

# ST MARGARET'S PAGE

PALM SUNDAY - 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021 Year B



*In Peter writes:* This Sunday the Church enters its most solemn period when she celebrates the Liturgies of Holy Week, and for the second time under certain Covid restrictions. This year's account of the Passion, read on Palm Sunday, is taken from St Mark's Gospel. Each of the four accounts highlights particular aspects of the Passion. What we know as the 'full' account is an amalgam of the four different Gospel writers. I find it a joy to discover these facets because they throw light on the whole account of the Passion of Jesus and my participation in the action.

St Mark's Gospel has two unique features, firstly the sprinkling of quotes of the Our Father the account of that fateful evening in the Garden of Gethsemane. Here Jesus addresses God as Father; here He submits Himself to the Father's will; Here He tells the drowsy apostles to pray not to be put to the test. This scene is the pivot on which the whole Passion account is organised. St Mark does not relate the time that Jesus gives the 'Our Father' as a prayer to His disciples. Instead the prayer is lived out in this moment of maximum temptation. This struggle has lessons for each of us in our own struggles. Jesus is being tempted to fall away, something everyone can sympathise yet unlike us Jesus readily speaks to His Father in His humanity, but as one like us. None of us have to struggle with temptation alone, whether it being doing the bad stuff or by giving up on the vocation of life. Victory over temptation is a shared enterprise and something for which to express gratitude.

The acceptance of the Father's validates the words spoken at the Last Supper. His death will be a proper sacrifice and the Eucharist will become the new way in which Jesus Christ is present to us, 'in communion'. This new way of being with Jesus is reinforced by His three predictions that He will see them again. He will go forth to meet them in Galilee, back where it all started.

Ancient Church tradition ascribes the origin of the content of St Mark's Gospel to St Peter. Mark was the companion of Peter and took down his recollections of his life with Jesus, whilst both were in

Mass Times & Liturgical Services		
Easter Sunday	8:30 am & 10:30 am	
Holy Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday	10.00 am	
Maundy Thursday	7.00 pm	
Good Friday	Liturgical Service	3.00 pm
Easter Vigil Saturday	8.00 pm	
Rosary	Mon, Tue & Wed (via Zoom; please email the office for link)	9.30 am
Confessions	On request	

Rome. There are many unique eye-witness and personally inspired moments in the Gospel. Two that make St Mark's Passion slightly different are two predictions of Jesus that He will be with them again. This presence would not be bodily in the normal sense but of being in communion, a deeper presence made possible by His Resurrection. Many of us feel the presence of the deceased members of our family around us, being alive in another dimension. Their presence anchors our lives, and the presence of Jesus in this way was a source of hope during the period of persecution.

he first occurs just after the woman has anointed His head much to the scandal of the apostles. However, Jesus commends her action and saying that her action will be known wherever the Gospel is preached, thus indicating that His death will be life-giving. The second occurs just before Peter declares that he would not deny Jesus and thus indicating that Peter's shortcomings will be overcome.

The following Sunday, Easter Sunday, the account of the Resurrection concludes with an open ending, 'the women came sorrowfully away' thus demonstrating that the story has not ended. We too are part of this Gospel's narrative and we too benefit from those same sources of hope found in the Passion account. Seeds of hope are found in every life, found in expressions of charity and even in moments of failure. Jesus transforms our acts of goodness for His purposes and turns our potential failures around by taking the initiative, going before us.

May I wish you all a fruitful Holy Week and a very Happy Easter.

Fr Peter

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**Mass Intentions Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

27 Mar	Saturday	10.00am	Mary Sweeney RIP	Orla and Brendan O'Sullivan
<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>				
28 Mar	Sunday	8.30 am	Maeve Shipsey RIP	Su & Peter Slattery
		10.30am	For you the people	
		6.30 pm	Private intentions	Rita Johnstone
29 Mar	Monday of Holy Week	10.00am	Cecilia Souza RIP	Maz & Bernard Winter
30 Mar	Tuesday of Holy Week	10.00am	Intentions of Mr Peter J. Konczak	Margaret Ociepka
31 Mar	Wednesday of Holy Week	10.00am	Private intentions	Rita Johnstone
1 Apr	Maundy Thursday	7.00pm	For you the people	
2 Apr	Good Friday	3.00pm	Liturgy Service	
3 Apr	<b>Easter Vigil</b>	8.00 pm	For you the people	
4 Apr	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>			
	Easter Sunday	8.30 am	Private intentions	Rita Johnstone
		10.30am	For you the people	
		6.30 pm	NO MASS	

**Entrance Antiphon:**

Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.

