

# ST MARGARET'S PAGE

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020



## *In Peter writes:*

Everyone has probably enjoyed composing an email in their head in reply to either some crass stupidity from officialdom or compose a tweet in response to some event in the news. More often than not, it is composed in the recesses of the mind only, or deleted before send is pressed. Lucky for us, I always think. If you wish to go further, this Sunday's Gospel message is 'stop, think again and change your mind'. Many minor celebrities over time have failed to heed this advice and sued the newspapers over an issue, that aroused their righteous anger. The forensic light of the public forum ensures the original issue is quickly forgotten, as the maelstrom of new personal information revealed through the courts is filtered through into the public realm. All achieved sadly at maximum financial expense, the only winners, the legal profession.

The first son did not change his mind at random but 'thought better of it', nor are we asked to change our mind at random but to think through the consequences of our original choice. He recognised that he was the beneficiary of his Father's vineyard and their family livelihood depended on the vineyard's production of wine. This was a shared enterprise and once the first son grasped the bigger picture he could see that his duty was to work in the vineyard. The second son had not made the connection and his morality was one of external conformity or not only.

The first son demonstrates the typical path of conversion, of grasping the sense of belonging, of being in his father's house, to then believing in the virtue of the shared enterprise, tending the vineyard, which in turned changed his behaviour and so going to the vineyard to work. The personal path, to belong, to believe and to behave is the only one through which a systematic morality can make sense. If there is no belonging and no sense of shared enterprise then the moral order is grasped simply as an external norm imposed by others onto me, and to be rejected when needed. The second son epitomises this attitude by saying yes and doing no.

What is this shared enterprise that the first son grasps on reflection? It is the human life well-

Mass Times & Liturgy Services		
	Sunday	8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.30 pm
Mon. Tue, Wed, Fri		10.00 am
Thursday Communion Service		10.00 am
Rosary	Mon, Tue, Wed and Sat (via Zoom) (please email the parish office for the link)	9.30 am
Adoration	Wednesdays	8.00 – 9.15 am
	Friday & Saturday	10.30 – 11.00 am
Confessions	Saturdays	10.30 – 11.00 am
	Sundays	10.00 – 10.20 am

lived, animated and sustained both by forgiveness and grace, life shared with others. 'Life well-lived' for the follower of Jesus is not earthly achievement as such, but the personal matrix of Commandments and Beatitudes, of actions to always avoid and dispositions always to seek. Christian moral life is the combination of both. It can never be just the Commandments alone as they give little positive vision themselves. Neither can the moral life be considered just the Beatitudes as that would be a castle built on sand. The Commandments give the rigour that make the Beatitudes sustainable over time. So, the first son, rejected and then accepted the Fourth Commandment, 'Honour your Father and Mother', and stepped towards realising the Beatitude, 'Blessed are the pure in heart.' Purity of heart is never simply grasped just once in life but is the goal to which every Christian aspires in their personal journey of faith and morals. Purity of heart requires the continual change of mind, 'to think better of it', not in some random way but in the light of the call of the Gospel.

The path of Christian conversion begins with a renewed sense of belonging that leads naturally to the Church as the local and worldwide community. The reanimated sense of belonging and rediscovered faith always brings a warmth and heart to the community. Every Parish and school will be challenged to return to this foundational sense of belonging and believing after the long months of Covid-19 regulations. It will not be an easy task but this time of history is full of hope because the Church of the second son, of thinking the rules are divorced from belonging and believing, is passing away.

St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9.30 am – 12.30 pm

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> Sep - Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Oct

DATE	DAY	TIME	INTENTION	DONOR
26-Sep	Sat	11.00 am & 2.00 pm	First Holy Communion masses	
27-Sep	Sun	08.30 a.m.	Len Tanner (RIP anniversary)	Maz & Bernard Winter
		10.30 a.m.	<b>For you the people</b>	
		6.30 p.m.	For healing and strength for Arthur Matthewson	Norman & Janine Richardson
28-Sep	Mon	10.00 a.m.	No Mass	
29-Sep	Tue	10.00 a.m.	No Mass	
30-Sep	Wed	10.00 a.m.	No Mass	
01-Oct	Thu	10.00 a.m.	Communion Service	
02-Oct	Fri	10.00 a.m.	Louis Ferrario	Carpentari Family
03-Oct	Sat	10.00 a.m.	David Cook RIP	Desmond McGinley
		6.30 p.m.	No Mass	
04-Oct	Sun	08.30 a.m.	John Hooper RIP	Maz & Bernard
		10.30 a.m.	<b>For you the people</b>	
		6.30 p.m.	Elizabeth Whalley RIP	Grania Sweeting

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Patricia Mary Picton (Mary), Arthur Mathewson, Maureen Costello, Helen Sweeny, Pat Friel, Mary Reagan, Pauline Slawson, Janet McAllister, Ben, Mark Titmus, 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 and Patricia Parkes, Judith Thomas, Wanda Ostrowska, Christopher Browne, Antonella Sesta, Margaret Masterson, Bernard Sharratt, Carmen Ruibal, Ann Macpherson, Chris McLoughlin (son of Olga), Paul Costello and Kevin Sweeney

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Maureen Elliott

### Contactless Giving is here!



Please look out for the donation device – simple and easy to give. Choose an amount for your donation and tap your debit/credit card. You can donate either on the way in or the way out of Mass.

