

ST MARGARET'S PAGE

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 4th October 2020



In Peter writes:

One of the great delights of the English landscape is that it bears the marks of a gradual evolution that has taken place since pre-Roman times. The deforestation of much of lowland England in the Middle Ages, and the turning of open land into the field system during the Enclosures of the early 18th century have left their mark. After the Second World War the containment of suburban sprawl through the establishment of green belts around major cities had a marked effect on the density of house building in our cities but at the same time preserved the open spaces of rural Britain. The countryside still remains the combination of both the forces of nature and the work of men. For myself such landscapes marked by human engagement provide a depth of beauty not found in untouched landscapes of great mountain ranges. Even the landscapes of the Lake District combine both the rugged nature of mountain set within the human cultivation in the valley bottoms.

The vineyard in this Sunday's Old Testament Reading and Gospel illuminates to me the religious significance of these types of landscape. The vineyard is an example of the well-ordered environment, the enclosure protecting the precious vines from the winds, and the intensive work of tying branches to horizontal wires in order to maximise exposure to the sunlight. The production of wine brings thoughts of shared meals, family and community life. From an analysis of this small enterprise will emerge the basic building blocks of shared life, of the existence of human culture and some building blocks of national identity. What we take for granted as culture emerges from the cultivation of the land. City life might look to have severed this obvious agricultural link, but the need for food and drink remains the same, even if the process has been mechanised and extended across the globe. The great Victorian markets of London, Billingsgate, Covent Garden, Smithfield remind us of these connections.

Thus, when the tenants decide to kill the son of the owner of the vineyard in this Sunday's parable, they are destroying both human life but their culture. The son of the parable is obviously an illusion to Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, and the servants sent to collect the produce were the previous generations of prophets. To beat and kill them points to the disregard both for life and for the conditions of life. The vineyard needs protection and its existence is ultimately founded on a benevolent God as the Prophet Isaiah demonstrates in the First Reading. God will now remove his protection and the vineyard will be destroyed.

Mass Times & Liturgy Services		
	Sunday	8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.30 pm
Mon. Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat		10.00 am
Thursday Communion Service		10.00 am
Rosary	Mon, Tue, Wed and Sat (via Zoom) (please email the parish office for the link)	9.30 am
Adoration	Wednesdays	8.00 – 9.15 am
	Friday & Saturday	10.30 – 11.00 am
Confessions	Saturdays	10.30 – 11.00 am
	Sundays	10.00 – 10.20 am

The parable is a metaphor for the actions of God and the establishment of the Church as the universal visible society through whom salvation will be accessible. Human sinfulness can seriously damage the Church, even a visible society established by Jesus Christ. Yet there is also a deeper message about the world as the location for the drama that is human life. It is not ours to either destroy or claim as our own, and so the exercise of Catholic life within the Church rests within a particular understanding of ecology. The physical world is predisposed to become the vineyard, the place of dwelling, economic activity and family life. Faith requires culture in order to thrive, and culture requires an ordered world. Faith does not validate any particular culture in all its details and the mission of the Church has suffered greatly from those who claim to be cultural Catholics or who use the Church for their own nationalistic purposes.

What does the image of vineyard say to us today? The image speaks of the fragility of human culture, that it should be recognised as integral to life and be continually nurtured, and that the conditions of the earth that make culture possible should always be protected. This ecological understanding is not predicated on the claim that all human intervention in the environment is wrong but on the co-operation between humanity and landscape, the plant and animal world. The vineyard speaks of history too, of continuity through the ages, that all of us have deep roots that go back into time, and thus a responsibility to future generations as previous ones had towards us as their future.

I see this Parish as just one of many vineyards with a Catholic culture worth sustaining and nurturing; a way of worship, community and outreach. After the fallow period of Covid-lockdowns the rebuilding of the Parish will require all our efforts to secure for future generations the many fruits that previous generations sustained for us in recent years here at St Margarets. The rebuilding will be difficult after what might be a year's lockdown but future generations will be in our debt for what we choose to do now.

St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9.30 am - 12.30 pm

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 3rd Oct - Sunday 11th Oct

DATE	DAY	TIME	INTENTION	DONOR
03-Oct	Sat	10.00 a.m.	David Cook RIP	Desmond McGinley
		6.30 p.m.	No Mass	
04-Oct	Sun	08.30 a.m.	John Hooper RIP	Maz & Bernard
		10.30 a.m.	For you the people	
		6.30 p.m.	Elizabeth Whalley RIP	Grania Sweeting
05-Oct	Mon	10.00 a.m.	John Coles RIP	Caroline Estorinho
06-Oct	Tue	10.00 a.m.	Penelope Goretti Hoffman RIP	Barbara de Souza
07-Oct	Wed	10.00 a.m.	Elsa Jordache RIP	Margaret Ociepk
08-Oct	Thur	10.00 a.m.	Communion service	
09-Oct	Fri	10.00 a.m.	Health care workers, doctors & nurses	
10-Oct	Sat	10.00 a.m.	For unemployed seeking work	
		6.30 p.m.	No Mass	
11-Oct	Sun	08.30 a.m.	For all young people	
		10.30 a.m.	For you the people	
		6.30 p.m.	Marie Watts RIP	Watts family

