

ST MARGARET'S PAGE



ALL SAINTS - 31 OCTOBER 2021 Year B

In Peter writes: Over the last month advertisements for Halloween whether it be the purchase of pumpkins, ghoulish outfits and other requisites, such as spiders and spiders' webs. This zombie-light festival occupies the imagination of almost every child and is one of the by-products of the secular and pagan culture in which we now live. In contrast to the ghouls and phantoms of popular imagination, no funeral is complete now without someone declaring the deceased is in heaven. This was not helped by some priests insisting on wearing white vestments at the funerals of adults, as if the deceased has already passed beyond judgement. The finality of death for the modern Christian has been bypassed while in the streets death's manifestations are all the rage.

Such confusion is the natural outcome of the abandonment of the Christian understanding of the relationship between life and death established by Jesus' own journey through death to the Resurrection. Death is neither the plaything of marketing forces, nor the passing moment of the glibly religious. I recently did a cremation service for a maiden aunt where the mourners came in green clothing to sing Danny Boy at the end of the service. Did this do justice to her regular Mass attendance at the Catholic churches of Kensington? I am not sure but the confusion about social conventions surrounding death mirrors the confusion about death itself. Wear something colourful is the Anglican version but why? Death is always a sad occasion, why pretend otherwise?

There is a finality to death, both in bodily years. Time is limited but there is always the possibility of seeking forgiveness for wrongdoing, for failing to act and bring peace. Jesus died to sin, individual and communal, those known and those unknown too. Recent campaigns such as 'Me Too', 'Everyone is Included' demonstrate to the secular minded that all is not well, and the idea that it is possible to step above and beyond the sins of society needs careful reflection. Unacknowledged sin is a reality for all of us.

The Good News of the Gospel, unlike the harsh judgements of liberal popular opinion, is that conversion and the acceptance of grace can breakdown even the most stubborn human nature. Where there is life there is hope. Jesus Christ rose from the dead, and His victory over sin and death is projected into our lives now. The

Mass Times & Liturgical Services (1/11 - 7/11)	
Saturday	10.00 am
Sunday	8:30 am, 10:30 am & 6.30 pm
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday	10.00 am
Eucharistic Service	Friday 10.00 am
Rosary (In church)	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu & Sat 9.30 am
Confessions	Saturday 10:30-11:00am Sunday 10.00 - 10.20 am

life of faith recognises that the victory of Jesus has an impact now, so the life of heaven can be led in anticipation. The Beatitudes, this Sunday's Gospel, the self-portrait of Jesus Christ, are the Resurrection blueprint for the Christian. They are the actions of heaven lived out in anticipation but being in anticipation will always face opposition or indifference.

Herein lies the grounds of judgement for the Christian, not whether they have followed the social mores of the time but how much have they adopted the self-portrait of Jesus Christ. Have we lived, in anticipation, the Beatitudes in our lives. This is a difficult task one that requires grace. Death always comes at a moment when the task remains unfinished. That was why Catholics used to pray against succumbing to an unprovided death without recourse to the sacraments. Christ's actions are powerful beyond the sacraments but the Catholic knows that the sacraments are definitive channels of divine grace. Not being able to administer the last rites to those who had died owing to Covid regulations, or in the case of the MP David Amess is a heavy weight for the practicing Catholic, and those they leave behind.

This coming month of November the Church prays for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed, that purified and made whole, they may come to the final judgement and see God face to face. To think any less for such a moment, of not being fully prepared, does not seem right, even when one has removed the all too human aspects of divine judgement preached by the churches beforehand. The Church offers both the sane approach to the finality of death whilst also offering the hope of salvation. All Saints comes before All Souls, because heaven is the ultimate destination even though purgatory is the intermediate stage. Our prayers united to the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross assist the deceased in their spiritual journey to our hopefully shared destination.

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Mass Intentions Sat 30th October – Sun 7th November

30/10	Sat	10.00am	Patricia Parkes RIP	Cathy McKendry
31/10	Sun	8.30 am	Jane Gallagher RIP	Mary Gallagher
		10.30am	For you the people	
		6.30 pm	Intentions of Erica Walker	Melanie Black- wood
1/11	Mon	10.00am	Holy Souls	
2/11	Tues	10.00am	Chee Min Seow RIP	Melanie Black- wood
3/11	Wed	10.00am	Holy Souls	
4/11	Thu	10.00am	Work of missionaries throughout the world	
5/11	Fri	10.00am	Eucharistic Service	
6/11	Sat	10.00am	Holy Souls	
7/10	Sun	8.30 am	Repose of the soul of Nowell An- derson	
		10.30am	Holy Souls	
		6.30 pm	For you the people	



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, Irena Starzecki & Judith Thomas

Anniversaries - Cecilia Sykes, Nuala Persson, Kathleen Dwyer, Lily Ashton, Peter Argent, Dan Fitzgibbon, Toby Watkins, Harold Bearman, James Gumbleton, Jeff Walsh, Bridget Collis, Archibald Lowe, Marie Wright

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed

through the Mercy of God rest in peace. Amen



Entrance Antiphon:

Entrance Antiphon Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

Response to the Psalm:

Such are the men who seek your face,
O Lord .

