Reynolds Catholic College, Twickenham



ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

will be hosting an Open Evening on Wednesday 5th October from 6pm. Parents and pupils of your parish are most welcome to attend. They will be offered tours of the college by current students and all departments will be offering demonstrations and displays. Additionally, there will be an address by our Principal, Mr Burke at 6:30pm & 7:30pm. Tickets are required for the talk by Mr Burke and are available via this link: [Mr Burke - Principal Talk](#)

**Claudine Richardson, Office Manager & 7B Form Tutor**

St Richard Reynolds Catholic College

**Children starting school in Reception 2023**



St James's  
Catholic Primary School

St James's Catholic Primary School in Twickenham is a high achieving, vibrant school (rated 'Outstanding' by OFSTED), serving our local Catholic community. Each individual child at St. James's grows in the knowledge and love of Christ. In partnership with parents and the whole community, our purpose is to provide a high standard of education appropriate to the child's age, giving the maximum opportunity to realise their potential.

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 headteacher Mr Beatty warmly invites you to come and visit the school. Tours of the school take place every 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)

Application forms and information about how to apply for a place are available on the school's website.

Youth Alpha taking place at St James Parish and St Margaret's children are invited. We would also like to invite them to the Youth Club:



**Youth Alpha** – For young people in Years 9 to 11. Come and see, join us for our open evening on **Wednesdays** from **7pm to 8.30pm** starting on the **21<sup>st</sup> of September**. You are invited to a delicious evening meal and will also have the opportunity to watch the intro video and find out more about the course. The Youth Alpha production is specially tailored for you and is hosted by Ben and Jason who as they travel the world, they unpack the basics of the Christian faith in a fun, interesting and humorous way. 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 Club** - From September St James' Church will be hosting their YOUTH CLUB for school **years 7 to 11** which will be divided in 2 groups: Group A for school years 7 and 8 and **Group B** for **years 9, 10 and 11**. The Club offers a safe environment where young people can meet up, make new friends, and participate in a range of fun activities and outings. There will also be time for prayer and to reflect on light faith topics. Dates: **Alternative Fridays** starting on the 30th Sep, then on Oct 14th, Nov 4th, 18th; Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> / Time: **7pm-9pm** / Place: **St James Church Parish Hall, 29 Radnor Rd, Twickenham TW1 4NE**. To sign up please use the link: <https://forms.office.com/r/dxK4CQdWWwC> For more information email [twickenhamgroups@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:twickenhamgroups@rcdow.org.uk)

**Volunteering Opportunities** – We have volunteering job vacancies for **young adults aged 16+**: Youths Leader at Youth Club or/and helpers for the general running of Youth Alpha. This is a great opportunity for those doing DofE or St. Pope John Paul II Award, great to add to your personal statement for uni application or in general for your CV! For more information, please email [twickenhamgroups@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:twickenhamgroups@rcdow.org.uk)

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4pm-5pm (4-7 year olds)

5pm-6pm (7-12 year olds)

Contact:

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