

# ST MARGARET'S PAGE

PENTECOST SUNDAY - 28 May 2023- Year A



## *In Peter writes:*

Over the last six months I have been preparing six adults to be either baptised into the Church or to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Each recipient will receive the Holy Spirit, with the rite of Confirmation being described in that liturgy as a 'personal Pentecost'. Pentecost, celebrating the descent of the Holy Spirit fifty days after Easter, is always personal, tongues of fire descend onto each of those in the upper room, but the Holy Spirit remains undivided, animating the Church as a whole, turning the visible Church into a living subject. Preparation for the sacrament, too, is always personal, even when undertaken in a small group, because the teaching takes place at the personal. The desire for the sacraments makes the individual receptive to the proclamation of the Church and the teaching about the faith. Every preparation course is aimed at sustaining and developing that desire.

Presenting the material and engaging in dialogue is as fruitful for me, as I hope it may be, for the candidates. There is no better way to learn something than to try and explain the subject. Teaching the faith reinforces my belief in the truth of the Gospel and the coherence of everything that the Church teaches. There is a thin line of personal engagement that extends from hearing the proclamation of the Gospel and the desire to receive the sacraments through to the ordered explanation of the faith. This thin line develops from personal engagement with a priest, catechist, study group into desire for lifelong learning in the faith, thus moving from priest and catechist to the most profound theology of the Church's saints.

Celebrating the Solemnity of Pentecost reinforces my understanding that the divine person of the Holy Spirit is the living heart of all that exists but which is found firstly in the Church. Jesus Christ is the Word made flesh, through whom everything was made and lives. Encountering Jesus comes first, then the explanation of all reality – a move from believing in Redemption to knowing Creation. This is more than intellectual enquiry, of discerning the reason why there is something rather than nothing. It is the search for the living heart. Jesus yields His power through the Holy Spirit and it is personal, called grace, that the believer receives sacramentally at both Baptism and Confirmation.

For those who 'work' in the Church, whether as a priest, religious sister, or parish volunteer, the institution can seem a cold and sometimes brutal, contradictory and often shambolic. There are many reasons for this; confusing faith with competence; importing alien management techniques into an essentially pastoral organisation; the chasm between the weekly orbit of parishioners compared to the diocesan wide concerns of the bishop; the misapplication of charity regulations; and laziness engendered by overfamiliarity. It is always easy to forget that the central mission of the Church is to preach the Gospel to all the nations and celebrate the sacraments. This mission is always person focused.

Looking ahead to next year, I plan to build on what has been achieved over the last few years, of providing regular moments for understanding the richness of the faith and its application to contemporary life. Sacramental courses will continue but with an added emphasis on pre-catechesis and engagement with the mission of the parish. This worked well with this year's Confirmation group engaging in different acts of service. It would be good to expand this for longer than just the duration of the course. First Holy Communion applicants will need to participate in Mass before the course starts in January by attending weekly Mass here at St Margarets and participating in the children's liturgy at the 10.30am Mass. Confirmation applicants likewise.

When the gifts of fire descended onto the apostles, they were transformed from timid individuals locked inside an upper room into bold preachers. They spoke in all the tongues of the known world but what they spoke touched the hearts of their listeners. The Holy Spirit was working in them to use words that resonated with their listeners' experience and imparted the life-changing message of the Gospel. This is the true Pentecostal church, not a denomination as such, but a church that preaches the Gospel message of liberation in a language understandable both in meaning and in content. Those first listeners asked 'what are we to do? Too often today, it seems to be, both within and without the Church 'what is the minimum I can get away with?' Pentecost is divine invitation to turn this round.

St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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Parish Priest: Canon Peter Newby. Deacon Joseph Estorninho; Parish Administrator: Cynthia Souza; Bookkeeper: Ann Edes  
Office Hours: Monday to Friday (9.30 am - 12.30 pm) Emails are not checked out of office hours.