**Response to the Psalm:**

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?



**Holy Week & Easter Sunday Mass**

All the Masses and Good Friday Service will be live streamed

Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday & Holy Wednesday - 10.00 am (No booking needed)

Maundy Thursday - 7.00 pm

Good Friday - 3.00 pm

Easter Vigil - 8.00 pm

Easter Sunday - 8.30 am & 10.30 am.

**Bookings needed for Mass and available on St Margaret's website**

**Rosary on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday at 9.30 am (on zoom)**

- NO 10.00 am Mass on Maundy Thursday
- Mass on Monday (5th April) will be at 12.00 pm

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Stanislaw Wozniak, Adriana Posse de González (Valeria's Mum), Rachel Rose, Fr Paul Bigirwa, 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 & 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

**Recently deceased** - Margaret Tobback RIP, Peta Ledingham RIP, Eileen Phelan RIP (Ray's mother), Barry Sheehan RIP, Josephine Carter RIP, Lucia Lelliott RIP, Fr Vincent Crewe RIP

**Anniversaries** - 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, Dorothy Kinstley & Margaret Sidey

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

**Note of thanks from Bernard Sharratt's family**

Maria Sharratt and family wish to express their sincere thanks, to Fr. Peter, for all his help and support.

For the many Masses offered for Bernard, together with the cards and kind messages we have received. Thank-you

## 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.

**LENT**  
Pray + Fast + Give

### *Run/walk/cycle for the Lenten project*

Have you found a passion for running, walking or cycling during lockdown?

Could you set yourself a goal to complete a challenge for the Lenten project & get sponsored by friends or family to complete it?

Perhaps a set distance to achieve 3k/5k/10k/20k?  
Or a mile in a set time?



We would be so grateful if you could do this for the Lenten project during this very difficult time to hold fundraising events.



Events could be completed anytime up until the end of May 2021 to give you time to train. Please just let the parish office know if you would like to take up this challenge.



Workshop online event Saturday 10 April from 11am to 12.30.

**CAFOD**  
Just one world

2021 is a critical year as world leaders decide how the world rebuilds from the pandemic. As Catholics we have an important role to play in calling for the world's poorest communities to be included. Join us to find out how to meet your MP as a parish group. Sat 10 April, 11am to 12.30; book at [cafod.org.uk/mpmeeting](http://cafod.org.uk/mpmeeting) **Tony Sheen, Community Participation Co-ordinator -CAFOD**

**VACANCY**

**St Richard Reynolds** has a number of teaching (Primary Teacher - September 2021) and support staff (Finance Manager Summer 2021) vacancies. Further details on the website or please contact [recruitment@srrcc.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@srrcc.org.uk) for information.

### LAY MINISTRY CO-ORDINATOR

**St Edmund's, Whitton** - An exciting opportunity has arisen for an enthusiastic and creative individual as Lay Ministry Co-ordinator. The successful applicant will ideally have experience in ministerial work. They will co-ordinate parish evangelisation and the provision of appropriate catechesis across all age groups within the parish and develop youth ministry under the direction of the Parish Priest and they will help co-ordinate all aspects of lay ministry.

**Hours of work:** 24 hours per week (flexible) with some evening and weekend work (to be agreed with Parish Priest)

**Contract:** Permanent

**Salary:** £12 per hour

**Closing date:** Tuesday, 13 April 2021 at noon

For a full job description and application form please see <http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs>.

## Holy Saturday - A walk incorporating the Easter Story

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April** - An Easter Egg trail with a difference. A short walking trail around St Margaret's, following the Easter story and collecting clues. Small prizes for all children taking part. Starts and ends at the church.

