

ST MARGARET'S PAGE

8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 27 FEBRUARY 2022 - Year C



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Pastoral Letter for the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

Today I want to take a moment, first of all, to thank you for your faithfulness and for your presence here at Mass. These last two years have been very difficult and I thank God for the gift of faith which you have received, which you have nurtured and from which, I know, you receive great grace and strength. I know this to be true because it is true for me too.

Now I would like to ask your assistance.

During these last two years there were times when our way of life was severely curtailed. We were in 'lockdown'. At one time, for three months, even the doors of our churches were firmly closed. Being unable to enter the House of God and to take part fully in the celebration of the Mass was, for many, an experience of real dismay and pain.

But that is no longer the case. We are again able to fashion the way of life that we choose. The doors of our churches can stay wide open. Yet, as you know, many have not resumed the pattern of coming to church, week by week. Other activities have filled that space. For some, the thirst for being at Mass, for celebrating life-giving sacraments, has diminished.

This is where I ask for your help. I would like you to be ready to approach those whom you know, and who are not present here today, with a word of invitation for them to join us. I know this is not easy. You may well feel it is an intrusive thing to do. Also, taking the step across the threshold of the church can be daunting for someone who has been away for a long time. So I ask you to exercise great deference and kindness when approaching them, perhaps offering to accompany them on this return journey.

I make this request now not simply because fear and restrictions are eased, but because we are approaching Lent, the traditional and powerful season of our renewal in faith. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, this coming week, we respond to the Lord's invitation to come forward and meet him afresh. He invites us to come through the doors of the

Mass Times & Liturgical Services

Saturday	10.00 am	
Sunday	8:30 am, 10:30 am & 6.30 pm	
Mass	Mon, Tue, Wed & Thur	10.00 am
Eucharistic Service	Friday	10.00 am
Rosary	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri & Sat	9.30 am
Confessions	Saturday	10:30-11:00am
	Sunday	10.00 – 10.20 am

church to stand before him and receive his blessing, his mark of mercy.

Lent is the time to reset our patterns so that there is time for God in our hearts and in our weekly routines. You know well that the highest form of prayer is the celebration of the Eucharist. It is here, above all other places, that the Lord wishes to fill us with his gifts, so that we, in turn, can offer those gifts to others. And then, when we give that which we have received, we bring this precious light of Christ into our world. He is the best antidote to the darkness of the pandemic, to the loneliness it has brought, to the lack of clear hope for the future, to the deep weariness and unexpressed resentment that has entered into the souls of so many.

So, please, do what you can to invite those who are missing to come with you to be part of this great family of faith at prayer. If each of you can give a word of encouragement to one other person, to one other family, then the reward will be great. Then we can journey together to Easter. There we proclaim again that Jesus alone has mastered death, that he alone is the Lord of life, that he is now among us and calling us to come to meet him here, in this House of God, in this Gate of Heaven.

I thank you again for your presence here today. I thank you for all that you will do in response to this request and I ask God's blessing on the words that you will speak. Remember the words of St Paul that we have just heard: 'Keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain' (1Cor. 15:58). Please continue in your prayer for peace in Ukraine.

We cry out: No more war, no more violence!
And remember me in your prayers as I will remember you, the faithful people of God!

Yours devotedly,

+ Vincent Nichols

✠ Cardinal Vincent Nichols
Archbishop of Westminster

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 26/2 – Sun 6/3

26/2	Sat	10.00am	Michael Shanahan recently deceased	Cathy McKendry
27/2	Sun	8.30 am	Dan Heffernan RIP anniversary	Su Slattery
		10.30am	Joe Cummings RIP	Susannah O'Leary
		6.30 pm	Mary Lockett recently deceased	Gretta and Liam Gallagher
28/2	Mon	10.00 am	Nora Friel RIP anniversary	Pat Friel
01/3	Tues	10.00 am	Deceased members of St Margarets Parish	
02/3	Wed	10.00 am	Peter Cassidy (RIP 2nd anniversary)	Margaret Roberts
		8.00 pm	Ash Wednesday	
03/3	Thu	10.00 am	Deceased members of St Margarets Parish	
04/3	Fri	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service	
05/3	Sat	10.00am	Missionary spirit of the Parish and the Church	
		5.30 pm	Pupils and staff of St James School and St Richard Reynolds Catholic College.	
06/3	Sun	8.30 am	For you the people	
		10.30am	Jim O'Mahoney recently deceased - friend of Olga McLoughlin.	
		6.30 pm	John & Rita Lavery and Lynda Ban-Lavery	Gerard Ban-Lavery

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Sue Rolph, Rose Blackman, 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), Christopher Cousins, & Judith Thomas

Anniversaries - David Chow, Neville Stracey, Rosie Noaks, Rita Kabat, Ellen Bailey, Moira McDonnell, Winnie Craig, Eileen Ethridge, Nora Denny

Entrance Antiphon:

The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

Response to the Psalm:

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

Ash Wednesday 2nd March



**Mass at St Margaret's
10.00 am & 8.00 pm**

Liturgy at Home

If you, or someone you know will be unable to get to Mass on Ash Wednesday and would like ashes and a service booklet for an at-home liturgy, please let the parish office know.

