

# ST MARGARET'S PAGE



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 29 January 2023- Year A

## *In Peter writes:*

Sitting on the Mount of Beatitudes gazing across the Sea of Galilee would turn even the most sceptical individual into thinking that something special must have happened here. Galilee is a spiritual and ecological microcosm. The truth of the Gospel exudes from the land, and from the ruins of the villages that Jesus visited along with rituals of contemporary life. Gazing on the beauty of Galilee, its verdant countryside and soft hills only speaks of the first part of Jesus' public life as He will ascend to Jerusalem. So added to Galilee and the Beatitudes must be added even the harsh desert and striking mountains of the Sinai and the Ten Commandments. Both places are part of God's creation and both locations of His revelation, both places are sacred and where His will is made known to His people and His disciples.

It might seem attractive to replace the Ten Commandments with the Beatitudes, of replacing 'do not' with 'become' instead – so 'blessed are the peacemakers' is a more attractive proposition than the command, 'Thou shalt not kill'; or 'blessed are the poor in spirit' than the command, 'Thou shalt have no other God but me'. Yet without the first, the Commandments, the second, the Beatitudes, would lose their impact, no longer being conscious choices made consistently over time but shrunk to vague generalities. No-one can become a peacemaker with violence in their heart; no-one can love God with a sense of entitlement.

Each Beatitude aims to inspire the internal conversion of mind and heart because they make it possible for the believer to see the world in the light of God's promises without ignoring the present reality of suffering, of frustration and hopelessness. Living the Beatitudes is living the end times of heaven, of tasting heaven on earth but always in a sign of contradiction. Thus 'Blessed are the poor of spirit theirs in the kingdom of God, Blessed are those who mourn they shall be comforted.' Nothing has to be perfect before the Christian can experience a little of heaven, even if in contradiction. All our lives are littered with

| Mass Times & Liturgical Services |  |   |
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| Weekend Mass                     | Saturday<br>Sunday                     | 10.00 am & 6.00 pm<br>8:30 am, 10:30 am & 6.30 pm |
| Weekday Mass                     | Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri<br>Wed (CandleMas) | 10.00 am<br>7.00 pm                               |
| Eucharistic Service              | Thursday                               | 10.00 am  |
| Confessions                      | Saturday<br>Sunday                     | 10:30-11:00am<br>10.00 – 10.20 am                 |

half-promises made to ourselves; I will do this when ... failing to act until the conditions are right; when I am less busy I will; when I retire, when I leave school. The Beatitudes are for now, not some distant ideal future.

Every Beatitude for the Christian is both Cross and Resurrection, both present reality and future hope. Presenting contradiction at the heart of moral experience help makes sense of our memories too because life is not simply black or white, good times or bad times. Nor is our life simply a shade of grey depending. Maybe life is more like a QR code, a multitude of black and white dots potentially offering an access code. To the Christian this access code is to heavenly realities. Contradiction marks our moral choices, between pursuing the right decision and satisfying our personal predilections.

Moral progress is marked not by denying the contradictions in our behaviour but in allowing grace to write a message as if a QR code. The Saints never did not sin, it was just that their lives radiated the message of divine grace working through weak human willpower. Seeing these contradictions within our lived experience, within our moral choices and within our hopes for life but anticipating the gift of grace that will turn this seemingly meaningless collection into a definitive message will help answer some questions that dominates mental health issues of young and old alike. No situation is ever completely hopeless, nor is it possible to find the perfect sunny place where everything is in good order. The Beatitudes anchor life in the real world while at the same time writing the code that gives life meaning and offer an exit from meaninglessness.

St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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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 Jan – Sun 5 Feb

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| 28/01  | Sat | 10.00 am | Works of charity in the neighbourhood  |
|  |     | 6.00 pm  | William Hickey RIP<br>Roseline Hickey  |
| 29/01  | Sun | 8.30 am  | Brigid O'Mahoney RIP<br>M Davies   |
|  |     | 10.30 am | thanksgiving for recovery of Liam Patterson Westcork<br>friend of Olga & Alex McLoughlin |
|  |     | 6.30 pm  | Brian de Souza RIP<br>Barbara de Souza   |
| 30/01  | Mon | 10.00 am | Thanksgiving Mass from M Davies  |
| 31/01  | Tue | 10.00 am | Intentions of the Secular Clergy Common Fund   |
| 01/02  | Wed | 10.00 am | The families of St Margarets Parish  |
|  |     | 7.00 pm  | Ruth Tinker RIP (recently deceased)<br>The Macleod family                                |
| Eve of CandleMas (Feast of the Presentation of the Lord) |     |          |  |
| 02/02  | Thu | 10.00 am | Eucharistic Service  |
| 03/02  | Fri | 10.00 am | Deceased members of St Margarets Parish  |
| 04/02  | Sat | 10.00 am | Missionary spirit of the Parish and the Church   |
|  |     | 6.00 pm  | The families of St Margarets Parish  |
| 05/02  | Sun | 8.30 am  | For you the people   |
|  |     | 10.30 am | John McHugh RIP<br>Mary McHugh   |
|  |     | 6.30 pm  | Kathleen Cassidy RIP<br>Margaret Roberts   |

