

ST MARGARET'S PAGE



5th Sunday of Lent - 26 March 2023- Year A

In Peter writes:

Every student who studies the new Testament, and reads some texts from St John, will notice how different is the layout of Jesus' public life. Unlike in the other Gospels, Sts Matthew, Mark and Luke, Jesus cleanses the Temple as his first public act. It sets the scene for His public ministry. The other three Gospels have the cleansing of the Temple taking place after Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem towards the very end of His life. No one can say for certain now at what moment the cleansing of the Temple took place and its date is not a matter of faith.

The Gospel of St John describes how from within Judaism how Jesus replaces the Feasts of the Jews with Himself. After His conversation with Nicodemus explaining His mission and its mysterious origin implied in God's dealings with His chosen people, every encounter with Jesus will bring physical as well as spiritual healing: the Samaritan woman meets the Messiah as well as being reconciled with her community; the paralysed man can now walk and comes to believe in his Saviour; the manna is replaced by the Bread of Life; Jesus will be the living water, the Good Shepherd; the blind man has his physical sight restored as well as being able to see spiritually. This Sunday Lazarus will be restored back to life and the identification of Jesus with the Resurrection made explicit.

This Gospel, therefore, represents both the endpoint of our Lenten journey and the beginning of the Christian journey in the power of Holy Spirit. One might ask, though, why undertake the rigours of Lent only to celebrate an event that has already happened, and a reality that is already present.

Yes, Jesus has died for our sins on the Cross, and yes, He has risen to eternal life, thus overcoming both sin and death. These two events are the foundation on which salvation has become possible through the forgiveness of sin and reception of the Holy Spirit. The season of Lent does not negate what has been achieved for all time. Instead the season of Lent assists in making each Christian more aware of the enormity of Jesus' reconciling love in His death on the Cross, and the implications of the Resurrection for daily life. The exercises of Lent are a collective action by the Church against the sins of complacency and presumption. It is all too easy

Mass Times & Liturgical Services		
Weekend Mass	Saturday	10.00 No 6 pm Mass
	Sunday	8:30 am, 10:30 am & 6.30 pm
Weekday Mass	Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri	10.00 am
Eucharistic Service	Thur	10.00 am
Rosary	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu & Fri	9.30 am
Confessions	Saturday	10:30-11:00am
	Sunday	10.00 – 10.20 am

to take God's love for granted, and fail to respond to the life-changing invitation that accepting the Gospel entails.

The request to fast, to give something pleasurable up for Lent may in its exercise, make each believer more aware of the divine presence within their life. Come Easter Sunday these rigours are put away but something precious would be lost if the lessons learnt are not put to good use elsewhere in life. Chocolate, alcohol, coffee houses may all become permissible again, and be rightly enjoyed. It is the newly rediscovered awareness of the presence of Christ that should not be lost, nor our concern with those around us. This loving presence may now touch sides of our character, those habits and individual actions antithetical to the conduct of Christian life. Likewise, the good habits of prayer, of charitable giving, of loving concern for our neighbour that might have begun, however fitfully, may in the light of Easter be continued. The Season of Lent therefore does not lose its force come Easter but in some small way has encouraged a permanent change in both our spiritual and physical life.

This legacy of Lent can be placed on a firm footing with the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is a privileged moment to cast away the sins of past life, and receiving the love which is God begin to live more fully in the power of the Holy Spirit. Then, as in the words of Pope Francis, 'one becomes credible disciples of Christ in the world' since the love Christ gives turns the Christian outward to others in order to share with others this precious gift of God's mercy. So this coming Wednesday, March 29th, at 7:30pm there will be an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the Parish Penance service with visiting priests.

St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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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 Sat 25 Mar – Sun 2 April

25/03	Sat	10.00 am	Intentions of the Secular Clergy Common Fund	
		6.00 pm	The families of St Margarets Parish	
26/03	Sun	8.30 am	Dan Heffernan RIP anniversary	Su Slattery
		10.30 am	For you the people	
		6.30 pm	Mary Cunnane	Mary Gal- lagher
27/03	Mon	10.00 am	Cat Johns' Intentions	
28/03	Tue	10.00 am	John family intentions	
29/03	Wed	10.00 am	Deceased members of St Mar- garets Parish	
30/03	Thu	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service	
31/03	Fri	10.00 am	The families of St Margarets Parish	
01/04	Sat	10.00 am	Missionary spirit of the Parish and the Church	
02/04	Sun	8.30 am	David Elliott recent- ly deceased	Su Slattery
		10.30 am	For you the people	
		6.30 pm	Work of missionaries throughout the world	

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 Master-son, Carmen Ruibal, Chris McLoughlin (son of Olga), Judith Thomas, Allan de Souza, Tony Tucker, Dr Christopher Khoo, John Wood-Collins, Eleanor Drew & Jim Polland.