We are very grateful to all our regular donors who support the parish financially by standing orders, payroll giving or weekly envelopes. However, in the past, we have also received about £25k per year in loose plate collections which have all but disappeared as fewer people carry cash now.

We are grateful for every donation, no matter how small. Thank you for your generosity.

#### 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

Remember your mercy, Lord.

### IMPORTANT

#### Advance booking needed to attend 10:30 MASS on Sundays

During the COVID-19 crisis, St Margaret's are doing everything possible to allow you to worship safely. However, the 10.30 Mass has become very busy and to ensure that parishioners can sit at a safe, social distance, numbers need to be limited to the maximum allowed inside the building.

Therefore anyone wishing to attend the Sunday 10.30 am Mass must book a place in advance.

Bookings can be made through a link on the website. Bookings for the following Sunday will open each week on Monday and close on Saturday at 6:00pm.

If you or you know someone who has no access to the internet or has difficulty using technology, please phone the parish office 020 8892 3902 to reserve a place.

The 8.30 am or 6.30 pm Sunday Mass are less busy and there is no need to book a place – please just turn up. Or please consider coming in the week as the Sunday obligation to attend Mass is temporarily suspended.

For those parishioners still at home, we will continue to stream the weekday (Monday to Wednesday and Saturday) and Sunday Mass for you to watch and participate.

My hope is that these regulations and procedures will not have a long shelf life. Thank you for your co-operation in the meanwhile.

**Fr Peter**

27th September - 26th Sunday in OT

Ezekiel 18:25-28

Psalm 24

Philippians 2:1-11

Matthew 21:28-32

4th October - 27th Sunday in OT

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm 79

Philippians 4:6-9

Matthew 21:33-43

# First Holy Communion May 2021

## Introduction



Preparing your children for First Communion and First Reconciliation is a privileged period for every family and will help shape your child's faith for the years ahead. Participation as a family at Mass prior to the First Holy Communion course, and the memorising of the basic prayers will make participation in the classes much more fruitful and long-lasting.

The course at St Margarets is open for those who fulfil the following criteria:

- a) who live within the Parish boundaries
- b) or who live outside the Parish boundaries but have been coming to Mass here for a substantial period beforehand. The Parish is unable to prepare families living outside the Parish who have had no contact with the Parish prior to the course. Claims that other Parish courses are full will not be accepted.

Application involves the following:

- a) collect a Mass attendance card from Fr Peter after Sunday Mass
- b) at the end of October to collect an application form

The outline programme is shown below. These dates may be subject to change if the government offers alternative guidance about social distancing etc. All classes will be held observing all the requirements laid down by the government and the Church to ensure that both children and catechists are safe.

Please note the Parish is not liable if the government changes travel advice with regard to families travelling to attend the First Holy Communion.

### Dates of classes

All classes start last from 5:15pm to 6:15pm, short break, followed by Mass at 6:30pm.

Classes are compulsory as is attendance at Mass afterwards.

Dates:

7/11, 14/11, 21/11, 28/11, 5/12;  
16/01, 23/01, 30/01, 6/02,  
27/02, 06/03, 13/03, 20/03, 27/03 (First Confession)  
17/04, 24/04, 08/05, 14/05 (Friday rehearsal)

**First Holy Communion: Saturday 15th May 2021 11:00am**

**Fr Peter Newby, Parish Priest**





CELEBRATE runs Catholic Charismatic, faith-filled, fun events for all ages, combining good Christian teaching, inspirational speakers and celebration of the liturgy, all in the power of the Holy Spirit. Young and old alike join together in a vibrant atmosphere to celebrate the love of God. You can find more information on our website [www.celebrateconference.org](http://www.celebrateconference.org)

We'd love to hear from you! Join the CELEBRATE community on our Facebook, or get in touch via email: [info@celebrateconference.org](mailto:info@celebrateconference.org) Please find links to [Celebrate Poster](#) & [Dates](#)

### Admission arrangement for Catholic Schools

If your child is starting or moving schools this year and you wish to apply for a place at a Catholic school, you will need a Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP). If you are a regular parishioner, Fr Peter is happy to sign these. Please email the parish office on [stmargaretsonthames@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:stmargaretsonthames@rcdow.org.uk) with your child's name, address and date of birth. You will need an original form for each Catholic school that you are applying to, so please indicate how many forms you would like.

