

# ST MARGARET'S PAGE



13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021 Year B

*In Peter writes:* Last Tuesday a group of priests gathered to listen to a talk by Fr Richard Finn OP about St Augustine's City of God and its application to today's post pandemic Church. St Augustine had to wrestle with the fall of Rome in AD 410 and explain why God had allowed the city of the tombs of the apostles fall to invading forces. Pagan critics believed it was the abandonment of the traditional deities that had been worshipped since Aeneas had brought his household goods from Troy.

Today the pagan deities have been replaced by belief in science and it might have come as quite a shock to some that 'science' cannot agree either about the origins, natural or malicious, of Covid-19, not the projected infection rates. Scientific advance far from deriving from experiment alone, requires both the intelligence of those discovering vaccine but also models for prediction. Here the subjective element emerges clearly regarding scientific method. Many of us might have been perplexed in seeing 'scientists' give such wide-ranging forecasts as to death rates, hospitalisations and more. Augustine answered the claims about pagan deities, so must we about scientific method and their means of explanation. Too many predictions have said more about those proposing them, the desire for worldly glory or satisfaction at stirring up fear, than could be gleaned from the facts currently known. The Church is not anti-science, Covid is not a hoax, vaccinations are good and necessary. Science and faith are not mutually exclusive but connect through the person, and the ethical intent of believer and scientist is critical as to the outcome in terms of faith and science practised.

St Augustine distinguished between God's ultimate purposes and the contingent events of history. These catastrophes bring much suffering but at the same time become opportunities for men and women to offer compassion and succour, primary Christian dispositions to the victims. There needs to be a subtle distinction between cause and the effect. No one must suffer for someone else to be able to offer compassion and succour, but because people do suffer, all too obviously, then the compassionate response becomes possible. The examples of solidarity throughout the world, in our country and our neighbourhood give testimony to this fact.

Mass Times & Liturgical Services (28/6 - 4/7)		
Saturday	10.00 am & 6.30 pm	
Sunday	8:30 am, 10:30 am (bookings only) & 6.30 pm	
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday		
Eucharistic Service	Friday	10.00 am
Rosary	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday (in church)	9.30 am
Confessions	Saturday	10:30-11:00am
	Sunday	10.00 am - 10.20 am

Here at St Margarets, as mentioned in the last few weeks, there is a greater solidarity between parishioners, both those coming to Mass and those in contact with the parish through other media.

St Augustine emphasised that the Christian's true home is the kingdom of heaven, and so eternal life gives meaning to our conduct here, not the other way around. Deeply engrained in each of us is the sense that goodness expressed as effort should be rewarded, the exam system is predicated on such thinking. All of us need these external encouragements as school pupils, as adults in the workplace, as children in a family.

Yet this transactional understanding of life is not the Gospel. The resurrection of Jesus and the bestowal of eternal life comes from the future, the realm of God, and gives fuller meaning to life now. This Sunday Jesus restores to life of the synagogue's official's daughter, an anticipation of His own Resurrection from the dead. All the healing miracles in Jesus' public life point towards the Resurrection. This restoration of the young girl's life is just one dramatic example of this, but divine restoration potentially comes to all of us. Suddenly something makes sense, the long-spoken words of a parent or grandparent, remembered at some critical point. Those words make sense to me. The words of scripture suddenly take on life. 'So slow to believe the scriptures' is Jesus' admonition to the two disciples leaving Jerusalem on that first Easter morning.

St Augustine recognised the severity of the sack of Rome and its symbolic meaning, but this was merely incidental to the breaking in of the kingdom. The same will be said of Covid in relation to faith. No one of faith need or should deprecate the suffering of this pandemic but the inbreaking of the future, the fullness of life brings greater self-understanding and desire to foster the solidarity between peoples that has been evident over the last fifteen months.

St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9.30 am - 12.30 pm. Emails will not be checked out of office hours

**Mass Intentions Saturday 26th June – Sunday 4th July**

26/6	Sat	10.00am	In thanksgiving for Maja-birthday and 2nd year wedding anniversary	Maja Vitharanage
		6.30 pm	The families of St Margarets Parish	
27/6	Sun	8.30 am	Marshall RIP	Jean McGinley
		10.30am	Edwin Padilla RIP & Carmen Bourne RIP Anniversary	Lily McCaw
		6.30 pm	For you the people	
28/6	Mon	10.00pm	Maureen Tanner (RIP)	Maz & Bernard Winter
29/6	Tues	10.00am	Feast of Saints Peter and Paul	
30/6	Wed	10.00am	Works of charity in the neighbourhood	
01/7	Thur	10.00am	Work of missionaries throughout the world	
02/7	Fri	10.00am	Eucharistic Service	
03/6	Sat	10.00am	No Mass	
		6.30 pm	Pupils and staff of St James School and St Richard Reynolds Catholic College	
04/6	Sun	8.30 am	Katie Halley RIP	Peter & Su Slattery
		10.30am	Thanksgiving mass for Anna-Sophia on her birthday	Lily McCaw
		6.30 pm	For you the people	

**Entrance Antiphon:**

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

**Response to the Psalm:**

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.