Blessing of graves at Twickenham Cemetary

on Sunday 7th November at 2.00 pm.

I will go along the usual route blessing graves. If you wish your family graves to be blessed, please contact the parish office, giving the approximate location of the grave



Month of Holy Souls

There will be 3 Masses a week offered for Holy Souls and a weekend Mass.



Please write the names you want on the purple sheets, provided in the Church on the table as you enter and we will put them on the Holy Altar for the duration of November.



Funeral & wake details

Nowell Anderson

Funeral on 5th November 2021 at 11.00 am

At St Vincent de Paul Church

2 Witham Rd, Isleworth TW7 4AJ

Followed by

Wake at Grasshoppers, Isleworth



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Apocalypse 7:2-4. 9-14

Psalm 23 1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 7 NOV

1 Kings 17:10-16

Psalm 145 Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

St Margaret's Revive & Reunite Weekend

The weekend had been a long time in planning, thank you to the organising team led by Marta: Kathryn, Ann, Mercedes, Lily, Will, Brandon & Harry. Thanks also to the very many helpers at all the events, including Gavin alongside Loretto Home worship team for Friday's evening prayer and praise, the welcomers and those who opened the bar afterwards, those who provided cakes and served the lunch on Saturday, the Sunday BBQ team, Alan who donated the delicious pulled pork, Mercedes' band of chefs and servers who brought salads and scrumptious puddings and all those who stayed to clear up afterwards.

The whole weekend was a marvellous joint effort and the new hall still looks pristine! The renewed facilities will be a worthy addition to our parish mission and allow the parish to expand what it already undertakes in cleaner and more up-to-date facilities.

Thank you to those of you who came and supported the St Margaret's weekend. Fr Peter



Sacramental Preparation

Baptism



The next Baptism courses 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.

January 12th & 19th 2022

March 8th & 15th 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



The development of faith through the sacraments used to follow a well-trodden path, of First Holy Communion Year 3 and Confirmation Year 9. If you missed the Year 9 slot for whatever reason and you would like to be confirmed, please contact Fr Peter. The next Adult Confirmation Course will take place after the New Year on a day and time to be mutually arranged.

Tea, Coffee & Chat

We are very sorry that the tea afternoon on 15th November will need to be moved to another date. Please keep an eye on this section for updates on the new date.



Save the date - Men's Breakfast

Saturday, 27th November 2021

The first live session back to take place in person. Further details to follow soon.



Diocese of Westminster
SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND

Annual collection for sick and retired priests

There are more than 80 sick and retired priests who receive support after a lifetime of service to their parishes. By 2025 the number of priests in retirement is set to double.

Most priests offer their resignation as a parish priest at the age of 75, but many continue to serve in our parishes, schools, hospices, and hospitals. At this time, they are dependent on the Diocese for their care – for essentials like housing, any health needs and other essentials.

These priests have baptised us. They have welcomed us, and our families, into the Church. They have counselled us at times of crisis, sat with us through grief and sorrow, and shared in times of joy. They have given to us all and now, in their old age or sickness, they need us to give back.

By giving to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can ensure our priests are cared for. You can take a donation envelope as you leave Church today, but the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online, reducing the risks to everyone of handling cash or touching the envelopes. Please continue to pray for all our clergy: active, retired or ill. Thank you.

Two Staff Vacancies at St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School in Richmond

St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School in Richmond is looking to appoint a full-time Learning Support Assistant/Teaching Assistant. The role involves supporting class-teachers in delivering the curriculum to meet the needs of all pupils, including those with SEND, and will include 1 to 1 teaching and group support. For further information and to apply, please view the vacancy information on eteach: Job ID. 1181140. Closing date for application: 18th October 2021. Job Ref: <https://www.eteach.com/job/ks1-teaching-assistant-learning-support-assistant-1181140?lang=en-GB&frmsrh=Y>

St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School in Richmond is looking to appoint a Premises Manager to be responsible for the Health and Safety, security and maintenance of the school site. For further information and to apply, please view the vacancy information on eteach: Job ID. 1181709. Closing date for application: 1st November 2021. Job Ref: <https://www.eteach.com/job/premises-manager-with-school-house-1181709?lang=en->

Embracing Age are recruiting a part time Fundraising Manager. Could you be the person they are looking for to develop and manage their individual giving programme?



You'll be a friendly, confident individual with a track record of building successful donor relationships, who is looking for a part time flexible role and is passionate about their cause. This is a new role and you'll be joining a small, highly motivated staff team where you can really make a difference. Their office is based in East Twickenham, but you'll be able to work flexibly from home.

Hours: 10 hours a week, flexible working
Salary: £7,800 p.a.
[£29,250 p.a. (FTE)]
Closing Date: 5th November 2021

**Congratulations to our
100 Club Winners**

Winners for the month of October

1st Prize No. 68 £100/- Sally Cefai

2nd Prize No 34 £50/- Maria Sharratt

(Numbers are generated by a random number generating website)