Anniversaries - Agnes Condron, William Affleck, Hazel Fabian, Henry Bird, Molly Flynn, James Barry, Margaret Pini, Gladys Wilcockson, Barry Foulkes, Mark Dilley, Mary Reilly, Neville Stracey, Peter Cassidy, Kathleen McDonnell, Michael Tippett, Helen O'Reilly, Louise Grecas

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

Entrance Antiphon:

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.

Response to the Psalm:

With the Lord there is mercy
And fullness of redemption.

MASS ARRANGEMENTS 2023

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY

Maundy Thursday 6th April

Mass at 8.00 pm
Watching at the altar of repose until 10.00 pm
Night Prayer – 9.45 pm

Good Friday, 7th April

Ecumenical Walk of Witness 9.00 am (details on page 3)
Stations of the Cross – 10.30 am
Children's Stations of the Cross – 12.00 pm
The Liturgy of the Passion of our Lord – 3.00 pm

Easter Vigil 8th April

Mass at 8.00 pm
Confessions from 10.00 to 11.00 am

Easter Sunday 9th April

Mass at 8.30 am & 10.30 am
There will be no evening Mass

Easter Monday 10th April

Mass at 12.00 noon

Children's Stations of The Cross

All children are invited to join Fr Peter for a reflection on the Stations of the Cross

12 noon on Good Friday, 7th April.



5th SUNDAY OF LENT - 26 MARCH 2023

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Psalm 129

Romans 8:8-11

John 11:1-45

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - 2

Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

Psalm 23

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

APR 2023

LENT AT ST MARGARETS

• Lenten Faith Formation

- Lenten Companions course, Monday's commencing 27th Feb at 7:30 pm

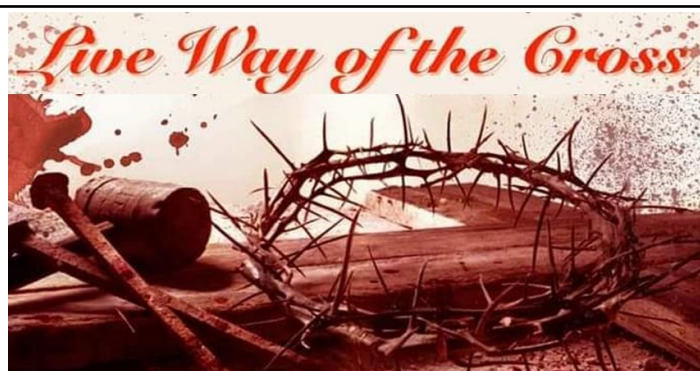
• Lenten Devotions

- ⇒ Stations of The Cross - Fridays 7:30 pm
- ⇒ Holy Hour - Fridays 8:00 pm
- ⇒ Penance & Reconciliation service – Wed 29th March at 7.00 pm
- ⇒ Live Way of The Cross (A live enactment of the final hours of Jesus' journey until his crucifixion - Saturday April 1st 6:00 pm)

• Almsgiving

- ⇒ SPEAR (Local charity, helping the homeless)
- ⇒ School Santa Teresa Del Nino Jesus, Madagascar (International charity, funds to provide lunch to the very poor children at school)

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LIVE WAY OF THE CROSS

An enactment of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

**at St Margaret's Church
Saturday 1st April, 6.00 pm**

You are invited to experience this moving, dramatic and vivid production of the betrayal, trial and crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A staged performance with lights, sound and dramatization brought to you by the Sports & Cultural Society of Ss. Michael & Martin Church (contains scenes of torture and execution by crucifixion).

Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Church hall at 7.00 pm and there will be an opportunity to meet the cast and the crew.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS - 7TH APRIL 2023

You are warmly invited to join with all the local churches and Christian denominations in this walk led by Father Alex of



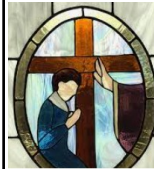
All Saints. We shall leave at 9.00 am from outside Arthur's café on Twickenham Green with a blessing from Father Ulick of St James' and walk along Heath Road and down Wharf Lane to the Diamond Jubilee Gardens, where a short service will be held. This will include prayers by Pastor Alan of the Baptist' Church, a bible reading by Anna McPherson of Holy Trinity and the hymns "There is a green hill far away" and "when I survey the wondrous cross", accompanied on the euphonium by Peter Legge. Those wishing to join at the Jubilee Gardens should arrive by 9.20 am.

