

ST MARGARET'S PAGE



The Most Holy Trinity - Year A

7th June 2020

In Peter writes: The famous 20th century palaeontologist and writer, Fr Teilhard de Chardin, a sort of clerical and scholarly Indiana Jones, wrote that 'throughout my life, the world has little by little caught fire in my sight until, aflame around me, it has become almost completely luminous from within... Christ, his heart a fire, capable of penetrating everywhere, and gradually, spreading everywhere.' This quote helps open up the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity, the Church teaching on the life of God. Similar thoughts are expressed by Gerald Manley Hopkins the Jesuit poet who wrote, 'the world is charged with the grandeur of God, it will flame out like shinning from shook foil'. The Trinity speaks of the fire-like universal exuberance of God's goodness that radiates outwards from the historic person Jesus Christ and which, when God's purposes are fulfilled, will completely consume all reality

For many the teaching on the Trinity, celebrated in particular this Sunday, is something obscurantist and largely irrelevant but the Church's subtle teaching about the relationship of God to the world is the one of the highest points of human intellectual endeavour. The Trinity, of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, brings together the otherness of God and the materiality of our human condition, the infinite God and the particular person, you and me. The doctrine of the Trinity also safeguards the dignity of the human person, and thus is the supernatural bedrock for human rights, and the spiritual engine that helped give Christian civilisation its unique form. Today we live in the wreckage of that culture, with only fragments half remembered and contradictory inserts added. Thus, it is possible to clap for the NHS, for their efforts to nurse patients through Covid 19 and fail to see that the right to life applies to the unborn and the terminally ill as well. These and many other contradictions run through every person, like some local shop workers who insist on parking for free in the Church carpark who at same time would rightly look horrified should I walk out without paying.

Christian faith involves accepting what might seem at first sight contradictory, our supernatural origin, our fragmentary human way of existence and supernatural power to share in the life of God. This vision is not simply dropped on us from some spiritual height but is discovered within ourselves, God is at work in these ways already in my life. Engaging with faith rather than toying with mere cultural inheritance begins when we discover the internal spiritual fire that makes us wish to overcome or at least come to terms with our weaknesses and create something with their lives. This is not understood in terms of career, financial success or material abundance, but in terms of love, not as a myth or fantasy, but as project of life. As always, this project has its ups and downs, its moments of bliss and moments of anxiety, loneliness and sadness.

Teilhard de Chardin speaks of the world catching fire, but that world is our collective world of which our individual worlds are but just a part. Our worlds catch fire when we allow the Holy Spirit into our lives because the Holy Spirit makes present and powerful the person of Jesus with his healing and forgiving presence. The Holy Spirit makes Jesus present here and now in my life today, the friendship between ourselves and Jesus is the Holy Spirit. We do not normally describe love as a person nor do we describe friendship as a person but everyone experiences without reflection that love and friendship are something, worth nurturing and, sustaining. The radical Christian proposal is that love and friendship is not something but ultimately someone. When we think this way it becomes easier to see what a precious gifts love and friendships can become, and all the attendant dangers when we starting thinking otherwise.

The explanation of God as Trinity is not therefore a matter for theological boffins alone but touches the deepest parts of our daily lives and both purifies and divinely adds to the fire of life that exists inside each of us.

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The Parish Office is closed because of Covid-19. Emails are continued to be checked regularly.

MASS INTENTIONS

June - Monday 8th - Sunday 14th

Mon 8 th	10.00am Mass	Michael Blackwood (RIP) Walker
Tue 9 th	10.00 am Mass	No Mass
Wed 10 th	10.00 am Mass	Ann Noble (RIP) Davis Family
Thu 11 th	10.00 am Mass	Liam Dennehy (RIP) Patrick Gogarty
Fri 12 th	10.00 am Mass	For all young people
Sat 13 th	10.00am Mass	For all those who are struggling to cope with the current situation
Sun 14 th	10.30am Mass	For you the people

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Donal Dwyer (brother of Mary Ibbett), Rose Mitchell, Ann Noble, Juliane Ditsche, Antonio Lopes, Muriel Kelly, Juliet Grafton, Karina Kinnear

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like Mass said for your intentions or for the repose of the soul of someone, please contact Cynthia via [email](mailto:stmargaretsonthames@rcdow.org.uk) (stmargaretsonthames@rcdow.org.uk). She will compile the list which will be published on the Parish website each week.

Fr Peter offers up the Sunday Mass for the intentions of all the Parish, but Masses may be said for specific intentions from Monday to Saturday.

The Most Holy Trinity

Sunday after Pentecost- 7TH June

Entrance Antiphon

Blest be God the Father,
and the only Begotten Son of God,
and also the Holy Spirit,
for he has shown us his merciful love.

Responsorial Psalm (Dn 3:52-56)

To you glory and praise for evermore.

Gospel Acclamation (Cf. Rv 1:8)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon (Ga 4:6)

Since you are children of God,
God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son,
the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

THE FINANCIAL WELFARE OF ST MARGARET'S

The St Margaret's [Virgin Money Giving](#) is now live. This is a secure method for giving. If you are using the St. Margaret's website, you will find the Virgin Money Giving under the 'Support' tab.

Even if you are only able to donate less than you might normally do, every gift is valuable.

Thank you to everyone for your generosity.



On Sunday 14th June, the Sunday Worship Programme, which airs at 8.10am on BBC Radio 4, will broadcast Mass celebrated by the Cardinal in Westminster Cathedral.

