

# ST MARGARETS PAGE

2nd Sunday of Lent (A)

8th March 2020



## *In Peter writes:*

Pope Francis advised the young people at a recent World Youth Day to make sure that they spoke to their grandparents about their experiences. Two weeks ago, I could share a similar experience as I met, for the first time, my great aunt, 102, who is the youngest sister of my father's father. The family resemblance was there as were the occasional Yorkshire intonations and phrases of my own father. Aunt Doris was the youngest of eight children and listening to her description of their home life was stepping back into history, life in 1920s Tankersley, South Yorkshire. The conversation was littered with the names of obscure relations, their fortunes and their lives, wedding and christening photos. Most it seemed had, like herself, migrated southwards after the Second World War.

The conversation was both an entry into the lost world of one Yorkshire family but also marked the transitory nature of wider family relationships. Every family could tell much the same story of centripetal and centrifugal forces dominating the wider family circle. The experience is that the world pulls people apart through the dynamics of events, work and housing. These impersonal forces are matched by the desire for freedom, of living life elsewhere and creating one's own family home with someone beyond blood ties. Therefore, the life of each of us is the unique amalgam of the desire for roots and the alluring prospects for freedom.

The same dynamic is found in the Christian faith too. The desire for roots is not simply the material conditions of a physical home here on earth, but of seeking a place in the kingdom of heaven, the place of the Resurrection. The desire for freedom is not found in the lack of constraint to go anywhere but found in the desire to follow the path of Jesus towards this home.

This Sunday's Gospel on the Transfiguration describes the moment when these two forces come together. Jesus, standing on a high mountain becomes dazzlingly white in the presence of Peter, James and John. The radiant Jesus is in conversation with Moses and Elijah, discussing His passing (the death on the Cross). During this vision a voice from heaven, repeats the words spoken at

### Mass Times & Liturgy Services

<b>Vigil</b>	Saturday 6.30pm Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am & 6.30pm
Mon. Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat	10.00am
<b>Thursday Communion Service</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>
<b>Rosary</b>	<b>Monday &amp; Friday 9.30am</b>
<b>Adoration</b>	<b>Wednesdays</b> 8-9.15pm Fri 10.30-11 am, Sat 10.30-11.00am
<b>Confessions</b>	<b>Saturdays</b> 10.30-11.00am <b>Sundays</b> 10.00-10.20am

the Baptism in the Jordan: 'This is my Beloved Son, Listen to Him'. The event possesses a sense of danger, but the cloud very quickly disappears. Jesus is found to be standing alone. They leave the mountain and continue their journey to Jerusalem. In a moment the three are alone with Jesus, but they returned confused but changed. The Transfiguration was a foretaste of the Resurrection, a moment of encouragement to the Apostles, but also the event through which the inner identity of Jesus was made known. He truly is the Son of God and on the mountain His divinity visibly shone through His humanity. During His public life Jesus' divinity is only known through an act of faith in His words and actions.

For Jesus to call God Father, and the Father to address Him as 'My beloved Son', points to that intimate connection between the two that includes the Holy Spirit as the love between Father and Son. Later the Church will develop this revelation into the doctrine of the Trinity into which every person is inserted through Baptism. The Baptismal Liturgy reflects something of the Transfiguration when the child or adult is given a white shawl, as he or she now radiates the recently received gift of grace. Like Jesus who descended from the mountain to take up His mission, so the shawl is removed, and life of the individual continues, but differently because the vocation to human life is made a real possibility rather an aspiration. The search for true life and vocation are never just ideas, they are realised in individuals and family, and the same is true for faith as well. The season of Lent is an opportunity to journey once again with Jesus as He walks to Jerusalem.

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**Parish Priest: Canon Peter Newby.** Deacon Joseph Estorninho; Parish Administrator: Cynthia Souza; Bookkeeper: Ann Edes

The Parish Office is open Monday-Friday 9:00 am –11.30 am

### 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

May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

#### The Sick:

Janet McAllister, Ben, Mark Titmus, Mary Ibbett, Carol Samba, Colin Bartram, Gerry McEntee, Rose Williams, Peter Coughlan, Hilary Sudell, Rose Lorden, William Hamilton, Mary Arnold, Ethan Knott, Cesar Juan Urrutigoity, Mary Ethel Arnolda, Francesca Bianchin, Sydney and Patricia Parkes, Judith Thomas, Wanda Ostrowska, Christopher Browne, Antonella Sesta, Margaret Masterson, Bernard Sharratt, Carmen Ruibal, Ann Macpherson, Donal Dwyer (brother of Mary Ibbett), Chris McLoughlin (son of Olga), Paul Costello and Kevin Sweeney

Anniversaries Winnie Craig, Eileen Ethridge, Alan Ebel, Nora Denny, Eileen Mason, Charles Byrne, Antoinette Lunn, Cyril Bowers, Thomas Savage

Deanery Intentions: For Fr Dominic Byrne and parishioners at Hampton-On-Thames

I am very sad to inform you that Peter Cassidy, a former, very active member of the parish, died recently after an illness. Funeral will take place at St Margaret's at a date yet to be decided. The details will follow in next week's Page.