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Cathy McKendry, Rose Blackman, Rachel Rose, 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 Masterson, Carmen Ruibal, Chris McLoughlin (son of Olga), Judith Thomas, Allan de Souza, Tony Tucker, Dr Christopher Khoo, John Wood-Collins, Eleanor Drew & Theresa Bulpitt (sister of Margaret Crowe)

**Anniversaries** - Michael Kennedy, Bishop Gerald Mahon, Fr. Stephen Hinde, Molly Weare, Martin Leahy, Howard Bingham, Frank Sparlis, Cesarina Grecas, Harry Proctor, Mary Mangan, Millicent de Lord, Edwin Atkinson, Veronica Pierce, Rosamund Chalkley, Gertrude Mason

**Recently deceased** - Patricia "Mary" Picton RIP (Vicky Phelan's mum), Clare Gillis RIP, Michael Roper RIP & Michael Barnes RIP

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

**Entrance Antiphon:** Save us, O Lord our God!

And gather us from the nations,  
to give thanks to your holy name,  
and make it our glory to praise you.

**Response to the Psalm:**

How happy are the poor in spirit;  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**Mass Schedule** - Normal Mass schedule has resumed (please refer to page 1 (Mass Times & Liturgical Services))

**Eve of CandleMas** (the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple when he was a baby) - Mass will be celebrated at 7 pm on Wednesday, 1st February. Do bring your candles to Mass to be blessed.



**CandleMas on 2nd February,**

Thursday - Eucharistic Service will be held at 10.00 am.

### Holy Hour

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has resumed on Friday evenings at 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm and all are welcome to attend. For those not able to attend we will be starting a book of intentions in which you are welcome to write your intentions. Those attending Adoration will present your intentions before the Blessed Sacrament.



### Funeral for Patricia 'Mary' Picton

The Phelan family would like to warmly invite friends and parishioners to the funeral of Patricia 'Mary' Picton, Vicky's mother. It will be held at St. Margaret's on **Wednesday 15th February at 11.30am**, followed by a cremation service at Mortlake crematorium at 1.20pm.



There will be refreshments in our church hall at 2pm following to celebrate Mary's life.

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| 4TH SUNDAY IN OT - 29 JAN 2023 | Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13 | Psalm 145 | 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 | Matthew 5:1-12  |
| 5TH SUNDAY IN OT - 5 FEB 2023  | Isaiah 58:7-10         | Psalm 111 | 1 Corinthians 2:1-5   | Matthew 5:13-16 |



## Mens Breakfast

Men's Breakfast Saturday 4th February

**“Is there any hope for the world?  
Part 2, your Circle of Control“**

Rev Derek Winterburn galvanised us in November and now we are following his inspiration by discussing what we can do about areas that we can control.

So, please join us for a hot breakfast and to share ideas on 4th Feb at 8:15 am.

### CHORISTER OPPORTUNITIES AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRA CHOIR SCHOOL

Westminster Cathedral Choir school is looking for boys with musical potential in Years 2,3 or 4, who might consider becoming choristers at Westminster Cathedral.



# WCCS

Catholic prep school for boys aged 4 – 13 (Reception – Year 8)

Every September Westminster Cathedral Choir School welcomes up to six choristers into Years 4 or 5. Becoming a chorister at Westminster Cathedral offers boys the opportunity to sing both here in central London and on tour internationally, in one of the world's great choirs. Boys also receive an outstanding education at one of London's leading schools, up until end of Year 8.

Choristers board during the School week only, heading home to their families from Friday afternoon until Sunday morning at 9.45 am.

Becoming a chorister at Westminster Cathedral is a wonderful, one-off opportunity to join a thriving choir and school. There are no financial barriers to entry: all boys receive generous scholarships, with bursaries worth up to 100% of fees available on a means-tested basis. The parish office has received 2 letters from the Westminster Cathedral Choir school that contain an invitation for future Musical Magicians in Years 2 till 5 to come to an open morning for future musical magicians.

