

ST MARGARETS PAGE

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

9th February 2020



In Peter writes:

Two weeks ago, the Headmaster and a few governors of St Richard Reynolds School interviewed five candidates for the post of Lay Chaplain. Each candidate interviewed well and explained what they wished to achieve as Chaplain. What struck me afterwards was the lack of conversation about the Church as a living community and corporate body. Maybe they thought that the Church as a visible society has no traction with the eleven to eighteen-year-old age group, and so preferred to emphasise the personal relationship with God. Perhaps they just took the Church for granted, much in the same way as we can sometimes take our family for granted. Obviously, this is not a good long-term policy with regard to our family, nor is really good practise for sustaining our faith. The long-term health of both require commitment and shared vision of the future.

This Sunday the Gospel gives two beautiful images of the Church, one as the salt of the earth, and the second as the city built on a hill-top. The first image emphasises the way in which the Church through its members can potentially permeate every part of society, starting obviously at home, but also at work, and in our society at large. When Jesus spoke there was no Church, only a small community of disciples with the apostles at its heart. Their mission would be to salt the whole earth and that mission still stands, both collectively and individually. The salt of the Gospel is the salt of compassion, forgiveness and belonging, and these forms of salt bring back the taste to life, releasing what was until then hidden by sin and indifference. Just as in cooking little salt goes a long way, it does not take much to transform a situation, just a few brave souls to show a little compassion and love. These actions might be a few kind words of encouragement, a sincere offer of apology, a brave word in support of an embattled colleague.

The second image of the city built on a hill-top places the emphasis on the collective light generated by innumerable individual lights. For those of a certain age who might have gone to see Bob Dylan might remember lighting candles at 'Blowing in the wind' or similar.

Mass Times & Liturgy Services

Vigil	Saturday 6.30pm
	Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am & 6.30pm
Mon. Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat	10.00am
Thursday Communion Service	10.00 am
Rosary	Monday & Friday 9.30am
Adoration	Wednesdays 8-9.15pm
	Fri 10.30-11 am, Sat 10.30-11.00am
Confessions	Saturdays 10.30-11.00am
	Sundays 10.00-10.20am

The 10,000 candle lights produced a feeling of right-on togetherness. The Church has been the light of spiritual togetherness and solidarity since its inception but this light has the natural warmth of millions of individual lights that each believer carries in themselves. The Church is of divine origin, instituted by Jesus Christ Himself while personally present on earth but it is always human in scale. Therefore, the light we shine both individually and collectively does matter as it is a living part of something much larger.

The season of Lent begins in just over two weeks-time and this is opportune moment to reflect on the light, both individual and collective, that we shed in the world. What we undertake individually is a matter of personal choice, but the parish will also be undertaking some collective efforts. These efforts include the long-standing Lenten Alms Project but also two other projects of collective welcome that are explained elsewhere in the newsletter, the Landings Project for welcoming returning Catholics, and our Community Welcome project that will involve staffing two tables after the 10:30am Mass for new and recently arrived parishioners that might not know any other members of the community. This Sunday the Parish will vote and select two projects to support over Lent and a few weeks beyond into Eastertide. Please choose which project you would like to support as our collective almsgiving project. The Church was established as an act of solidarity between Jesus and His community, and maintained through the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Church still needs our act of solidarity too for it to remain the salt of the earth and light of the world.

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The Parish Office is open Monday-Friday 9:00 am –11.30 am

Entrance Antiphon:

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made
us,
for he is the Lord our God.

Response to the Psalm

The good man is a light in the darkness for
the upright.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Sick:

Mary Ibbett, Carol Samba, Colin Bartram, Gerry McEntee, Rose Williams, Peter Coughlan, Hilary Sudell, Rose Lorden, William Hamilton, Mary Arnold, Ethan Knott, Cesar Juan Urrutigoity, Mary Ethel Arnolda, Francesca Bianchin, Sydney and Patricia Parkes, Judith Thomas, Wanda Ostrowska, Christopher Browne, Antonella Sesta, Margaret Masterson, Bernard Sharratt, Carmen Ruibal, Ann Macpherson, Donal Dwyer (brother of Mary Ibbett), Chris McLoughlin (son of Olga), Paul Costello and Kevin Sweeney

Anniversaries Hilda Holcroft, Julia Mangan, Frank Morgan, Emma Jarmain, Charles Nutall, Edith Fowler, Mona Keegan, Mary Newman, Rosemary Innocent, Fr Leo Straub, Joe deSouza, Nicola Forgione, Marsland Patricia, Alan Dommersen

Deanery Intentions: For Fr. Sidon Sagar and parishioners at St. Michael's, Ashford.

