

# ST MARGARET'S PAGE



27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 3 OCTOBER 2021 Year B



## Pastoral Letter for the Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 2-3 October 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am so pleased to be able to write to you now, at a time when our streets are again busier and, thank God, our churches are becoming fuller. I say again how grateful I am to all who have helped to keep our churches open and our parish communities functioning over these past difficult eighteen months: stewards, those who have kept in contact with the elderly and vulnerable, and so many others. I thank each and every one of you, most sincerely indeed.

The relationships we forge and sustain in our parishes make such an important contribution to the networks of contact, companionship, community through which we live. Indeed, the readings we have just heard speak of the variety of relationships which characterise our world.

The reading from the Book of Genesis speaks of our relationships with the animal world. Both this reading and the Gospel address marriage, a high point indeed of human contact and companionship. But also one that, as with all serious commitments, can be so demanding. Even as we do all we can to support matrimony and Christian families in our society, we must also ensure that those for whom it has ended in breakdown should always be offered our assistance and our prayers.

Today I would like to focus especially on the relationships we find in the community and companionship of the Church. The patterns and potential of parish life have been seriously and profoundly disrupted in the last eighteen months or so. So has life in our schools and in all other expressions of the life of the Church. But now that there is greater normality in daily life, we have a unique opportunity to refresh and maybe reshape these patterns of life in the Church.

Indeed, Pope Francis is asking us to do so. In starting what can be described as a 'Church-wide listening process' he is inviting us to listen again to each other, hearing experiences of faith with all its joys and disappointments, and to find new ways of strengthening each other.

Pope Francis envisages what is called a 'Synodal process'. The language may sound a bit technical, but the word 'synod' means quite simply 'journeying together'. The Holy Father is offering us the opportunity to participate in a time of listening and reflecting. He hopes this will help us to discern how God's presence comes into our lives and what the Spirit of God is prompting us to do anew, so that we might be more alive and creative in our response to the call of Jesus, our Way, Truth and Life.

There is a world-wide aspect to this process, leading to a Synod of Bishops in 2023. But the Pope asks us to begin in our own situations, with our own experience, especially of this last year and a half which has surfaced both strengths and weaknesses in our life as the Church. The kind of questions we can explore are these: during this terrible pandemic what

strengths did I find in my faith and faith community? How, during this time, was I disappointed and sorrowful? In what ways did the grace of God most clearly touch and uplift me? Whom did we neglect the most? Who feels left out? What could we do better? How do we choose priorities for our own mission?

I have found these words, taken from the guide to this process issued by Rome, to be helpful and inspiring:

'The purpose of the synod is not to produce more documents. Rather it is intended to inspire people to dream about the church we are called to be, to make hopes flourish, to stimulate trust, to bind up wounds, to weave new and deeper relationships, to learn from one another, to build bridges, to enlighten minds, warm hearts and restore strength to our hands for our common mission.' (Vademecum 1.3)

In our diocese, as in every diocese throughout the world, this 'Synodal' pathway will begin on the weekend of 16/17 October. Our immediate part in the process is short and concentrated: as a diocese we have to have our reflections brought together by February. So in the next few days and weeks there will be invitations issued for a variety of ways in which you could take part, in your parish, through the school. Joining in will focus not so much on discussing ideas but in sharing experience and, on that basis, trying to sense what needs to be done, all shaped by prayer and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We all know the adage 'It's good to talk'. We know how important communication is for every relationship. But talking must be matched by listening. Indeed, often the listening is more demanding, and really it should come first. So it is with this 'Synodal' invitation. The pathway is listening, the task is discerning together the important lessons and prompting of the Holy Spirit, and the outcome greater participation in the life and mission given to us by the Lord.

This lovely initiative of Pope Francis is an opportunity for us to show our care for the family of the Church. It shines with the Holy Father's character of openness, compassion, and eagerness for renewal. Please do take it up in whatever ways you can.

May God bless our efforts, open our hearts to one another and prompt us powerfully to know more clearly the way God has set out for us to be messengers of the joy and consolation which God alone can provide.

