

ST MARGARET'S PAGE

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT - 28th February 2021 Year B



In Peter writes:

“Are we there yet”, is the immemorial cry of every child sitting in the back seat of the family car. Jesus forestalled any such adult sentiments amongst His Apostles. The three Apostles, Peter, James and John are taken up a high mountain and where His face shone and His clothes became brilliant white. Jesus is engaged in conversation with Moses and Elijah and the subject, as St Luke reports was His passing, His personal Exodus, His forthcoming death on the Cross. A moment of complete contradiction, a moment of glory orientated to suffering. Commanding the three to silence on the way down the mountain only adds to the sense of mystery, of why combine suffering and glory.

For many years I have always thought the Transfiguration was about the final destiny alone, but the destiny of Jesus would only become accessible through the Cross. What might have been learnt in these months of pandemic is the all to real sense of suffering, those who suffered unto death, those who suffered for months with long Covid, those who are mourning a loved one who has died, those unable to meet as families. The list is endless but there have also been given moments of glory, Captain Tom, aged people who have recovered, the ingenious ways of expressing love and solidarity in lockdown, the achievements of scientists and the medical profession and the precious quality of life itself.

No-one looks to suffer. Suffering is placed upon us, whether from without, by the world, by others, or from within as a consequence of our own actions. Whatever its source, how one reacts is always personal. Events on the Mount of Transfiguration invite us to share in the destiny of Jesus, making our own sufferings our personal Cross through which divine glory will emerge. I have always been struck by the dignity exhibited by holocaust and genocide survivors who became public speakers. Immaculee, a Rwandan genocide survivor, one of the speakers at a

Mass Times & Liturgical Services		
Sunday	8:30 am, 10:30 am and 6:30 pm	
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday		10.00 am
Eucharistic Service	Friday	10.00 am
Adoration	Saturday	10:30 am -11:00am
Rosary	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu & Sat (via Zoom; please email the office for link)	9.30 am
Confessions	Saturday Sunday	10:30-11:00am 10:00-10:20am

past Alpha Conference, gave her story which concluded a visit to her father’s executioner on his death-bed to complete the cycle of forgiveness initiated by herself. After the years all she could see when she met him was a broken pitiful man in a cell, hardly a man at all. No-one would wish to go through what she had and thousands never survived the genocide, but her humanity, and those like her, showed the glory while the executioner’s humanity had shrivelled up.

St Paul reassures us that God is one our side and wants to share His care through His Son Jesus Christ. Jesus wishing to share our suffering is consistent with His Baptism at the hands of John the Baptist undertaken in solidarity with sinners, and His successful resistance to temptation in the desert on our behalf, the subject of last Sunday’s Gospel. Jesus’ humanity is the same as ours in every respect except sin, but His humanity radiates divinity as Son of God. The Transfiguration marks a moment when this ever-present divinity is seen visibly. Mostly Jesus’ divinity is hidden to antagonistic eyes and it requires the eyes of faith to discern. So, His miracles are works of deceit to antagonists and works of God to protagonists, apostle, disciple and crowd.

Every Christian also carries the Holy Spirit through virtue of their baptism, and so is able to radiate holiness through their humanity. This Lent, in the words of the presenter of the Lent Course, every Christian should ask for everything, a complete transfiguration of present life. Fr Mark, the presenter, argues that we ask for too little from God. Ask for everything and at least some part of us will be transfigured and where there was shadow, light will shine.

St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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Mass Intentions

Saturday 27th February – Sunday 7th March

27 Feb	Sat	10.00am	Anton Barber RIP Recovery of Simon Barber	Pat & Paddy Walsh
28 Feb	2nd SUN- DAY OF LENT	8.30 am	Jo Heffernan RIP Anniversary	Su & Peter Slattery
		10.30am	Cecilia Souza RIP	Chris & Cynthia
		6.30 pm	For you the people	
1 Mar	Mon	10.00am	Miss Jemma Gilbert RIP	Becky Walker
2 Mar	Tue	10.00am	Bernard Sharratt RIP	Ann Edes
3 Mar	Wed	No Mass		
4 Mar	Thur	10.00am	Peter Cassidy (RIP 1st anniversary)	Margaret Roberts
5 Mar	Fri	10.00am	Eucharistic Service	
6 Mar	Sat	10.00am	Tom & Terry Martin RIP	Mary Martin
7 Mar	3rd SUN- DAY OF LENT	8.30 am	Dan Heffernan RIP	Su Slattery
		10.30am	Bernard Sharratt RIP	Maz & Bernard Winter
		6.30 pm	Pat Doyle RIP	Barbara de Souza