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Fr Paul Bigirwa, Patricia Mary Picton (Mary), Arthur Mathewson, Maureen Costello, Helen Sweeny, Pat Friel, Mary Reagan, Pauline Slawson, Janet McAllister, Ben, Mark Titmus, 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 and Patricia Parkes, Judith Thomas, Wanda Ostrowska, Christopher Browne, Antonella Sesta, Margaret Masterson, Bernard Sharratt, Carmen Ruibal, Ann Macpherson, Chris McLoughlin (son of Olga), Paul Costello and Kevin Sweeney

Contactless Giving is here!

Please look out for the donation device – simple and easy to give. Choose an amount for your donation and tap your debit/credit card. You can donate either on the way in or the way out of Mass.



We are very grateful to all our regular donors who support the parish financially by standing orders, payroll giving or weekly envelopes. However, in the past, we have also received about £25k per year in loose plate collections which have all but disappeared as fewer people carry cash now.

We are grateful for every donation, no matter how small.

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

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

IMPORTANT

Advance booking needed to attend 10:30 MASS on Sundays

During the COVID-19 crisis, St Margaret's are doing everything possible to allow you to worship safely. However, the 10.30 Mass has become very busy and to ensure that parishioners can sit at a safe, social distance, numbers need to be limited to the maximum allowed inside the building.

Therefore anyone wishing to attend the Sunday 10.30 am Mass must book a place in advance.

Bookings can be made through a link on the website. Bookings for the following Sunday will open each week on Monday and close on Saturday at 6:00pm.

If you or you know someone who has no access to the internet or has difficulty using technology, please phone the parish office 020 8892 3902 to reserve a place.

The 8.30 am or 6.30 pm Sunday Mass are less busy and there is no need to book a place – please just turn up. Or please consider coming in the week as the Sunday obligation to attend Mass is temporarily suspended.

For those parishioners still at home, we will continue to stream the weekday (Monday to Wednesday and Saturday) and Sunday Mass for you to watch and participate.

My hope is that these regulations and procedures will not have a long shelf life. Thank you for your co-operation in the meanwhile.

Fr Peter

4th October - 27th Sunday in OT

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm 79

Philippians 4:6-9

Matthew 21:33-43

11th October—28th Sunday in OT

Isaiah 25:6-10

Psalm 22

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Matthew 22:1-14



CELEBRATE runs Catholic Charismatic, faith-filled, fun events for all ages, combining good Christian teaching, inspirational speakers and celebration of the liturgy, all in the power of the Holy Spirit. Young and old alike join together in a vibrant atmosphere to celebrate the love of God. You can find more information on our website www.celebrateconference.org



We'd love to hear from you! Join the CELEBRATE community on our Facebook, or get in touch via email: info@celebrateconference.org Please find links to [Celebrate Poster](#) & [Dates](#)

Admission arrangement for Catholic Schools

If your child is starting or moving schools this year and you wish to apply for a place at a Catholic school, you will need a Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP). If you are a regular parishioner, Fr Peter is happy to sign these. Please email the parish office on stmargaretsonthames@rcdow.org.uk with your child's name, address and date of birth. You will need an original form for each Catholic school that you are applying to, so please indicate how many forms you would like.

Cynthia will then make arrangements with you to collect the signed forms, either from the parish office or after Mass.



"St Richard Reynolds Catholic College is offering two Virtual Open Evenings for entry to Year 7 in 2021, on Tuesday 13th October, 2020 at 6:30pm and 7:30pm respectively. Details to sign up are available on our college website <https://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk>.

We very much look forward to welcoming you to our College."

St Richard Reynolds are recruiting for an RE teacher with a specialism in KS4 / KS5 from November 2020 (maternity cover). Part time will be considered. Please contact recruitment@srrcc.org.uk for further details.

GETA – Give Education to All

GETA, as with all other charities, has not been able to have any fundraising events to support St Theresa's School in Uganda. The school has been closed due to the pandemic and the teachers have been at home with no pay and no government support.

I normally take part in two runs – the Salomon Richmond half-marathon (March), and the Cabbage Patch 10-mile run (October), but both have been cancelled. However I ran my own half-marathon on 22nd September which I completed in a time of 2h 0m 37s to raise funds for GETA – please visit our website for further information.

Your donations will help us to provide much-needed food for many of the children and support fees once they are back at school, and allow us to make a contribution to the teachers' salaries to help make ends meet until they are paid again.

To donate please visit our website: www.geta.org.uk and click the 'donate' button, or send cash / cheque / CAF Bank Vouchers, etc. to the registered address: GETA, c/o 57 Court Way Twickenham, TW2 7SA. Please Gift Aid if you are an eligible taxpayer. Many thanks for your continuing support. David Rose, Trustee and Chairman, GETA. Registered charity no. 1167092.