**Start:** anytime between 9 am – 11 am.

Pick up instructions and trail guide. Walkers to set off in family/household groups and walk at own pace. Self guided walk around the area, with stopping points for short reflections on events of the Easter story and to collect clues.

**Finish: at the church: anytime before 12:30 pm**



The Passage's mission and work is developing to cope with more people becoming homeless it is raising funds through the Big Give until Wed 31<sup>st</sup> March to support **No Night Out** a new initiative to take newly homeless people off the street straight away. Further details of the work is at [www.passage.org.uk](http://www.passage.org.uk).

**THE PASSAGE**  
to ending homelessness

**Double your Donation, Double your impact.** This is a matched giving scheme for online donations. If someone (can be company, individual or trust) gave £10 online matched giving of £10 would bring the Gift up to £20 (and for individuals to £22.50 with Gift Aid with higher rate tax relief it may cost the donor less than £10). For more information ring Andrew Hollingsworth 020 75921886 [andrew.h@passage.org.uk](mailto:andrew.h@passage.org.uk)

Donate at <https://tinyurl.com/NoNightOut>

Many thanks, Andrew Hollingsworth  
Community Fundraiser

**Congratulations to our  
100 Club Winners**

### March 2021 Winners

**1st Prize - £100/-**

**No. 80 - Catherine & Sam Brizzell**

**&**

**2nd Prize—£50/-**

**No. 51 - David Gully**

**Cheques will be sent in post shortly.  
Numbers are picked by a Random Number Generating Website.**



### 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.

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

The course will begin on Saturday 17th April and compose of 12 classes. The celebration of First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 17th July.



### Marriage Course 2021

The next Marriage Preparation Course will take place here at St Margaret's on **24th April** in person as the Government guidelines will allow this from mid-April. The cost of the day-long course is £80 per couple. More details as to the form of the course will be taken at the beginning of April.



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

For children aged 4 – 11 (roughly)



**Upcoming dates: April 18, May 2 & 16**

Activity packs with craft materials will be available to pick on Saturday, April 3rd between 10.00 am - 11.30 am from the Parish Office.

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

*Coming back to you.....*

*by popular demand*

*Quiz night with Fr Peter*

*Join us on zoom to test your knowledge & wit.  
Evening hosted by quiz master, Fr Peter.*

*Friday April 9th from 8:30 pm - 10.00 pm*

*Join via "events" on the website or with the zoom link below.*



Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85119141243?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85119141243?pwd=N1JId2Jka2x6ZUJGa2t2UDZlYl6GtsQT09)

[pwd=N1JId2Jka2x6ZUJGa2t2UDZlYl6GtsQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85119141243?pwd=N1JId2Jka2x6ZUJGa2t2UDZlYl6GtsQT09)

Meeting ID: 851 1914 1243

Passcode: Quiz

*Everyone is welcome. please bring a bottle!*

*We look forward to 'seeing you' then.*



## The Alpha Course Online

### Online Alpha Course

**Tuesday's, beginning on 13th April for 12 weeks**

The next Alpha Course will take place online, as meeting in groups, will probably not be possible. This way of meeting has proved unexpectedly successful in other parishes. The course will take place on Tuesdays beginning 13th April and last 12 weeks.

### Donating to Church funds

The next time you visit the Church, you might notice small posters on the pew uprights. The QR codes allow you to make a donation to Church funds using the Virgin Money Giving facility.

Fewer people carry cash at the moment and offertory income from the collection basket has significantly reduced over the past year. The Finance Committee has explored alternative ways to encourage direct giving. To make a one-off donation, please scan the QR code and choose the amount you wish to give. You can also gift aid your donation if you are a UK taxpayer. If you don't have a smart phone, please consider donating by card using the contactless device available in the foyer.

Alternatively, making a planned giving commitment to support the mission of the Church through a regular standing order affords the Parish greater financial certainty of budgeting and forecasting. Giving by standing order does not incur commission and we receive exactly the amount you give. It reduces our administration costs and, where applicable, makes processing gift aid straightforward. You can download a standing order form from the website or ask Cynthia in the parish office to send you one.

Thank you for your generosity.  
The Finance Committee

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!