Please share this welcome news with parishioners, family and friends who do not have access to the internet and are thus unable to watch live streamed Masses.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000k1bj>



LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

CAFOD are offering a webinar of a Liturgy of the Word with Children at home. Parents and children are encouraged to join online for prayers and reflection on this Sunday's Gospel. It is based on CAFOD children's liturgy resources.



CHILDREN'S Liturgy of the Word

Please use [link to register](#): After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

For family support, TenTen are also making freely available resources for families, called Prayers for Home, which include '[Sunday Liturgy for Families](#)' and '[Daily Prayers for Home](#)'



Please find the link to [LOOK](#), color in sheets to find what is in the Gospel today.



Diocese of Westminster

AGENCY FOR EVANGELISATION

Building Missionary Parishes, Forming Missionary Disciples

RESOURCING THE LOCKDOWN

We hope you will find something of real benefit here for you as we journey together through this extraordinary period in our lives. Please find the bulletin from the Agency for Evangelisation, [Resourcing the Lockdown](#).

Fr Alan Robinson, Rector of the Corpus Christi Shrine in Covent Garden, has highlighted an invitation from the organisers of the postponed Eucharistic Congress to unite the world in prayer around the Blessed Sacrament by holding a Holy Hour on **Saturday 13th June**, the Vigil of Corpus Christi. There is no set time or programme for this. More information, as well as the possibility of registering participation, can be found on the official website:

corpusdomini.iec2020.hu.

Please find a [poster](#) for this event.

As Fr Alan from Covent Garden invites us, "Let us light up London on the map!"

Fr Stephen Willis, Parish Priest and Rector of the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden has produced a virtual May Procession and Devotion. The Cardinal has offered a reflection as part of the online Service, with prayers and meditations on the Luminous Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary led by the priests and people of those parishes. The whole thing can be seen here: <https://youtu.be/93aGmi9wEg4>

Please find a pdf file of images for use on social media with the hashtag [#FaithInLockdown](#). Secondly, short [Sunday reflections](#) for the month of June, compiled by Fr Javier Ruiz-Ortiz at Bow, continuing our journey through this Year of the Word.

Fr Chris Vipers

Parish Priest of Moorfields and Bunhill Row
Director of the Agency for Evangelisation

The Most Holy Body & Blood of the Lord
Sunday after Trinity Sunday – 14th June

Reading 1 Deut 8:2-3, 14b-16a	He fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known.
Psalm Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 r. 12	O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! OR Alleluia!
Reading 2 1 Cor 10:16-17	That there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body.
Sequence optional	Lauda Sion salvatorem. Sing forth, O Zion, sweetly sing.
Gospel Acclamation John 6:51-52	I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever.
Gospel John 6:51-58	My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time –
21st June

Reading 1 Jer 20:10-13	He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.
Psalm Ps 68:8-10. 14.17. 33-35 r.14	In your great love, answer me, O God.
Reading 2 Rom 5:12-15	The gift considerably outweighed the fall.
Gospel Acclamation John 1:14.12	The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.
John 15:26. 27	The Spirit of truth will be my witness; and you too will be my witnesses.
Gospel Matt 10:26-33	Do not be afraid of those who will kill the body.

St. Margaret's Updates

If you know anyone in the parish who would be keen to receive updates, know about its online events & receive The Page weekly, or join Fr Peter for the daily online mass, please let me know via email
stmargaretsonthames@rcdow.org.uk
 and I will be glad to set it up for them.

Thank you!

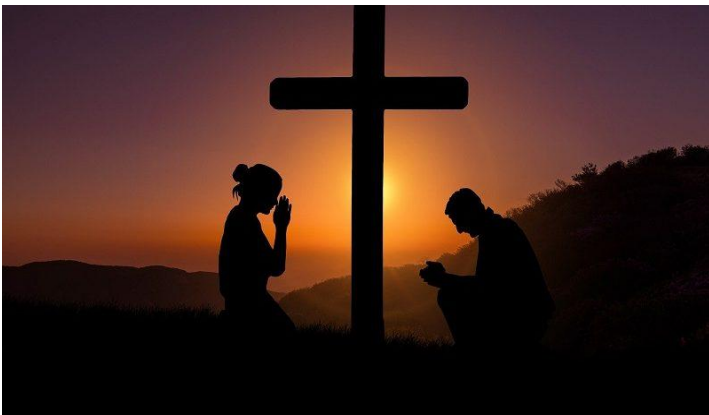


Pause for Faith: Catholic life, conversations and prayer with Fr Stephen Wang

Join [Fr Stephen Wang](#) each day as he live streams on the new YouTube channel '[Pause for Faith](#)' - For some inspiration and spiritual support during the Lockdown

It's an informal conversation about living the Christian faith, with some Catholic history, the lives of the saints, Christian teaching, spiritual traditions, practical tips for everyday life, contemporary issues facing the Church and the world, some Q&A and interviews.

Don't be alone! The whole point of live streaming is that you can join a community of viewers who are watching and praying together.



Parish Pub Quiz Friday 12th June 8.30 – 9.30 pm

Join the Parish Quiz with
Fr Peter as the Quiz Master
via Zoom

Details on how to join will be on
St. Margaret's Website.

Everyone is welcome!!

**Get your favourite
bottle along and your
loved ones together
for an enjoyable
evening!**



THANK YOU !