Tickets are now on sales for the annual

## **Murder Mystery Play.**

You can buy tickets after each Mass this weekend and next weekend. To avoid disappointment get in quick as last years was a "Sell-Out" with 176 people attending.

## Mass Intentions

Saturday 7th - Sunday 15th March

<b>Sat 7th</b>	<b>10.00am Mass</b> <b>10.30-11.00am Adoration</b>  <b>6.30pm Mass</b>	For you the people  Raymond (Ray) Mullen RIP (Ward)
<b>Sun 8th</b>	<b>8.30am Mass</b>  <b>10.30am Mass</b>  <b>6.30pm Mass</b>	For the homeless  For the sick of our Parish  Sally O'Shaunessy RIP (Walker)
<b>Mon 9th</b>	9.30am The Rosary <b>10.00am Mass</b>	For the homeless
<b>Tue 10th</b>	<b>10.00 am Mass</b>	Jane Gallagher (Annv.) (Mary Gallagher)
<b>Wed 11th</b>	<b>10.00 am Mass</b>	For the sick of our Parish
<b>Thurs 12th</b>	<b>10.00 am Communion Service</b>	
<b>Fri 13th</b>	<b>10.00 am Mass</b>	For the sick of our Parish
<b>Sat 14th</b>	<b>10.00am Mass</b> 10.30am-11.00am Adoration  <b>6.30pm Mass</b>	For you the people  Davis Family (Thanksgiving) (Davis)
<b>Sun 15th</b>	<b>8.30am Mass</b>  <b>10.30am Mass</b>  <b>6.30pm Mass</b>	Bessy Slattery (Anniv) (Peter Slattery) For the sick of our Parish  Laurence Pinto RIP (Walker)



**Fr Tim Redmond**, Missionary of St Patrick, writer, veteran of the Camino and Via Francigena, and biblical scholar will give two talks with discussion as we continue on our Lenten Pilgrimage. Fr Tim says Mass at St Margaret's on Friday mornings.

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 7:30pm**  
**(Tea and Coffee available from 7:00pm)**

## ***'THE LAST WEEK IN JERUSALEM*** ***WITH ST MATTHEW'***

These talks will help us deepen our spiritual pilgrimage towards Easter.

8th March - 2nd Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12:1-4

Psalm 32

2 Timothy 1:8-10

Matthew 17:1-9

15th March - 3rd Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:3-7

Psalm 94

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

John 4:5-42



## Welcoming newcomers to St Margaret's parish

This Lent, St Margarets will have a special focus on welcoming newcomers to the parish.

**Sunday 10.30 Mass:** At coffee after 10.30 am Mass, there will be two tables where we encourage newcomers to the parish and also those who would like to get to know others in the parish community to sit together. Each table will have a "welcoming host" allocated so there should be someone to chat to always. There is a rota of hosts for the six weeks of Lent.

**Sunday 6.30 pm Mass :** After the evening Mass on Sundays 15th & 22nd March, Ellie and John McCoy are hoping newcomers will join them for a drink at the St Margaret's pub (3 mins walk from the church).

**Sunday 8.30 am Mass:** One Sunday, Su and Peter Slattery will welcome newcomers to join them for coffee and croissants in the hall. Date to be confirmed.

We do hope that if you are new to the parish or if you've been here a while and don't know many people yet, you will join one of these occasions.

For more information or to offer to act as a host, please contact Lily McCaw or email Cynthia in the parish office. [stmargaretsonthames@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:stmargaretsonthames@rcdow.org.uk)

Thank you

Fr Peter

## Settled Status

All EU, EEA and Swiss citizens living in the UK are required by the government to apply through its Settlement Scheme to continue living, working and accessing services here. The deadline for applications is 30 June 2021. Details and links to the application process can be found at: [gov.uk/eusettledstatus](http://gov.uk/eusettledstatus)

Please bring this to the attention of friends, family members and fellow parishioners who may need to apply. Information on assistance for those who may have difficulty applying is available at: [gov.uk/help-eu-settlement-scheme](http://gov.uk/help-eu-settlement-scheme)

The Catholic Church in England and Wales stands in solidarity with all European citizens who have made their homes here. They are a valued part of our parishes, schools and communities.