Diocese of Westminster

From the Diocese of Westminster – Agency for Evangelisation

'Learn from Me' – Lifelong Learning Opportunities - The certificate courses offered in partnership with Maryvale Institute seek to form leaders in our parishes in the areas of Catechesis, Pastoral Ministry and Marriage & Family Life. Courses in marriage & family and pastoral ministry are already underway for this current year but we are now recruiting for the certificate in catechesis programme, commencing autumn 2020. Contact Anna at the Agency or visit: <https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/learn-from-me---catechesis-and-mission---formation-programme/> Anna Dupelycz : annadupelycz@rcdow.org.uk

Extra helpers needed



All of you who have returned to Mass over the summer will have seen the team of stewards and ushers at each Mass, who greet you with the temperature "gun", record your name and contact phone number for track and trace purposes, usher you to a socially distanced seat and encourage an orderly queue at Communion. You probably don't see that they also stay behind after Mass and disinfect the pews ready for the next congregation.

Our team of volunteers have been very faithful over the last two months but now we need SOME MORE HELPERS to share the load.

Please contact us via email stmargaretsouthames@rcdow.org.uk if you are happy to help, mentioning which Mass you usually attend.

Feast Day: 9th October – St John Henry Newman

It is a joy that, in response to a petition from the Bishops' Conference, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacra-



ments has agreed that the celebration of St John Henry Newman should have the rank of a Feast in England and Wales, to be celebrated on 9 October.



CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day

Family Fast Day Online Mass this Friday 9th October 6pm

You are invited to join CAFOD online this Friday 9th October in prayer for those affected by COVID 19 in developing countries and in thanksgiving for our supporters here in the UK. For further information see our web page <http://cafod.org.uk/fastday>

Family Fast Day 9th October

This week our parish is marking CAFOD's Family Fast Day to help people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease – let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild and heal. Please pray for all those affected and donate online at cafod.org.uk/give or by using one of the envelopes after Mass.

You can also give easily via text. Text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10.

Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text CAFODNOINFO to 70085.



Special 90th Birthday wishes to

Margaret Tobbäck

from Fr Peter and all at St Margaret's



Join in for Coffee after Mass at St Margaret's

You are warmly invited to a Zoom meeting. Depending on numbers we will aim to have people in virtual rooms of 6/8 to help chat. The zoom meeting will be open from 11.30 to 12.30 each Sunday. We hope to see you there sometimes till we can meet again in person.

Topic: **Coffee after Mass at St Margaret's**

Every week on Sunday, until Dec 20, 2020

14 occurrence(s)

Dates for September & October

Sep 27, Oct 4, Oct 11, Oct 18, Oct 25... till December 2020

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZMkfu-uaTgiHdLF876OJvTMz8x0ob4vsjgh/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGvpzIsHNOWuB6BRpwEHYr4M-7wtnZHggdxukeyVQ95dDfbLLpaYr19RM7D>

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87996673876?pwd=d1pTSWVrddy9HVHJHcEIMSGxVcU9HZz09>

Meeting ID: 879 9667 3876

Passcode: COFFEE

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to our First Holy Communion Children

Thank you to Fr Peter and our Catechists for making our First Holy Communion such a memorable occasion.



11.00 am Mass



2.00 pm Mass



First Holy Communion May 2021

Introduction



Preparing your children for First Communion and First Reconciliation is a privileged period for every family and will help shape your child's faith for the years ahead. Participation as a family at Mass prior to the First Holy Communion course, and the memorising of the basic prayers will make participation in the classes much more fruitful and long-lasting.

The course at St Margarets is open for those who fulfil the following criteria:

- a) who live within the Parish boundaries
- b) or who live outside the Parish boundaries but have been coming to Mass here for a substantial period beforehand. The Parish is unable to prepare families living outside the Parish who have had no contact with the Parish prior to the course. Claims that other Parish courses are full will not be accepted.

Application involves the following:

- a) collect a Mass attendance card from Fr Peter after Sunday Mass
- b) at the end of October to collect an application form

The outline programme is shown below. These dates may be subject to change if the government offers alternative guidance about social distancing etc. All classes will be held observing all the requirements laid down by the government and the Church to ensure that both children and catechists are safe.

Please note the Parish is not liable if the government changes travel advice with regard to families travelling to attend the First Holy Communion.

Dates of classes

All classes start last from 5:15pm to 6:15pm, short break, followed by Mass at 6:30pm.

Classes are compulsory as is attendance at Mass afterwards.

Dates:

7/11, 14/11, 21/11, 28/11, 5/12;
16/01, 23/01, 30/01, 6/02,
27/02, 06/03, 13/03, 20/03, 27/03 (First Confession)
17/04, 24/04, 08/05, 14/05 (Friday rehearsal)

First Holy Communion: Saturday 15th May 2021 11:00am

Fr Peter Newby, Parish Priest