## Mass Intentions Sat 27 May – Sun 4 June

27/05	Sat	10.00 am	Intentions of the Secular Clergy Common Fund	
28/05	Sun	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>		
		8.30 am	Dusan Hornik for God's blessing upon him and peace in the heart	Elizabeth Hobbs
		10.30 am	Teresa O'Leary RIP	Maggie Thom- son
		6.30 pm	For you the people	
29/05	Mon	12.00 noon	Malcolm Rose recently deceased	Cynthia Souza
30/05	Tue	10.00 am	For you the people	
31/05	Wed	10.00 am	Works of charity in the neighbour- hood	
01/06	Thu	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service	
02/06	Fri	10.00 am	Deceased members of St Mar- garets Parish	
03/06	Sat	10.00 am	The families of St Margarets Parish	
04/06	Sun	8.30 am	Nela Hornikova for God's blessing upon her and peace in the heart	Elizabeth Hobbs
		10.30 am	Charles Bowen RIP recently deceased	Veronica Friel
		6.30 pm	Joseph Coughlan RIP	Davis family

### Entrance Antiphon:

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world  
and that which contains all things  
Understands what is said, alleluia.

### Response to the Psalm:

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of  
the earth.

### Mass Times & Liturgical Services

**(29/05 – 04/06)**

<b>Weekend Mass</b>	Saturday	10.00 am
	Sunday	8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.30 pm
<b>Weekday Mass</b>	<b>Bank holiday Mon- day 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	
	Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday	<b>12.00 noon</b>
<b>Eucharistic Service</b>	Thursday	10.00 am
	Saturday	10.00 am
<b>Confes- sions</b>	Saturday	10:30-11:00am
	Sunday	10.00-10.20am

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Cathy McKendry, Rose Blackman, Rachel Rose, Arthur Mathew-  
son, 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, Ce-  
sar Juan Urrutigoity, Mary Ethel Arnolda, Sydney Parkes, Christo-  
pher Browne, Antonella Sesta, Margaret Masterson, Carmen  
Ruibal, Chris McLoughlin (son of Olga), Judith Thomas, Tony  
Tucker, Dr Christopher Khoo, John Wood-Collins, Eleanor Drew,  
Jim Polland, Theresa Bulpitt & Sue Rolph.

**Anniversaries** - Bridget McHugh, Doris Dommersen, Ste-  
phen Rendall, Gladys Bearman, Bill Richards, Brian O'Reilly,  
Sally O'Shaughnessy, Frederick Bavin, Con Coffey, Bernard  
Happe, Charles Coghlan, Barry cummings, Kathleen Axton

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

Baptism - God's blessings to Matteo John Lotey who was  
Baptised last week. May the light of Christ burn brightly  
within him and guide and protect him always. Congratula-  
tions to the family.

### Call out to be an Altar Server

Calling all young people who  
have made their First Com-  
munion. They are now able to  
serve on the altar if they  
would like. In fact anyone of  
any age are welcome!



Come and join the altar server training on Saturday 17th  
June at 2.30 pm. If you would like to know more, please get  
in touch with Pat as below.

Pat [Keane pat@hotmail.com](mailto:pat@hotmail.com)

### Judith Thomas RIP

A long term parishioner who converted to Catholicism and  
was a staunch supporter of St Margarets, passed away last  
week on Sunday 21st May 2023.

She has not been active for a few years because of major  
mobility issues. The arrangements for her funeral are not  
yet finalised but they will be published soon, once we  
know.

**Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine  
upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.**

PENTECOST SUNDAY - 28 MAY 2023	Acts 2:1-11	Psalm 103	1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13	John 20:19-23
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - 4 JUNE 2023	Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9	Daniel 3	2 Corinthians 13:11-13	John 3:16-18

"I will come to you."  
John 14:18

### THIS EASTERTIDE ACROSS SOUTHWARK LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS 2023

Explore what it means to be filled with the Holy Spirit.  
Weekly talks and discussion - Daily reflections - All day  
retreat

**When:** Tuesday evenings starting with a meal from  
7.00 pm till 9.30 pm on the 2nd, 9th, 16th May  
(lapsed) & 6th June 2023 and Saturday 27th May 11  
am—5.00 pm

**Venue :** St Margaret's Parish hall, 130 St Margarets  
TW1 1RL

**Contact:** 07717 473 160 for any queries.

**LEAFLETS AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.**

Life in the Spirit  
Seminars 2023

### 3rd Saturday of every month Bereavement

Save the dates



2.30 - 4.00 pm on the  
3rd Saturday of every month.

**17 June, 15 July, 19 August, 16  
September, 21 October, 18 November & 16 Decem-  
ber**

2.30—4.00 pm at St Margarets Church Hall, 130 St Mar-  
garets Road, Twickenham TW1 1RL

Everyone experiences grief in a unique way.

The Bereavement Café is a place to meet others who have  
had similar experiences to your own.