Beginning Experience Weekend

A healing weekend for men and women who are separated, divorced or widowed will be held from **3rd to 5th April 2020** at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell, Essex.

For details please contact Freda 01322-838415 or Maura 01322-551503 or email johnbrother-ton@hotmail.co.uk.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 8th February - Sunday 16th February

Sat 8th	10.00am Mass	For the homeless
	10.30-11.00am Adoration	
	6.30pm Mass	
Sun 9th	8.30am Mass	Kitty Burns (Blackman)
	10.30am Mass	John McHugh RIP (Mary McHugh)
	6.30pm Mass	For you the people
Mon 10th	9.30am The Rosary	
	10.00am Mass	For the homeless
Tue 11th	10.00 am Mass	For those struggling with debt
Wed 12th	10.00 am Mass	For all the young people
Thurs 13th	10.00 am Communion Service	
Fri 14th	10.00 am Communion Service	To be advised
Sat 15th	10.00am Mass	For the homeless
	10.30am-11.00am Adoration	
	6.30pm Mass (Fr Tom)	
Sun 16th	8.30am Mass	Burns Family (Intentions) (Blackman)
	10.30am Mass	
	6.30pm Mass	For the lonely and the isolated

DONATE

"The SVP are distributing **11.500 Vinnie Packs** containing cold weather essentials to the homeless and those spending the principal part of their day on the streets. Each pack contains thermal gloves, thermal hat, two pairs of socks, wet wipes, toothbrush, toothpaste, Pavement magazine, information sheet and pen. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £3.50 per pack? Donations can be sent to **Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ** with cheques made out to SVP or by bank transfer to Nat West **sort code 60-60-04, account no. 4608 8237**. Thank you so much for your support."

The Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School is seeking part-time invigilators for their summer exams. Please refer to their website for details.



THE CARDINAL VAUGHAN
MEMORIAL SCHOOL

<https://www.cvms.co.uk/Staff-Vacancies/>

9th February - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 58:7-10

Psalm 111

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Matthew 5:13-16

16th February - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

Psalm 118

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Matthew 5:17-37

Caritas Westminster is recruiting one Caritas Representative from each parish, to help two-way communication between the Parish and Caritas to support and grow charitable activities.

They will help to display posters, flyers, speak in Masses, learn about new tools and models for social action and share best practice between parishes.

If you would like to become a Caritas Representative, please first obtain consent from your Parish Priest, then contact us on 020 7931 6077 or email caritasreps@rcdow.org.uk

Project 2020

May I update the Parish on the status of the appeal with regard to the refurbishment of the Hall, facilities and basement. Thank to everyone who has contributed so far and I am very pleased to say that the total donated or pledged is now

£80,600

The appeal total is £100,000, of which we have now raised just over 80% which is a great achievement in the time. If you would like to contribute to the appeal and help the Parish to achieve this target please do so. The Church has always been a mass donor society, and every parish relies on the contributions of parishioners for its continued existence. The cost of refurbishing the hall and facilities is being mitigated by the future rents from the Hall which have been bundled together to create a Diocesan loan to the Parish. Therefore it is very desirable for the good financial order of the Parish that the £100,000 target is met.

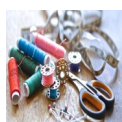
Everyone will benefit from the refurbishment and so may I ask those who wish to contribute and have not done so please make this task a priority.

Thank you to all those who have already contributed. It is marvellous that the Parish has got so far already.

Fr Peter



Looking for a seamstress who could help with some repairs. Please speak to Fr Peter.



