

ST MARGARET'S PAGE



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - 30th May 2021 Year B

In Peter writes: 'I have always believed that an excessive interest in religion is the prelude to insanity' so says the major in Decline and Fall, and when it comes to the Trinity, we might well agree. But there is a danger here, of losing the unique insight of Christianity into the nature of God. God as the source of all that exists does not create solo but through a dialogue within Himself. Talking to yourself might be seen as eccentric though (I presume!) universal but the image does help us grasp something of the internal relationship within God. There is a similarity of structure between myself and God, seeing the thinker, me, and the thought, mine, and the content. Obviously for us there is the continual changing difference between thinker and thought, as our minds develop, and ideas change. However, in God this relationship is both eternal and completely simple.

God creates through this internal dialogue, and out of which a sentiment about the Trinity emerges, the Father, the speaker, and the Word (the Son), the spoken while the content of their conversation is the Holy Spirit. To the Christian everything that exists bears the imprint of this divine conversation. No description can ever do justice to the internal life of God because the human mind cannot grasp the overpowering simplicity of God. We learn through distinction and dividing before bringing together. Like an actor learning the parts of a play, dissecting the plot, all in order to understand the whole through the examination of the parts. To the actor the work of dissection and the exercise of memory are worthwhile as the complete play comes together in one seamless whole.

Thus, one might suggest another path to those who reject belief in God, not of belief immediately but of entering a conversation and let the guided talking lead to the stirrings of faith. Belief is more like entering and committing to a lifelong conversation. This conversation is not undertaken with abstract concepts such as being a good person or passing a time-conditioned exam on being up-to-date in fashionable causes. Instead, it is a conversation undertaken at the level that matters, the personal and small scale, questions of mortality and birth within the family. These individual and personal events of life are the springboard into something much greater ultimately into faith.

Mass Times & Liturgical Services		
Saturday		10.00 am & 6.30 pm
Sunday		8.30 am, 10.30 am (bookings only) & 6.30 pm
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday		10.00 am
Eucharistic Service	Friday	10.00 am
Rosary	Tuesday & Thursday (via Zoom; please email the office for link)	9.30 am
Confessions	Saturday	10.30-11.00am
	Sunday	10.00 am – 10.20 am

Between the personal questions and the answers given through a faith conversation with Jesus Christ, lies the realm of culture, the setting in which both question and answer find their context. Culture may be either conducive or resistant to the both the questions and answers. Today our own culture wants to shrink personal questions and religious answers to the mental. Mental health and attendant therapy are seen as the answer to every problem. Public figures endorse such attitudes but by rejecting the spiritual conversation are shrinking the answer and the effectiveness.

The gift of Christian faith is that everyone is born for conversation, and so everyone is obliged to seek answers to the questions posed by life. This conversation takes place at our own level and about our own struggles, failures and aspirations being central. Jesus is not interested in generalities but individual people and actions. His conversation invites us to step beyond ourselves. Recognising the necessity of faith conversation is to admit there is something lacking within us when considered as a solitary individual.

To accept God as conversation, God as Trinity, is to believe there is a divinely arranged fit between the human need for conversation and the divine disposition to offer conversation. Between the two lies the realm of culture, that either promotes or dissuades such a conversation. The Church has always placed great store on the fostering of a receptive culture that promotes this conversation. Polyphony, baroque architecture, figurative painting and much more besides are all pinnacles of Christian culture that aims to communicate between the internal conversation of the heart and the conversation of God.

To think, therefore, that the reflecting on the Trinity, is just for boffins, is to deprecate the median position of culture and the positive or negative effects it poses for faith.

St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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Mass Intentions Saturday 29th May – Sunday 6th June

29/5	Sat	10.00am	The families of St Margarets Parish	
		6.30 pm	NO MASS	
30th May Feast of The Most Holy Trinity				
30/5	Sun	8.30 am	Works of charity in the neighbourhood	
		10.30am	For you the people	
		6.30 pm	Work of missionaries throughout the world	
31/5	Mon	12.00pm	Deceased members of St Margarets Parish	
01/6	Tues	10.00am	For the repose of the souls of deceased Brothers & family members of the Richmond & Twickenham Circle, of the Catenian Association	Pat Gogarty
02/6	Wed	10.00am	For the repose of the soul of Brenda Fogg RIP	Chris Key
03/6	Thur	10.00am	Special Intention	Maria Sharratt
04/6	Fri	10.00am	Eucharistic Service	
05/6	Sat	10.00am	Private Intention	JC
		6.30 pm	The families of St Margarets Parish	
06/6	Sun	8.30 am	Special Intention	Maria Sharratt
		10.30am	For the repose of the soul of Edwin Padilla (RIP)	Lily McCaw
		6.30 pm	For you the people	

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:

Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.