If you are interested to know more, kindly contact the Director of Admissions, Lucy Auger.

**Email**—[office@choirschool.com](mailto:office@choirschool.com) **website**—[www.choirschool.com](http://www.choirschool.com)



### St Margaret's Parent & Toddler group

The long-awaited Parent & Toddler group will commence on **Thursday, 23rd February, 10.30 am to 12.00 noon.**

This will then take place at the same time every week on a Thursday morning (term time only). We look forward to welcoming everyone. Please spread the word and let your friends and family know about this.

We have a committed core team, but to help us make it a truly warm and welcoming space, we are looking for more volunteers to help set up and run the sessions volunteering from 10.00 am till 12.30 pm.

There are also other ways you could support the group if you have time: could you

- come along and share your experiences of parenting
- be there for a reassuring chat with the mums or dads
- help out on the craft table for about an hour (10.30 am—11.30 am) on a rota basis

No previous experience of working with children is needed. Just turn up for a casual chat or contact Kathryn James on 07889 952 111 or email - [kathryn@feburman.co.uk](mailto:kathryn@feburman.co.uk)

## VOLUNTEER



Sandra Dos Santos Jimenes, who works as a Chaplain at The Holy Cross School, New Malden needs help finding a 1 bed flat & studio to rent.

Anyone who could possibly help, kindly get in touch with the parish office. Thank you,



## Richmond Sunday lunch scheme 2023

We will continue to host occasional Sunday lunches this year for people in need of a healthy home cooked meal and some company. Can you spare some time to help us? We are part of a rota with other Richmond churches, catering for around 20 guests each time.

### Sunday lunch dates:

19th February  
2nd April  
25th June  
6th August  
17th September  
29th October  
10th December



### Jobs include:

- Welcome and chat
- Making a veg soup
- Cooking a main meal for 6-8 people (eg shepherds pie, pasta bake, lasagne (meat plus veg option)
- Making a dessert
- Clearing and washing up

Food may be prepared off site and guidance will be given as needed.

Please join our easy signup sheet <https://volunteersignup.org/R7HMJ> to join us on any of the dates, or feel free to call me on 07754 893 846 and I will add you to our group of amazing volunteers.

Thank you in advance for continuing to help make this happen. Cath Brizzell (on behalf of Fr Peter & The Parish Pastoral Council)

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### The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

**Expressions of Interest** are sought from all who intend to participate in the Pilgrimage. Please visit to the website <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> as to register '**Expressions of Interest**'.

### Dates for the Pilgrimage diary in 2022/ 2023:

- **Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes / World Day of the Sick: Mass 2:30pm at Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2023**
- **Westminster's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023: 21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**Contact the Pilgrimage Office if you want to volunteer as a helper with the Diocese of Westminster in Lourdes. Committed to a culture of Safeguarding <https://rcdow.org.uk/safeguarding/>**

## Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2023 is the 31<sup>st</sup> World Day of the Sick

The Memoria of Our Lady of Lourdes. There will be a Mass for the Sick at the Cathedral at 2.30pm, celebrated by the Cardinal, during which Anointing of the Sick will be offered. To help us with planning for the Mass and the anointing, please can you book tickets through the simple booking system, using the link below.



Tickets are in three categories:

1. Wheelchair users who require anointing
2. Walking sick who require anointing
3. Those assisting the sick, who do not require anointing.

These categories of tickets (which will be differently coloured) will also assist the priests at Mass in determining who requires anointing, and this is something we ask for your help in discerning as people request the tickets through you.

Your tickets will be posted to you directly from the Precincts Office. *Please note that when you have booked your tickets you will see a message saying 'your tickets will be waiting for you at the venue's pick-up location on the day of the event.'* Unfortunately, this a message we cannot remove from the Eventbrite website platform. Again, tickets will be sent to you in the post.

### **TO BOOK TICKETS CLICK THIS LINK:**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mass-of-the-sick-with-anointing-tickets-513878322897>

### **Volunteers needed – Find out more Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February.**



CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking people join us as volunteers here in the Westminster diocese. Could you help us raise awareness about our work across the developing world tackling poverty and injustice. Find out by joining our meeting this Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February from 2.30-4.30pm in Oakwood, North London, N14 4HE. Please contact Tony at CAFOD for further details. [westminster@cafod.org.uk](mailto:westminster@cafod.org.uk) or 0208 449 6970

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