May God bless you all,

+ Vincent Nichols

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

## Mass Intentions Sat 2nd October – Sun 10th October

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|-------|------|---------|--|----------------|
| 2/10  | Sat  | 10.00am | Stjepan Babic RIP                              |                |
| 3/10  | Sun  | 8.30 am | For you the people                             |                |
|       |      | 10.30am | Cesar Segnini RIP                              |                |
|       |      | 6.30 pm | The families of St Margarets Parish            |                |
| 4/10  | Mon  | 10.00am | Eucharistic Service                            |                |
| 5/10  | Tues | 10.00am | Eucharistic Service                            |                |
| 6/10  | Wed  | 10.00am | Eucharistic Service                            |                |
| 7/10  | Thur | 10.00am | Eucharistic Service                            |                |
| 8/10  | Fri  | 10.00am | Eucharistic Service                            |                |
| 9/10  | Sat  | 10.00am | Deceased members of St Margarets Parish        |                |
| 10/10 | Sun  | 8.30 am | For you the people                             |                |
|       |      | 10.30am | Philip Crowe RIP                               | Margaret Crowe |
|       |      | 6.30 pm | Missionary spirit of the Parish and the Church |                |



## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



Rose Blackman, Georgina Lotitto, Stanislaw Wozniak, Adriana Posse de González (Valeria's Mum), 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, Wanda Ostrowska, Christopher Browne, Antonella Sesta, Margaret Masterson, Carmen Ruibal, Ann Macpherson, Chris McLoughlin (son of Olga), Kevin Sweeney, Christopher Cousins, Simon Barber & Teresa Smith

**Anniversaries** - Bridie Barry, Joe Miller, Oswald Durkin, Peter Hammerton, Ronald Martin, Cyril Golden, Chris Winter, Attilia Bonnici, Felicity Collins, Lily Hedges

**Recently deceased** - Patricia Parkes who died peacefully at her home having received the rites of the church. The family has thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers.

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed*

*through the Mercy of God rest in peace. Amen*



### Entrance Antiphon:

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

### Response to the Psalm:

May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.



### Mass Arrangement for week commencing 4th October

#### **Eucharistic Service**

**Monday to Friday** 10.00 am

#### **Weekend Masses**

**Saturday** 10.00 am

**Sunday** 8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.30 pm  
*(Booking no longer required for 10:30 am Mass)*

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#### **Confessions**

Saturday 10:30-11:00am

Sunday - 10.00—10.20 am

**Rosary: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday** at 9.30am in the Church

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### **Funeral details for late Patricia Anne Maria Parkes**

Date of funeral: Wednesday 27 October 2021

Service at St Margaret's Church at 12.00 pm

Interment at: Twickenham Cemetery at 1.30 pm on Monday 27 September.

Request from family - Please wear colour and not black for the funeral as Mum loved colour.

You are welcome to bring flowers but preferably something natural or from the garden.

If you would like to make a donation in her memory, please make it to Princess Alice Hospice.

Thank you for your prayers.



27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 3rd OCT

Genesis 2:18-24

Psalm 127

Hebrews 2:9-11

Mark 10:2-16

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 10 OCT

Wisdom 7:7-11

Psalm 89

Hebrews 4:12-13

Mark 10:17-30

### Liturgical and catechetical activities

Before outlining the many different liturgical and catechetical activities that will be taking place in St Margarets, I would like to thank those who have assisted in the running of the parish over the last eighteen months. I am sure none of the helpers thought they would be offering a helping hand for such a long period of time and I would like to thank members of the welcoming committee, the cleaners, social event organisers and catechists. Each in their own way have allowed the parish to maintain both a liturgical life and sense of community.

Some of the good practices will continue notably our welcome desk in front of the church, of identifying new parishioners who have begun coming to Mass here.

The simple community events such as the regular tea parties will continue once the Hall has been refurbished.

Now the time has come in this period of post Covid recovery to reboot our parish life and help find the next generation of active participants to engage in parish life.

#### 1. Music at 10.30 Mass

Before the summer, I wrote that Bernard Winter has retired from both overseeing the music at St Margarets and leading the choir at 10.30am Mass. Once again may I thank him for the long years of music ministry in this parish.

From the beginning of September, I am pleased to say that Gavin Evenhuis will lead a group on the 2nd and 4th Sunday's of the month, and Mark Underwood, the 1st and the 3rd Sundays.

Both choirmasters singing faith and worship music and more traditional hymns are inviting those who wish to sing to come forward and engage in this ministry.

Emma Higham will continue to play the organ and sing at the 8:30am, and Eleanor Hill will be starting a monthly music group at the 6:30pm Mass, and James Holland will be singing at the 6:30pm twice a month as well.

Lastly, may I ask the Congregation to refrain from clapping at the end of Mass. It seemed a strange habit to me because liturgical music is about participation in prayer and not attending a concert of sacred music.

2. Sacristans— during the **pandemic**, it was not possible to have sacristans work closely with the clergy, but now I am looking for 4 volunteers who might set up for Mass and return the sacred vessels and other items used at Mass, back to the sacristy. This will be very helpful to me and these are simple and straight forward tasks.

