

ST MARGARET'S PAGE



7th SUNDAY OF EASTER - 29 MAY 2022 - Year C

In Peter writes:

Last Thursday the Church celebrated the Solemnity of the Ascension and judging by the numbers attending Mass there is little realisation that it is a Holy Day of Obligation. Till Pentecost the obligation to participate in person has been lifted. After Pentecost the usual practice returns and those unable to attend in person because they are ill or immobile are excused the obligation. I doubt this recent episcopal announcement will make much difference to the numbers attending Mass as every Parish has become used to being a community of the willing, teenagers excepted, rather than the gathering of the coerced. I am sure that I am not the only one to have experienced the difference.

Returning to the Ascension, this Solemnity fits into the great drama of Eastertide, sitting between Good Friday and Easter Sunday before and Pentecost which will be celebrated next weekend. The Ascension does possess an easily understood explanation: Good Friday resonates with the pain and suffering in the world; Easter Sunday with hopes of immortality in some form; Pentecost with the sense of the spiritual. These natural explanations are an entry to the richer catholic sense to these liturgical events. Good Friday is the suffering of Jesus Christ, God mad man, on the Cross as a sacrifice for the sin of the world. This suffering is not just an example, a moment of solidarity, but gathers in all our suffering and witnessing of death. Easter Sunday is the moment Jesus passes from death in the tomb to life in heaven, not as an immortal soul, a collective memory, but in his body. The Resurrection gives a human stamp to life after death. Whatever it maybe it will be human and bodily in culture.

The risen Jesus appeared for forty days after the Resurrection, making himself visible in such a way that it elicited an act of awe and faith from those who encountered Him. This time could be described as an apprenticeship for the apostles, of training them to be able to see him, to emphasise the personal, the small scale, the domestic and quotidian. Now after forty days Jesus ascends from outside Jerusalem. St Luke describes Jesus withdrawing from their sight rather than simply taking off like a rocket.

Mass Times & Liturgical Services		
Weekend	Saturday Sunday	10.00 am 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 6.30 pm
Weekdays	Mon, Tue (Funeral – 1.00 pm),	10.00 am
Eucharistic Service	Thursday	10.00 am
Rosary	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri & Sat	9.30 am
Confessions	Saturday	10:30-11:00am
	Sunday	10.00 – 10.20 am

Jesus' ascension took His resurrected body into heaven and opened the same pathway to us. The Resurrection by itself, would have been the great example of the triumph over death, but the Ascension invites us to share in that destiny too. The Ascension opens the gateway into the kingdom for those who accept Christ. By departing Jesus answered the disciples' question as to when the kingdom would be established. The answer must have proved disarming, it was already established despite everything, and they would be the foundation stones of its future growth. Responsibility is being placed on their shoulders and by extension on ours too.

The apostles, their successors, you, and me, would not be undertaking this enterprise under our own steam but in the power of the Holy Spirit. Hence the necessary descent of the Holy Spirit after the Ascension. The Holy Spirit is sent by the Father and the Son because this mission is not a new one, one only tangentially associated with Jesus Christ, but His mission continued. The modern use of the word spiritual has virtually become a self-designated label of moral superiority: 'I am a very spiritual person.' This was not the intent of Pentecost. Rather it was to reinforce the wavering faith and tepid following by the Apostles, transforming them and us too into His instruments for passing on the message of mercy.

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Office Hours: Monday to Friday (9.30 am - 12.30 pm) Emails are not checked out of office hours.