**Mass Arrangement for week commencing 28th June**

**Weekday Mass**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday - 10.00 am

**Eucharistic Services**

Friday 10.00 am

**Weekend Mass**

**Saturday** - 6.30 pm (No Mass at 10.00 am)

**Sunday**— 8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.30 pm  
(Bookings required for 10:30 am Mass)

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**Rosary: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday** at 9.30 am in the Church

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

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, Luca, Mary Arnold, Cesar Juan Urrutigoity, Mary Ethel Arnolda, Sydney & Patricia Parkes, Wanda Ostrowska, Christopher Browne, Antonella Sesta, Margaret Masterson, Carmen Ruibal, Ann Macpherson, Chris McLoughlin (son of Olga), Kevin Sweeney, Christopher Cousins & Simon Barber

**Anniversaries** - John Ashton, Bee Gould, Jeff Lawlor, David Ryan, Frederick Balmer, Joe Foley, Ralph Thoms, Sheila Walsh, John McCullogh, Ida Kosciesza

**Recently deceased** - Barry Cummings RIP

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

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

**Afternoon tea/coffee & Cake in the Presbytery Garden (Come in through the path near the back door)**

Do join us on a summer afternoon for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat in the parish garden.

**Wednesdays 2:00 pm—3.30 pm**

Our next tea afternoon will be on

**June 30th**



13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 27th JUNE Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24 Psalm 29 2 Corinthians 8:7. 9. 13-15 Mark 5:21-43

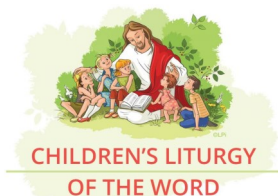
14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 4th JULY Ezekiel 2:2-5 Psalm 122 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 Mark 6:1-6

## Baptism



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

**Children's Liturgy on Zoom;**  
on alternate Sunday mornings  
**9:45 – 10:15 am**  
For children aged 4 – 11  
(roughly)



**Upcoming dates: July 11**

Activity packs with craft materials will be available to pick from the Parish Office.

Suggested voluntary donation of £2.50 for 3 weeks of craft material for activities.



**St James's**  
Catholic Primary School

**"Put out into the deep"**

### Foundation Governor Vacancy

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 business or commercial background with experience of risk management or HR. 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 Ann Edes, Vice Chair of St James's Governing Body at [annxedes@gmail.com](mailto:annxedes@gmail.com)

## St Margaret's Revive and Reunite Weekend

**Save the Date: September  
17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>**

**A weekend of activities to come together post COVID to rebuild the parish community and celebrate the newly refurbished facilities.**



Provisional Timetable - details and exact timings to be confirmed nearer the time

### Friday 17<sup>th</sup>

7 - 9 pm Praise and Worship evening: Music, Prayer and Adoration.



Opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

9 pm: Bar open: Wine, soft drinks & nibbles

### Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>

10 am Mass followed by Adoration & Sacrament of Reconciliation

11 am Visiting Speaker

Parish lunch followed by tea & coffee in the garden

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>

10:30 am Family mass

BBQ lunch in the garden

Craft corner and outdoor games for children, teens, and adults

Helpers needed: please register with the parish office.  
Thank you.

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!

**MONEY GIVING**



## POPE JOHN PAUL II AWARD

The Pope John Paul II Award is a faith achievement award for young people between the **age of 16 and 18**. It is non-competitive, inclusive, flexible and voluntary.

The Award enables participants to take an active part in the life of their Church – in the life of their community and society. It enables young people become more aware of the teaching and role of the Catholic Church in the world and to engage at a deep level with Christ.

The Parish has a number of volunteer opportunities suitable for young people who are working towards their Award. Please contact Fr Peter for more information.

### A snapshot of our afternoon Tea/ Coffee & Cake which took place on 23rd June

The event was a great success and enjoyed by all.



Diocese of Westminster

### CURRENT LIVE VACANCIES

Job title	Department	Hours of work	Closing date
Diocesan Youth Ministry Outreach Worker (1-year Maternity Cover)	Diocese of Westminster Youth Ministry	35	28/06/2021
Retreat Leader	SPEC Retreat Centre	35	28/06/2021
PA to Auxiliary Bishop	Archbishop's House	17.5	01/07/2021
Parish Cleaner	Palmers Green, St Monica Parish	7	15/07/2021

If you wish to advertise a vacancy please email [humanresources@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:humanresources@rcdow.org.uk) and a member of the HR team will respond.

## Peter's Pence

The weekend of June 29-30 is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters.

Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters.

For more information, visit <http://www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/peters-pence>.



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## The Friends of St Richard Reynolds Summer Auction 7th-27th June 2021

All proceeds go to support the St Richard Reynolds Catholic College.

The link is [www.peoplesfundraising.com/auction/fosrr2021](http://www.peoplesfundraising.com/auction/fosrr2021)