Lenten Project 2020

The three nominations for overseas charities representatives will be presenting at masses this weekend:

GETA - Give Education to All, to fund Phase 2 of the construction of a boys dormitory block in a school in Uganda. nominated by David Rose

Medical Missionaries of Mary Trust, for a health centre in Malawi, nominated by Teresa & Chris Smith

ZANE - Zimbabwe, A National Emergency, nominated by Andrew Ledingham.

The results will be announced Next weekend.

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony

Westminster Cathedral,
Saturday 30th May 2019 at 3pm.



The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2020. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

CAFOD information afternoon - Wednesday 12nd February 2.30-4pm.

CAFOD will be hosting a supporter's information afternoon with a guest speaker, Christine Allen, Director, who has first-hand experience of our work overseas.

Come and hear how CAFOD is helping communities, thanks to your support.

Meeting will take place from 2.30 – 4pm at CAFOD's Volunteer Centre, 1st Floor, Church of Christ the King, 29 Bramley Road, Oakwood, N14 4HE

Bookings required and taken on 0208 449 6970 or email westminster@cafod.org.uk



Soup Lunches for 2020

17 January	17 July
21 February	18 September
20 March	16 October
17 April	20 November
15 May	18 December
19 June	

Welcoming newcomers to

St Margaret's parish

Every Parish must ask itself from time to time; **'Are we a welcoming community?'**

and ask of newly or recently arrived parishioners: Have you recently joined our parish and would like to get to know other parishioners? or 'Have you been coming here for six months and no one has spoken to you yet?'

This Lent, St Margaret's will have a special focus on welcoming newcomers to the parish.

At coffee after the 1030 Mass, we would like to have a couple of tables where people are encouraged to chat to new people. Would you be prepared to commit to doing this for 20-30 minutes on any 2 Sundays in Lent?

We aim to have a rota of about 12 people who would sign up for 2 Sundays to sit at these tables and chat to people who don't know anyone in the parish.

You might wish to consider this part of your personal Lenten project, of taking up this ministry for Lent.

If you would like to be involved, please either contact Lily McCaw or email Cynthia in the parish office on stmargaretsonthames@rcdow.org.uk

Thank you.

Fr Peter



Permanent Diaconate Men interested in finding out more about the permanent diaconate are invited to come to a two hour session on a Saturday from 10am to noon on one of the following dates 21 March 2020 at St Edward the Confessor, Golders Green, 18th April at Vaughan House, Victoria and 23 May at St Anthony of Padua, Radlett.

No prior booking required. Wives welcome.

For further details phone Dcn Adrian Cullen on 07961 594725 or Dcn Anthony Clark on 07545 373548.

Landings Programme Welcoming Returning Catholics

As part of St Margaret's pastoral outreach initiative the Parish will be reaching out to those Catholics who having been away from the Church for whatever reason now wish to return but feel unable or intimidated by returning. The Landings programme is not a judgement on what went before but a way to calm fears and make it easier to become a active member of this or another Parish in the future.

On Saturday 15th Fr Peter and Sally Evenhuis will be attending the training day at St Mark's School. The day will explain how Landings works, and how to ensure a safe landing for those Catholics who wish to return. The course lasts from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

If this ministry appeals please let Fr Peter know so that I can alert the organisers as to numbers. My hope is to run the programme during Lent.

Confirmation 2020



All young people (year 9 and above) who would like to be confirmed, please collect an application form from Fr. Peter or Deacon Joseph after mass.

Our next session will be on **11th February, 7.30 pm—9.00 pm**. The sacrament of confirmation will be conferred in early June. All course material will be provided.

Picnic & Play (Monday 17th) 12.00 till 2.30 in Half Term



Time and space to catch up no matter what the weather!

Bring sharing food & a craft or game to play with friends.



If it's dry outside football and games for the garden. No need to book, Just turn up !!

Organised by - Kathryn James - 07889952111

Marriage Preparation Courses

Will be held at St Margaret's on



Saturday March 28th

Saturday 30th May

Please contact the parish office for more information.

Next Baptism Courses



Tues Mar 3 & 10

Tues May 5 & 12

At 8.00 pm in the lower sacristy

If you wish to be enrolled on one of the courses or wish to book a date for Baptism, please talk to Fr Peter first and then contact the Parish Office 9.00-11.30pm 020 8892 3902