Mass Intentions Sat 28 May – Sun 5 June

28/5	Sat	10.00 am	For you the people	
		6.30 pm	No Mass	
29/5	Sun	8.30 am	Christopher Bermingham RIP	Shirley Doyle
		10.30 am	Mary Heffernan RIP	Rita Johnston
		6.30 pm	Anita Pacitto RIP anniversary	Margo Watkins
30/5	Mon	10.00 am	Deceased members of St Margaret's Parish	
31/5	Tues	1.00 pm	Funeral Mass Ann MacPherson RIP	
01/6	Wed	10.45 am	Joan Douglas RIP	Rita Johnston
02/6	Thu	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service	
03/6	Fri	10.00 am	Deceased members of St Margaret's Parish	
04/6	Sat	10.00 am	The families of St Margaret's Parish	
		6.30 pm	No Mass	
Pentecost Sunday 5th June				
05/6	Sun	8.30 am	Cathy Bannister RIP	Jean McGinley
		10.30 am	Thanksgiving for Queen Elizabeth's Jubilee	Parishioners of St Margaret's
		6.30 pm	Christopher Cousins RIP	Philip Graney

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Cathy McKendry, Olga Romero, Sue Rolph, Rose Blackman, Stanislaw Wozniak, 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, Mary Arnold, Cesar Juan Urrutigoity, Mary Ethel Arnolda, Sydney Parkes, Christopher Browne, Antonella Sesta, Margaret Master-son, Carmen Ruibal, Chris McLoughlin (son of Olga), Judith Thomas & Allan de Souza

Recently deceased - Christopher Cousins RIP, Adriana Posse de González RIP (Valeria's Mum), Margaret O'Shea RIP, Christopher Bermingham RIP, Cathy Bannister RIP & Ann Macpherson RIP

Anniversaries - Stephen 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 Matilda Christina Swan and Dargh Thomas Parry-McCreesh who was Baptised last week. May the light of Christ burn brightly within them. Congratulations to their families.

Entrance Antiphon:

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.

Response to the Psalm: The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

Holy Hour

Holy hour will resume on Friday evenings at 8:00 pm. Please do come and join us before the blessed sacrament as we pray for our parish: that we may grow as a community in Christ.



Funerals



Ann Macpherson RIP
Funeral will take place on
Tuesday 31st May 2022 at 1.00 pm at
St Margaret's.

Link for live stream of Mass <https://youtu.be/6hboqf-LkJc>

The family thanks everyone in the parish for their prayers, support and kindness at this time and welcomes all to join them for refreshments after Mass in the Church hall.

Donations if desired in Ann's memory can be made to Princess Alice Hospice via <https://annmacpherson.muchloved.com>

Anne Garcia RIP

Funeral will take place on
Tuesday 14th June at 11.30 at Ealing Abbey.

Anne Garcia, who was a long term sacristan and devotedly led the Stations of the Cross each Lent in our Parish, died unexpectedly.

We remember her four children in our prayers, Anne's life in celebration and her loss in heartache.



Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Parish celebration to mark the Queen's Jubilee Sunday 5th June



10:30 am votive Mass, followed by champagne, celebration cakes and the Platinum Jubilee dessert in the garden.



All contributions from those who would like to make a celebration cake, biscuits or the Platinum Jubilee dessert (and variations thereof!) are most welcome.

Slight change to what was advertised in The Page last week -- there will be NO BBQ, but if the weather is fine, please do feel free to bring your own picnic and join a communal picnic in the garden.

LENT Pray + Fast + Give

Lenten Project 2022 - presentation of cheques to the charities

We are delighted to announce that the total amount raised by our collective parish almsgiving during Lent was just under £8,000. This amount will be split between the two charities that the parish chose to support -- GETA, Give Education to All and INS, Integrated Neurological Services. A presentation of cheques will be made to representatives of both charities at the end of 10:30 am Mass on Sunday June 5th.

Thank you to all those whose generous donations have enabled this.

On behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council

Congratulations to our 100 Club Winners

Winners for the month of May 2022

1st Prize No. 34 Maria Sharratt £100/-

2nd Prize No 62 Mary Marriage £50/-

(Numbers are generated by a random number generating website)

ST MARGARET'S FAIR 2nd July 2022

The church has booked a stall at the above event which is held on Moormead near the church. We will be selling religious items and books as well as some bric-a-brac. All proceeds will be donated to the Church Building Fund.