3. **Teenage Confirmation**—will begin in January 2022.

### Sacramental Preparation

#### Baptism



The next Baptism course are as below: should you wish to have your child baptised in this parish, attendance at these courses is compulsory. Currently taking place on Zoom.

**November** 9th & 16th  
**January** 11th & 18th 2022

Should you wish for your child to be baptised, please either speak to Fr Peter after Mass or contact the parish office.

#### First Holy Communion 2022



This year course will be composed of a number of parts -

1. 10.30am Sunday Mass with children's liturgy. (November 7th till December 12th)
2. 10:30am Sunday Mass with children's liturgy (January 9th to February 6th)
3. 5:15pm Saturday Classes followed by 6:30pm Mass (27th February—3rd April)
4. 5:15pm Saturday Classes followed b 6:30pm Mass (1st May—22nd May)
5. First Holy Communion 11th June 2022

Should you wish your child to participate, please collect an attendance card from Fr Peter after Mass.

The First Holy Communion course is for those families who either live in the parish or have been coming here for a long time. Those from outside the parish who have not come to Mass here before, are advised to contact your local parish for FHC.

#### Adult Confirmation

**Monday's 6:30pm** (commenced on 6th September)



This course is for those who wish to be confirmed before their wedding or perhaps wish to become a catholic. It will consist of a rolling series of talks and discussions tailored to fit those who come forward. The course will be led by Fr Peter and Deacon Joseph.

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!

**MONEY GIVING**

### Certificate of Catholic Practice forms

Fr Peter will sign the forms at the Church hall as below

**Saturday 9th October 2020**  
**11.00 am - 1.00 pm**



### Chaplaincy at Teddington Memorial Hospital

Bishop Paul Macaleenan has asked Deacon Joseph to take over the Catholic chaplaincy at Teddington Memorial Hospital. If you know of anyone there who would like a visit from a Catholic chaplain, please contact the parish office.



ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

### SRCC Secondary School Admissions for September 2022

St Richard Reynolds Catholic College is delighted to announce two scheduled talks from the College Principal, Mr Burke and our Head of Sixth Form, Anna Lord. If you are interested in attending the talk, please book a ticket using the links below:

[Principal Talk - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October](#)  
[Head of Sixth Form Talk – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October](#)  
Please visit our website for further information.  
<https://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk/>

### St Richard Reynolds Primary School Admissions Sep 2022

St Richard Reynolds Primary school is conducting small group tours of the Primary school on Fridays between 9:30 – 10:00am. If you'd like book at place on one of the tours, please book via Eventbrite at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/primary-school-tour-tickets-178739272977> or visit our website: <https://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk/>

### Clothes Needed

We are putting together emergency clothing packs for care home residents who may have very little, especially if they have been admitted to the care home at short notice from hospital. We are looking for donations of good quality clothing that is easy for people with reduced mobility to take on and off. Particularly: Trousers, Skirts, Nightwear, Blouses, Shirts, Cardigans We're also looking for knitters who would be willing to make bed capes.

If anyone is able to help they should email [mary@embracingage.org.uk](mailto:mary@embracingage.org.uk) who will organise pick up and direct knitters to suitable patterns.



### Calling all gardeners

Are you a keen gardener? Do you love getting your hands dirty? Do you have an hour or two to spare?



We need your help to tidy and maintain our beautiful church garden. Tasks include weeding, pruning, clearing, planting, and composting.

We are a friendly and sociable gardening group and will be meeting regularly over the coming months. Whether you are an amateur or more experienced, young or old, we need you! Come and join one of our gardening sessions as a one off, or more regularly.

Refreshments will be provided.

To find out more, contact Cath Brizzell  
[cathmcdee@yahoo.com](mailto:cathmcdee@yahoo.com)/ 07754893846

**YOUTH ALPHA** - St James's Parish Twickenham will be hosting a **Youth Alpha** Course starting next **Wed 22nd** of Sept at **7pm-8.30pm** aimed at secondary children in current **year 9, 10 and 11**. This will be a fun way for the youth to reconnect with their faith and with other young people after a hard lockdown. This fun 10 week course will involve good food with lots of laughter and a chance to explore life's big questions. Your children are most welcome to "come and see" the first session. We shall have drinks in the porch for the parents so you can find out all about it . Please email us @ [twickenhamgroups@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:twickenhamgroups@rcdow.org.uk)



### A DAY WITH MARY

A day of instruction, devotion & intercession based on the message given at Fatima in 1917.



**Saturday 9th October 2021** - Our Lady & St Peter, Wimbledon Common, London SW19 6AD

**Saturday 16th October 2021** - Westminster Cathedral

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