Cynthia will then make arrangements with you to collect the signed forms, either from the parish office or after Mass.



**ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE**  
ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL  
ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

"St Richard Reynolds Catholic College is offering two Virtual Open Evenings for entry to Year 7 in 2021, on Tuesday 13th October, 2020 at 6:30pm and 7:30pm respectively. Details to sign up are available on our college website <https://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk>.

We very much look forward to welcoming you to our College."

St Richard Reynolds are recruiting for an RE teacher with a specialism in KS4 / KS5 from November 2020 (maternity cover). Part time will be considered. Please contact [recruitment@srrcc.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@srrcc.org.uk) for further details.

### GETA – Give Education to All

GETA, as with all other charities, has not been able to have any fundraising events to support St Theresa's School in Uganda. The school has been closed due to the pandemic and the teachers have been at home with no pay and no government support.

I normally take part in two runs – the Salomon Richmond half-marathon (March), and the Cabbage Patch 10-mile run (October), but both have been cancelled. However I ran my own half-marathon on 22nd September which I completed in a time of 2h 0m 37s to raise funds for GETA – please visit our website for further information.

Your donations will help us to provide much-needed food for many of the children and support fees once they are back at school, and allow us to make a contribution to the teachers' salaries to help make ends meet until they are paid again.

To donate please visit our website: [www.geta.org.uk](http://www.geta.org.uk) and click the 'donate' button, or send cash / cheque / CAF Bank Vouchers, etc. to the registered address: GETA, c/o 57 Court Way Twickenham, TW2 7SA. Please Gift Aid if you are an eligible taxpayer. Many thanks for your continuing support. David Rose, Trustee and Chairman, GETA. Registered charity no. 1167092.

### From the Diocese of Westminster – Agency for Evangelisation

'Learn from Me' – Lifelong Learning Opportunities - The certificate courses offered in partnership with Maryvale Institute seek to form leaders in our parishes in the areas of Catechesis, Pastoral Ministry and Marriage & Family Life. Courses in marriage & family and pastoral ministry are already underway for this current year but we are now recruiting for the certificate in catechesis programme, commencing autumn 2020. For further information and application forms, please contact Anna Dupelycz at the Agency for Evangelisation, [annadupelycz@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:annadupelycz@rcdow.org.uk)

### Extra helpers needed

All of you who have returned to Mass over the summer will have seen the team of stewards and ushers at each Mass, who greet you with the temperature "gun", record your name and contact phone number for track and trace purposes, usher you to a socially distanced seat and encourage an orderly queue at Communion. You probably don't see that they also stay behind after Mass and disinfect the pews ready for the next congregation.



Our team of volunteers have been very faithful over the last two months but now we need SOME MORE HELPERS to share the load.

Please contact us via email [stmargaretsonthames@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:stmargaretsonthames@rcdow.org.uk) if you are happy to help, mentioning which Mass you usually attend.

*On Saturday 26th September, our children celebrated  
their First Holy Communion.  
Congratulations to:*



*Adrian Cortesia*

*Antonio Martinez Montero & Blanca Martinez  
Montero*

*Chiara Benedetto*

*Edith Budd*

*Federico Prenovost*

*George Kfiger*

*George Pitt*

*Gianna Blackwood*

*Imogen Sheehan & Ciara Sheehan*

*Isabelle Sposito & Beatriz Sposito*

*Joshua Grell*

*Kenny Boateng*

*Lily-Mei Gwilliams*

*Mateo Andaya-Elorriaga*

*Philipa Scullion*

*Pietra Marques*

*Sebastian Marin Cruz*

*Sofia Franco, Enrico Franco & Leticia Franco*

*William Browne*

*William Harrison & Alasdair Harrison*

*May God Bless them and their families and keep  
them in His care*



*Join in for Coffee after Mass at St Margaret's*

You are warmly invited to a Zoom meeting. Depending on numbers we will aim to have people in virtual rooms of 6/8 to help chat. The zoom meeting will be open from 11.30 to 12.30 each Sunday. We hope to see you there sometimes till we can meet again in person.

Topic: **Coffee after Mass at St Margaret's**

Time: **Sep 20, 2020 11:30 AM London**

Every week on Sunday , until Dec 20, 2020, 14 occurrence(s)

Dates for September & October

Sep 27, Oct 4, Oct 11, Oct 18, Oct 25... till December 2020

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZMkfu-ugTgiHdLF876OJvTMz8x0ob4vsjgh/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGvpzIsHNOWuB6BRpwEHYr4M-7wtNzHgqdxukeyVQ95dDfbLLpaYr19RM7D>

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87996673876?pwd=d1pTSWVrdy9HVHJHcEIMSGxVcU9HZz09>

Meeting ID: 879 9667 3876

Passcode: COFFEE