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Stanislaw Wozniak, Adriana Posse de González (Valeria's Mum), Rachel Rose, Fr Paul Bigirwa, Patricia Mary Picton (Mary), Arthur Mathewson, Pat Friel, Mary Reagan, 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 and Patricia Parkes, Wanda Ostrowska, Christopher Browne, Antonella Sesta, Margaret Masterson, Carmen Ruibal, Ann Macpherson, Chris McLoughlin (son of Olga), Kevin Sweeney, Christopher Cousins and Simon Barber

Recently deceased – Bernard Sharratt RIP—whose funeral Mass will be at 12 noon on 17th March and will be live streamed;

Margaret Tobback RIP, Peta Ledingham RIP, Eileen Phelan RIP (Ray's mother), Lucia Lelliot RIP

Anniversaries Peter Cassidy, Ellen Bailey, Moira McDonnell, Winnie Craig, Eileen Ethridge, Nora Denny, Charles Byne, Antoinette Lunn *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the Mercy of God rest in peace. Amen*

Entrance Antiphon:

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

Response to the Psalm:

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.



Current arrangement for Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday

at 10.00 am (streamed on YouTube)

Eucharistic Service on Friday's

at 10.00 am (not streamed)

Sunday Mass as normal

8.30 am

10.30 am (streamed) (Bookings via website)

6.30 pm

Rosary on Monday, Tuesday,

Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday at

9.30 am (on zoom)

Government guidelines allow Churches to remain open for worship.



Mens Breakfast

Saturday March 6th at 8:30 am (on zoom)

Guest speaker Ed Walker (brother of Will) who has been doing amazing work with his charity, Hope into Action—a charity that enables churches to give the homeless a home. The charity supports over 70 churches to run a house for the homeless. At its core, it encourages congregations to show solidarity with the poorest in their community, either through sharing their wealth (investments) or their time and skills with those who need it most.

More information: contact Colin Messenger
colinmessenger1@gmail.com

28 Feb - 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

Psalm 115

Romans 8:31-34

Mark 9:2-10

7 March - 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm 18

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

John 2:13-25

Lenten Almsgiving



This year, St Margaret's is raising money for Richmond Furniture Scheme to procure starter packs of essential home items for those being re-housed or moving into accommodation for the first time.

QUIZ NIGHT: join our host and quizmaster, Fr Peter, for a fun and not too serious evening:

Friday 12th March at 8:30 pm
Suggested donation: £5 per household—donations via the Virgin Money button on the parish website.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82957759338?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82957759338?pwd=VUwxWmtvWmRZWUt0Z0lRYnlYM3pNZz09)
pwd=VUwxWmtvWmRZWUt0Z0lRYnlYM3pNZz09

Meeting ID: 829 5775 9338 Passcode: Quiz

AN EASTER GARDEN COMPETITION FOR ALL AGES

AIM

Using an extra large plant saucer approx 14 3/8 " or bigger (the kind used for sitting large garden pots on). These are available in garden centres & large Sainsbury's at the moment. Create a garden out of whatever you have available. It should contain these 5 things:-

- A tomb
- A flat stone to roughly cover the entrance to the tomb
- A small piece of white cloth to fold & leave inside the tomb
- Flowers (real or crafted)
- A line from scripture or a word eg 'He is risen!'

It could also contain if you chose:
A small hill with tomb buried inside or 3 crosses on top for Calvary
Figures
Animals
Battery operated candles etc
Any other lovely ideas you have

This is a competition for all ages, so you can create a garden as a family or a couple or as a single person. There will be a small prize for the best gardens.

To raise money for the Lenten project please could we ask for a small donation to enter so we can raise some much needed funds to help create a home for someone in need.