Newsletters Online

You can subscribe to the weekly newsletters to receive them online. Please visit our website [St Margaret's \(stmargaretsrccchurch.co.uk\)](http://stmargaretsrccchurch.co.uk) and provide your email address. You will receive a weekly notification for the link to the Mass on YouTube, a link for Mass Readings and the newsletter along with any relevant updates straight into your mailbox

First Holy Communion

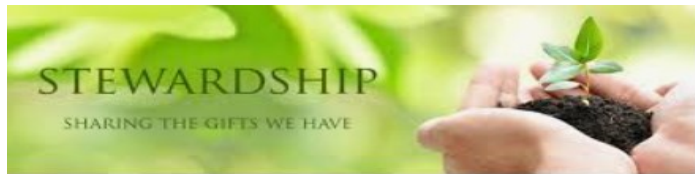
classes will commence on **Saturday 5th March.**

Mass will take place at 5.30 pm followed by a welcome session for parents while the children will follow their scheduled programme.



This session will be followed by a short social to give parents the opportunity to speak to Fr Peter or one of the catechists present.

8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 27 FEB 2022	Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7	Psalm 91	1 Corinthians 15:54-58	Luke 6:39-45
1st SUNDAY OF LENT - 6 MARCH 2022	Deuteronomy 26:4-10	Psalm 90	Romans 10:8-13	Luke 4:1-13



“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied Grace” – 1 Peter 4:10

Last November, the Finance Committee held a stewardship campaign to encourage parishioners to offer their time and talents to nurture parish life, to assist in furthering the mission of the parish and to reflect prayerfully on their financial support to the parish.

On behalf of Fr. Peter and the Finance Committee, I would like to thank you all for your very positive response to the campaign. More than 40 people offered their time, skills and talents to help with many of the important roles that are integral to the life of our parish and to provide a wider outreach to the community.

Many parishioners also reflected on their giving and have set up a new standing order or weekly envelope arrangement or have increased their existing one. These increased donations, together with gift aid, should increase the annual parish income by approximately £12,000 ensuring that the parish continues on a solid financial footing. Thank you. Everything that happens in our parish is only possible with your support.

Peter Slattery
Chair, Finance Committee

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: WRC DT 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.



Holy Hour

Every Friday, there will be a Holy Hour with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction starting at

8:00 pm followed by Compline. Please join us as we pray for the grace to move our parish and the church forward following two years of living with the pandemic.

Advance notice of free event at St Mary’s University celebrating the launch of the book ‘Reclaiming the Piazza III – Communicating Catholic Culture’.

Tuesday 15th March 2022, 6.30pm-8pm, at Waldegrave Suite, St Mary’s University

Join us for the book launch of ‘Reclaiming the Piazza III - Communicating Catholic Culture’ edited by Leonardo Franchi, Ronnie Convery, and Jack Valero. Reclaiming the Piazza III is a timely contribution, showing how the Catholic theological tradition in its perennial wisdom engages with, and helps redress, the challenges of our times.

The event is free but booking is essential: <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/events/2022/03/reclaiming-the-piazza-iii>

Catholic History Walks £5 per person; more information on our website www.catholichistorywalks.com

Sunday February 20th. St Mary’s, Strawberry Hill. Meet **3pm** main entrance, St Mary’s University, Waldegrave Road, TW1 4SX. We’ll learn the story of this University and its connections with Horace Walpole, its WWII stories, and more.

Friday March 4th Meet St George’s Cathedral Southwark London SE1 7HY **3pm**. (Nearest tube: Waterloo East or Lambeth North). A stroll around Southwark. Discover links with Charles Dickens, a ruined church with a story, and more about St George and why he is our local patron saint! This is a circular walk which will finish back at St George’s - but of course you can leave any time.

World Day of Prayer

Friday 4th March

10:30 am at Whitton Baptist Church
27 Hounslow Road, Whitton, TW2 7BZ



Every year a different nation in the world prepares a service which then takes place all over the world on that same day. This year's service has been written by women of England, Wales & Northern Ireland.

The local World Day of Prayer committee has asked us to put forward a representative from St Margaret's. The role would require attending two preparatory meetings (Nov & Jan) and the service itself in early March. Maria Sharratt was our representative until 2018 but since then we haven't been involved in the committee. It would be lovely to be a part of this ecumenical effort and hold a service at St Margaret's in the future. For more information, please contact Cynthia in the parish office.

Bereavement Support



The Princess Alice Hospice works in partnership with community organisations to provide bereavement support training for volunteers. They have a programme to set up Community Bereavement Cafés that provide drop in sessions (usually once a month) that are open to all bereaved people regardless of how and where their loved one died.

These Bereavement Café's offer a warm welcome and a safe place to share experiences with other bereaved people and the volunteers who have had training from the Hospice.

The parish would like to host a monthly Bereavement Café but needs volunteers who are willing to be trained and then offer an ongoing commitment to run the Café sessions. The training is a two-day training on Fridays and there are dates in March, June and October of this year.

If you would like to find out more, please contact the parish office.



CAFOD
Just one world

CAFOD's Walk Against Hunger Lent challenge

There are 200 million children in the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. This Lent, challenge yourself to walk 200km, and help give hunger its marching orders. Do 5k a day, your way, for 40 days, get sponsored and you'll conquer your 200km target in time for Easter – and help people around the world to live free from hunger. To find out more or take part, go to cafod.org.uk/walk.



We are accepting Nursery school applications for this September for children aged three by 31st August 2022. We run sessions Monday – Friday 8.45 – 11.45am.

St James's Catholic Primary School in Twickenham is a high achieving, vibrant school (rated 'Outstanding' by OFSTED), serving the parishes of St James, St Margaret's, St Francis de Sales and St Theodore's. 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.

Tours of the school take place every week. Please contact : info@st-james.richmond.sch.uk for further details.

Application forms and Supplementary Information Forms (SIF) can be downloaded from our website and should be completed and returned directly to the school by 4th March.

<http://www.st-james.richmond.sch.uk/admissions>

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony



**Westminster Cathedral, Saturday
14th May 2022 at 3pm.**

The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2022. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).