Mass Arrangement for week commencing 31st May

Weekday Mass - Monday (12.00 noon), Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10.00 am

Eucharistic Service - Friday - 10.00 am

Weekend Mass

Saturday - 10.00 am & 6.30 pm

Sunday—8.30 am , 10.30 am (**By Bookings ONLY**) & 6.30 pm

Rosary on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at 9.30 am (on zoom)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Georgina Lotitto, Stanislaw Wozniak, Adriana Posse de González (Valeria's Mum), Rachel Rose, Fr Paul Bigirwa, Arthur Mathewson, Pat Friel, Mary Reagan, Pauline Slawson, Ben, Carol Samba, Colin Bartram, Gerry McEntee, Rose Williams, Peter Coughlan, Hilary Sudell, Rose Lorden, William Hamilton, Luca, Mary Arnold, Cesar Juan Urrutigoity, Mary Ethel Arnolda, Sydney & Patricia Parkes, Wanda Ostrowska, Christopher Browne, Antonella Sesta, Margaret Masterson, Carmen Ruibal, Ann Macpherson, Chris McLoughlin (son of Olga), Kevin Sweeney, Christopher Cousins & Simon Barber

Anniversaries - Frederick Bavin, Con Coffey, Bernard Happe, Charles Coghlan, Kathleen Axton

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

A kind request

A parent who is home schooling their child is looking for other parents who are in a similar situation and would like to meet for a play date or visit parks together. If you would like to know more or have any information, please contact the parish office. Thank you!



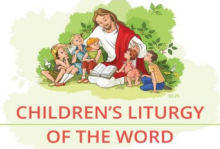
Baptism

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

The next pre-baptism courses for parents will be on **Session 1 & 2** - 15th and 22nd June at 8 pm online / Chapel TBA

Children's Liturgy on Zoom; on alternate Sunday mornings
9:45 – 10:15 am

For children aged 4 – 11 (roughly)



Upcoming dates: June 13, 27 & July 11

Activity packs with craft materials will be available to pick from the Parish Office.

Suggested voluntary donation of £2.50 for 3 weeks of craft material for activities.

LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

2021 Lenten Project -- Richmond Furniture Scheme (Charity No. 1133019)

Simon Westgarth, CEO of Richmond Furniture Scheme, will join us on Sunday 30th May at the 10:30am Mass to accept a cheque for the funds raised during Lent. Generous donations from parishioners, together with associated Gift Aid, have raised a total of £6,000.

This money will be used to provide starter packs of essential household items for those coming to the charity in extreme crises and moving into housing with little or nothing. It will make a huge difference in helping them to make a new start often after very difficult periods in their lives. On behalf of them all thank you SO much!

Thank you to all those who made donations and who have enabled the parish to support this worthy cause.

Congratulations to our 100 Club Winners

Winners for the month of May

1st Prize No. 10 £100/- Ann Edes

2nd Prize No 42 £50/- Lucy Timms

Cheques will be in post shortly.

(Numbers are generated by a random number generating website)

Important information regarding practicalities during the building works (May 10th – Sept 3rd)

We are very pleased that the building work to refurbish the hall, lavatories and basement is now ongoing.

Access to lavatories

There will be no access to the lavatories in the church building. Facilities will be provided on the ground floor of the presbytery. Please alert the stewards if you need to use the lavatories and they will unlock the presbytery for you. We ask that parents accompany their children due to safety issues around crossing the car park.

Car Parking

Spaces in the car park are extremely limited. Please consider parking in neighbouring streets on Sundays – residents parking restrictions are weekdays only. Please also park elsewhere if you are coming by car to a weekday Mass; the Richmond card will give you 30 minutes free parking. Please do not double park in the church car park as the building site needs potential emergency access and it is also very inconvenient for the local businesses who are paying for a parking permit.

Sunday 10:30am Mass – overflow seating

There will be no overflow seating available in the hall so numbers at the 10:30 am Mass will be more restricted. Please could everyone wanting to attend the 10:30am Mass book their place in advance (by Saturday evening). If you arrive without having reserved a place, we may need to turn you away.

Alternatively, please consider coming to one of the other Masses which are less busy and there is no need to book.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

On behalf of the parish, the Finance Committee extends thanks once again to all those who have contributed to the building fund that is enabling these works to go ahead. Any additional contributions are welcome and will reduce the amount of the Diocesan loan that we will need to cover the remaining costs of the works. If you would like to make a contribution, please speak to Fr Peter.

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!

Confirmation candidates 2021



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Congratulations to our Confirmation candidates

Confirmation candidate

*Elena Signorini
Grace Phelen
Jessica Roy
Katie Carroll
Sofia Avdia*

Confirmation Name

*St Elizabeth
St Mechtilde of Hackeborn
Eleanor
St Aurelia
St Francis of Assisi*

Sponsors

*Ivana Kalmar
Sally and Gavin Evenhuis
Kirsten Roy
Keith Carroll
Kristjana Mihaj*

May the Lord bless you with His guidance from this day forward.

Thank you to Deacon Joseph and Kirsten Roy who prepared the candidates for their confirmation.