The Council's Fuel Grant Scheme is now available to residents.

This is not a statutory grant, but one that Richmond Council allocate funding for every year for residents who are on benefits or have a low income. Residents can apply online, or by picking up an application form from a local library or the Civic Centre in Twickenham. The Closing date for application is 5 pm on Friday 27th March 2020.

For more information please visit [https://richmond.gov.uk/fuel\\_grants](https://richmond.gov.uk/fuel_grants).

Flyers are in the porch if you would like to pick one.



## CAFOD Family Fast Day – Collection this weekend

CAFOD works with poor communities overseas on our behalf, helping them to tackle poverty and injustice.

Last Friday was Family Fast Day, please return your CAFOD envelope this weekend, with your donation and contribute to of the second collection which will take place at all Masses.

Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity.

For further information see [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)

## Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> March after 10:30am

This will be an opportunity to ask members of the Pastoral Council questions about what has been happening over the last six months, what you would like to happen in our community in the future. Fr Peter will also explain the practicalities of the summer building campaign for Project 2020 (the refurbishment of the Hall, lavatories and basement).

Fr Peter



## ADVICE REGARDING CORONA VIRUS

Information from the Diocese of Westminster (<https://rcdow.org.uk/news/advice-regarding-coronavirus/>)

## Lenten Project 2020

Save the Dates

Events in aid of the Lenten Project

### MURDER MYSTERY PLAY

Saturday 21st March

3.30 pm (Matinee) & 8.00 pm

### BIG BAND NIGHT

Wednesday 25th March 7.30 pm—9.30 pm

### QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April



#### Our Big Black Box For your Lenten alms

You may not be in a position to support our social events, but please remember the Black Box for your alms. Envelopes are provided at the back of the church.

**Catholic History Walks** Some Springtime walks are coming up soon... ·

13/3/20 11.00am RICHMOND walk along the Thames to St John Henry Newman's house in Ham. Meet at the Church of St Elizabeth of Portugal, TW10 6AQ – Mass at 10.00am · 15/3/20 3.30pm ISLINGTON hear about the ancient shrine of Our Lady of the Oak and modern Catholic heroines. Meet at St John the Divine Church, N1 8AL · 22/3/20 3.30pm RICHMOND walk along the Thames to St John Henry Newman's house in Ham. Meet at the Church of St Elizabeth of Portugal, TW10 6AQ · 30/3/20 6.30pm WESTMINSTER Parliament, the Abbey and more. Meet at Victoria Cathedral steps- Mass at 5.30pm Cost: £10 - Go to Eventbrite to book or simply come along. We look forward to meeting you there. [chwalkslondon@gmail.com](mailto:chwalkslondon@gmail.com) 07495 205 568 [catholichistorywalks.com](http://catholichistorywalks.com)



In 1381, England was dedicated to Mary by King Richard II and was 'set apart for her among the nations. This year, the Christians of England are called to make a personal dedication to Mary, taking up her example as Christ's first disciple.

History shows us that when the people pray a surrender to God's will for their lives, society is transformed. By taking up this personal dedication in 2020, you can be a part of the renewal of this nation, drawing ourselves closer to the will of our loving God, through Mary.

The Rededication will take place throughout the country on Sunday 29th March and you're invited to take part at St Margaret's at 12:00 on that day. If you have an icon or statue of Our Lady please bring it along to be blessed during the Rededication ceremony.



## QUIZ NIGHT

(This is a real Quiz Night with questions!!)

### FRIDAY APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup> 7.30 PM

Tickets £12 (includes supper)

Tickets available after all Masses  
March 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup>

Or from: [cjsmith@outlook.com](mailto:cjsmith@outlook.com) or 07951959054

Get your teams of 6 together (or we can put you in a team on the night)

### The Joy of HOPE



#### An inspirational four session course for Lent from CaFE

##### Monday's 10:45 – 12.00 noon (Library)

- 16<sup>th</sup> March – Do Not Be Afraid
- 23<sup>rd</sup> March – The Best is Yet to Come
- 30<sup>th</sup> March – Heaven on Earth
- 6<sup>th</sup> April – The River of Life

Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church to secure a place.

Contact – Gavin Evenhuis  
[Gavin.evenhuis@gmail.com](mailto:Gavin.evenhuis@gmail.com)

#### Used stamps for Medical Missionaries of Mary

Since 1940 the retired Sisters at the Medical Missionaries of Mary have sorted and sold used postage stamps. During Lent there will be a box in the porch to collect used stamps (**not** everyday "Queen's Heads" please). Stamp albums also welcome!

*These will not be used directly for the Lenten project in Malawi, but will raise funds for the MMM's work in areas of greatest need throughout the world.*