Suggested entry donation £5

Deadline 27th March. The gardens will be displayed at church on Palm Sunday.

Vicki Phelan

How can you get involved?



Have you got a skill, passion or talent that you could share? Would you hold a mini-workshop on Zoom?

We are keen to hold mini online fundraising events on Zoom typically half an hour or 45 minutes long. Could you help with this fundraising? If you own a skill that we could benefit from which could include baking, cooking, crafting, keep fit, singing, home pub night socials, quizzes, acting skills, music, poetry reading, IT skills workshop, gardening (for example creating a spring planter etc) or any other skill that you are happy to share.

Could you run a children's competition? Or organise a family bake-off, lead a craft session?

As well as raising money, this would also be a good way of keeping those who are shielding feeling connected with the parish community. Please get in touch either with Vicky Phelan or the parish office if you would like to know more. Envelopes for weekly or one-donations will also be available.



Refugees at Home

<https://www.refugeesathome.org/>



Request from Lucy Ayliffe's (parishioner) sister who is involved in working with refugees who have recently arrived in England. She has asked if this could be circulated to residents of our local community who may be able to offer their help in the future.

The charity encourages British people to host refugees in their homes. It was something that Gary Lineker did recently. <https://www.facebook.com/bbc5live/videos/lineker-refugee-i-hosted-didnt-like-football/395366211653266/>

People either host for short term - emergency help, or medium or longer term. Lineker did emergency help, he really enjoyed it and will help another refugee again soon!

At the moment, they're trying desperately to find more hosts. As people are vaccinated hopefully more will come forward. Hosts in the Richmond and Barnes are useful because it is so handy for London. **They need willing hosts much more than they need money.** The charity describes really life changing experiences and stories and say that people who get involved are changed for the better by it. It is a lovely, charitable way to help people who face destitution.

[Download the poster](#) for contact information.



Baptism

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

The next pre-baptism courses for parents will be on

Session 1 & 2

11th May & 18th May at 8 pm (online)

First Holy Communion Programme 2021

We anticipate the programme will now start after Easter. More details to be communicated shortly.



Children's Liturgy on Zoom; on alternate Sunday mornings 9:45 – 10:15 am

For children aged 4 – 11 (roughly)



Upcoming dates: March 7th & 21st

If any children would like to join the children's liturgy sessions, please email the parish office for the zoom link and to arrange to pick up a pack of the craft materials. Thank you.

Marriage Course

The next Marriage Preparation Course will take place here at St Margarets on **Saturday 27th March**, on-line. The cost of the day-long course is £50 per couple (if held on line). More details as to the form of the course will be taken at the beginning of March.



This year the parish will offer a 30-minute weekly Lenten reflection beginning with a short presentation by Fr Mark Toops of Ascension Press on the previous Sunday's Gospel. This will be followed by some discussion prayer and music.



The times are Monday 8:00pm and repeated Tuesday 11:30am. If you would like to participate, please look at Fr Marks' first video for Ash Wednesday. We will look at his other videos on the days themselves.

<http://www.youtube.com/embed/dPn86vrvIMc?autoplay=1&rel=0>

I look forward to sharing our Lenten journey together.

Fr Peter

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday during Lent, join Deacon Joseph for Stations of the Cross at 7:30 pm.

To join, go to the St Margaret's website and click on the link.

[St Margaret's \(stmargaretsrccchurch.co.uk\)](http://St Margaret's (stmargaretsrccchurch.co.uk))



To help people like Abdella
Text LENT to 70460
to donate £10 to
CAFOD's Lent Appeal
Or visit
cafod.org.uk/give



CAFOD Family Fast Day
Friday 26th February.
Donation envelopes will be available at Mass



Grow your own veg!

Two family vegetable plots available in the parish garden.

Please contact Fr Peter for more details. (We ask that a portion of the produce grown is sold to parishioners, with monies raised donated to CAFOD.)



ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE
ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
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St Richard Reynolds Catholic College are recruiting for MFL and Maths teacher roles from September 2021. Further details on the website or please contact recruitment@srcc.org.uk for information.

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.