It is somewhere you can speak freely and share stories with  
others coping with losing a loved one. Want to join.. Call  
this number for any enquiries 07547 976 953

### Save the date

Enjoy warmth and good company here  
at St Margaret's at our much loved  
"Tea & Chat" every alternate  
Wed from 1:45 pm – 3:15 pm



**Dates for your diary  
June - 7th & 21st**

All are welcome.

Please feel free to bring along a friend or a neighbour.

## REPAIR CAFE

### Twickenham Repair Café

**Twickenham Repair Cafe - Save the date**  
**20 May, 17 June, 15 July, 16 September, 21 October,**  
**18 November & 16 December**

From 10:30 to 13:00.

St Margarets Church Hall (opposite St Mar-  
garets train station)

130 St Margarets Road, St Margarets, Twicken-  
ham. TW1 1RL. Want to know more then give us  
a shout: [info@twickenhamrepaircafe.org](mailto:info@twickenhamrepaircafe.org)

Have a look at our  
site: [www.twickenhamrepaircafe.org](http://www.twickenhamrepaircafe.org).



A big thank you to the Twicken-  
ham Repairs Café for donating  
a Water Butt to St Margarets.



"Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski, the Bishop of the  
Ukrainian Catholic Church in London will visit St.  
Mary's University, our local Catholic University, and  
concelebrate Mass at 12:30pm in the University  
chapel. Bishop Kenneth will  
also preach at Mass. St.  
Mary's would like to welcome  
the local community to the  
Mass to show solidarity with  
and pray for Ukraine."



"The Daughters of Divine Love is an International  
Congregation founded in Nigeria in 1969 and a mem-  
ber of the Missionary Sisters of England and Wales.  
They educate, care for, and add value to the lives of  
the less privileged in society. Their charity home in  
Nigeria and school for indigent children in Kenya pro-  
vide care and education for orphans, motherless,  
abandoned children, street children/teenagers, and  
children with special needs/HIV.

Their aim is always to serve the less privileged and  
the marginalized in society. In everything that they  
do, the love of Christ impels them to respond to the  
cry of the poor and the vulnerable with concrete ac-  
tions". Sr Ann will be visiting St Margarets on Sunday  
28th May for and speaking about her mission at all  
Masses.

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Retreat 2023 at Sacred Heart RC Church New Priory Quex Road Kilburn London NW6 4PS on **Saturday 17 June 2023 from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm** led by the Marian Fathers.



The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call millie on 07957594646 for more information.

## Welcoming the Stranger: At Home

Many of us are wondering what we can do to walk alongside people who have come to the UK seeking safety.

### Have you thought about hosting a refugee?

Come and learn about JRS UK's hosting scheme at an information evening on Tuesday 30th May, 7 pm at Arrupe Hall, London Jesuit Centre. Leaflet available at the porch.



### Following the footsteps of the Saints



#### Called to action by our faith- Saturday 10th June

You are invited to CAFOD's International Office on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June for a short time exploring our faith, why we Campaign & how you can help. The morning will include guest speakers & a chance for discussion in workshops to explore activities such as [Live Simply](#), Our unfair Food System and Liturgy resources. The morning will run from 10.30-1pm at CAFOD's Office in Lambeth North SE1. For further information contact Tony [tsheen@cafod.org.uk](mailto:tsheen@cafod.org.uk) or booking please see <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events>

**Did you know** that Church teaching says that we should not only support those in poverty but also tackle the root causes of poverty? Pope Benedict XVI said that "Love — caritas — is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace." For decades CAFOD has spoken out against injustice. To find out more and get involved in tackling the root causes of poverty, please go to [cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns](https://cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns)



Tony Sheen, Community Participation Co-ordinator -CAFOD



### Parish Quiz Night

Saturday 17th June 7:30 pm

Tickets at £15 per head

includes a fish & chips supper

Tables of 8, or you could join with another team. Please contact the parish office to be allocated to a team.

Interval raffle - with lovely prizes to be won.

Tickets on sale after Mass or through the parish office.

We are serving coffee and croissants after 8:30 am Mass on Sunday June 11th.

Please do join us if you are free.



## Congratulations to our 100 Club Winners

### Winners for the month of May 2023

1st Prize No.45 Catherine Sugrue £100/-

2nd Prize No 27 Leslie Hill £50/-

(Numbers are generated by a random number generating website)