We are asking parishioners to donate items for sale, so please look for that item you no longer need or books that you have already read.

We are also looking for volunteers to set up and take down the stall and help on the stall during the day. (No clothes, knives or bulky items).

If you would like to have more information on the same or have any queries, kindly contact the parish office or Jimmy Green on 0208 977 6511.

Our second collection at Mass will support the Priest Training



PRIEST TRAINING FUND
Diocese of Westminster

Fund. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood.

There are currently 58 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 17 of whom are from our own Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also from our Diocese. Last year four men who studied at Allen Hall were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation envelope, plenty are still available at the back of the church. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

Come and join us for Our much loved "Tea & Chat"

every alternate

Wednesday from 2.00 pm - 3.30 pm

Next dates for your diary

June - 1st, 15th & 29th



All are welcome.

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

UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

Restoring your faith in the news

Help us to help the Cardinal in our "Back to Church Campaign".

Please see the link below for this week's Universe Catholic Weekly:-

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We will be having two Catholic History Walks along the Thames, starting from St Margaret's Church:



Saturday June 18th, meet 3pm outside St Margaret's Church

Wednesday June 22nd, meet 6pm outside St Margaret's Church

We will walk along the Twickenham bank of the river, and discover the stories of exiled French royalty, Alexander Pope, St John Henry Newman, and more. The Walk will take about an hour and a half - of course you can leave any time. Suggested donation £5.00p

Next Tuesday, 31 May 2022, at 6pm (5pm UK time) Pope Francis will be reciting the Rosary in front of the statue of Our Lady Queen of Peace in the Basilica



of Santa Maria Maggiore in Rome. In doing so, 'he wishes to offer a sign of hope to the world, suffering through the conflict in Ukraine, and profoundly wounded through the violence of so many other theatres of war.'

The Cardinal has to suggest that you may wish to associate yourselves with the Pope's prayer next Tuesday, the end of the Marian month of May. This could be through a recitation of the Rosary, or through praying for peace in Ukraine and elsewhere at Mass, or in any other way that seems suitable to you.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to



THY KINGDOM COME

pray for more people to come to know Jesus. It has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer inviting Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. Since its start in May 2016, 172 countries have joined in praying 'Come Holy Spirit'. During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will:

Deepen their own relationship with Jesus Christ Pray for 5 friends or family to come to faith in Jesus Pray for the empowerment of the Spirit that we would be effective in our Witness

A wealth of resources can be found at <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>
<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/resources-catholic-church>

- **Prayer and care** – helping those in need locally, as well as praying for them to know Jesus Christ, or know him more fully.
- **Continuous Prayer** — join with friends and colleagues to pray continuously over a fixed time, perhaps 12 hours, or if in contact internationally, over 24 hours.
- **Pray Together** - at regular times, join with others in the parish to pray for evangelisation locally; you may like to use the **PentecostNovena**.
- **Light up the World in Prayer** - encourage as many people you know to join you in registering their prayer on the TKC website, and so light up the world map with prayer.

Explore digital resources – a range of resources to suit everyone is available on the TKC website, including a **Prayer Journal**, the interactive **Family Prayer Adventure Map** and **Journey with Mary**.

LOVE HEALS

BODY MIND AND SPIRIT MINISTRY



Welcome you to come to a one

-day Retreat of quiet Reflection

Saturday 4th June 2022, 11:00am – 4:30pm

The Catholic Church of our Lady of Assumption & St Gregory
Warwick Street, Piccadilly, W1F 9JR

Nearest Tube Stations: Piccadilly Circus exit 2
Down Regent Street, Turn right into Regent Place

Programme

Holy Rosary

Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Form

(Celebrant Priest: Father Mark Elliott Smith)

Lunch Break (Please bring your own lunch, Tea & Coffee available)

Talk Based on Scripture: 'How to Rest in God'

Catholic Christian Meditation

Blessed Adoration

Individual Healing Prayers

4.30 pm - Retreat Ends

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