If you have any questions, please contact Sophy Fisher on 020 8941 1772 or sophiajfisher@aol.com

Please join us for the Penance & Reconciliation service on

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Wed 29th March at 7.00 pm



Guest confessors will be available.

We need helpers to clean the Church

Could you help?

Thursday 6th April

9.30 am—11.30 am



Could you spare one hour or so to help spruce up the Church. Lots of small jobs need undertaking. Come for an hour or come for the whole morning. Refreshments provided. Please sign up at the back of the Church or drop a note to the parish office, or even just turn up on the day.

More information—Chat to Patrick Collins or Jimmy Green via email stmargaretonthames@rcdow.org.uk

Or reach the parish office: 020 8892 3902

*Enjoy warmth and good company here at St Margaret's at our much loved "Tea & Chat" every alternate Wed from 1:45 pm – 3:15 pm
Come join us for our next tea on Wednesday 29th March.*

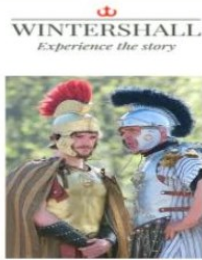


*All are welcome.
Please feel free to bring along a friend or a neighbour.*

The Passion - Trafalgar Square 7th April 2023 Wintershall performances at 12 noon and 3:15 pm

<https://www.wintershall.org.uk/passion-jesus-london>

YouTube: <https://youtu.be/m6rv7de6T4c>



For those who are unable to get to Trafalgar Square the performances will be livestreamed on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Wintershallplay>

Board of Directors/ Trustees Vacancy



The Ascension Catholic Academy Trust (ACAT), which incorporates six Diocese schools in our area, including St Richard Reynolds, needs an architect, surveyor or civil engineer to join its board of directors/trustees. If you would be able to help in that respect, ACAT, and its mission to enhance Catholic education, would benefit greatly from your insights and experience. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mike Metcalf, the Chair of the Board of ACAT, at m.metcalf@ascensioncat.org.

Pilgrimage - Lourdes 21 - 28 July

All are invited to join the Diocese of Westminster's annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 21st to 28th July 2023, led by HE Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Book now to avoid disappointment as places are limited via the Tangney Tours portal at: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/westminster-lourdes>

If you have previously indicated 'St Frai Pilgrim' on an Expression of Interest Form, or know of someone with significant medical and mobility needs who intends to come to Lourdes, contact the Pilgrimage Office on 0207 798 9173 **immediately**, so the Medical Team can look into assisting with requirements and care.



Similarly, all individuals or groups intending to travel independently to join Westminster in Lourdes, by making their own travel and accommodation arrangement, must confirm this in writing to the Pilgrimage Office by 30th April 2023 as well as submit payment towards the Pilgrims' Levy at £35 per pilgrim. Visit the Lourdes Pilgrimage web page <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or contact Elizabeth at the Pilgrimage Office on 0207 798 9173. Many thanks for supporting the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Elizabeth Uwalaka, Pilgrimage Administrator | The Agency for Evangelisation

Foundation Governor Vacancy



St James's
Catholic Primary School

"Put out into the deep"

Would you like to serve the local Catholic community in an important and strategic way, ensuring that our children benefit from an education that reflects a Catholic vision and ethos?

St James's Catholic Primary School, Twickenham, has a vacancy for a Foundation Governor. St James's is an outstanding school and Governors play a strategic role in the school's development. Governors need to be willing to work as part of a team, read papers, attend meetings and ask constructive questions. There is free training available from the Borough and the Diocese.

For this vacancy, we are particularly seeking applicants who either have a background in finance or accountancy. This vacancy is open to Catholics who are not parents of children currently attending the school. Governors are appointed for a four-year term of office, which can be renewed.

If you would like to learn more about being a school governor please email Hilary O'Sullivan, Vice Chair of St James's Governing Body via aileen.sharp@st-james.richmond.sch.uk

On Wednesday 17th 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

**Congratulations to our
100 Club Winners**

Winners for the month of March 2023

1st Prize No. 37 Catherine Wigington £100/-

2nd Prize No 42 Lucy Timms £50/-

(Numbers are generated by a random number generating website)