

ST MARGARETS PAGE

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

16th February 2020



In Peter writes:

Most people probably never read the acres of small print attached to the purchase of an electrical item, household product or an insurance policy. The small print only possesses value when a problem arises and so one hopes, statistically, that this eventuality will not happen to me. The modern view, held by many Catholics and others, is that the moral teaching of the Church places all the emphasis on the small print and not on the bigger picture. The small stuff does matter but only when placed in the bigger moral context. Therefore, every family member possesses the wider mission to create and sustain a shared moral life but as everyone knows the tone of this project is not made up of good ideas alone. The tone of family life is made up of countless individual actions of affection, service and sacrifice that punctuate the day.

The Sermon on the Mount that Jesus addressed to His disciples is built on the same principles. The great discourse begins with the Beatitudes a manifesto of Christian life whose beauty and intent very few would wish to contradict. This manifesto has public and spiritual purpose, because those that live the Beatitudes become the salt to the earth and light to the world (last Sunday's Gospel). The moral life of each of us becomes a potential tool of evangelisation, of bringing others to Jesus Christ. This might seem completely far-fetched when stuck in traffic jam on the way home after work or frantically preparing your child's dinner between evening activities. The sacrifice that these moments entail and the tone with which they are endured or undertaken marks one out as human being. The duty might be necessary but the way in which it is conducted is always a matter of personal choice. The response to the ripples of responsibility that come with family life indicate whether, in the individual circumstances of my own family, I have taken up the duty to serve.

Now we come to the detail. This Sunday's Gospel gives the first four of five Counsels of Perfection. Each begins on the common ground of the Ten Commandments, the content of which resonates with the natural law of all people, 'Do good, avoid evil'. The Commandments are all cast in the negative except one, 'Honour your father and mother'. Each of the nine cast in the negative protect a positive value, whether it be life, family, property, good name, other's family and so

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

forth. The protection of these positive values needs more than simply not doing something. This something more is the content of the Counsels of Perfection. Together they form the immediate culture in which we all conduct our lives. The web of commitments that mark our lives are normally strong, such that argument, misuse of property, rash promises, and inappropriate behaviour can be tolerated but in themselves cannot sustain any human life or relationship.

The purpose of the Counsels is to interrogate each of us as to the real nature of our conduct rather than simply affirm some wishful thinking about our innate goodness. The Counsels do not preclude the call to holiness but rather make the pursuit real in our particular lives and the examples given in the Gospel all have their contemporary equivalent; calling someone renegade is the modern equivalent of using the internet to disparage someone; not looking at a woman (or man) lustfully would preclude watching Love Island and similar; not issuing oaths would mean not offering rash promises to undertake some domestic task without firm purpose.

The Counsels of Perfection make the point that following Jesus is both big-picture, a whole way of life, but also the daily individual detail. Both sustain each other. One can do the right but less-conducive course of action because it fits into the bigger picture of discipleship. This choice might become the first step in a path of sacrifice, so that the love of neighbour might involve looking after members of the wider family, an aged neighbour, and serving the local community. This is the genius of Catholic morality, it gives each of us both a goal, holiness, and place, my individual life, and the impetus to go deeper in the moral project that is life.

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

Entrance Antiphon:

Be my protector, O God,
 a mighty stronghold to save me.
 For you are my rock, my stronghold!
 Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your
 name.

Response to the Psalm

They are happy who follow God's law!

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Sick:

Mark Titmus, Janet McIndoe, 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 James McHugh, Marguerite Stone, Jean Brown, Eric Pinto, Dermot Morgan, James Mason, Eileen Schmidt, Ellen Gallagher, Edwina Clark, Ivy Ollivier

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



Jimmy Green

invites you to join him for a glass of wine (or similar) in the hall after the 10.30 Mass on Sunday 23rd February to celebrate his

90th birthday



Mass Intentions

Saturday 15th February - Sunday 23rd February

Sat 15th	10.00am Mass	Joseph de Souza (RIP) (Barbara de Souza)
	10.30-11.00am Adoration	
	6.30pm Mass	Eileen & Patrick Coughlan (Annv.) (Davis)
Sun 16th	8.30am Mass	Burns Family (Int.) (Blackman)
	10.30am Mass	Mrs. Florence Clements (Annv.)(Lily McCaw)
	6.30pm Mass	Johnstone Family (Deceased) (Johnstone)
Mon 17th	9.30am The Rosary	
	10.00am Mass	For the homeless
Tue 18th	10.00 am Mass	For those struggling with debt
Wed 19th	10.00 am Mass	For all young people
Thurs 20th	10.00 am Communion Service	
Fri 21st	10.00 am Mass	For the sick of our Parish
Sat 22nd	10.00am Mass	For you the people
	10.30am-11.00am Adoration	
	6.30pm Mass	For the homeless
Sun 23rd	8.30am Mass	Special Intention (Walker)
	10.30am Mass	Helen Douglas (Private Int.) (Johnstone)
	6.30pm Mass	For the sick of our Parish

Thursday Mornings Faith Sharing Group commencing on 27th February

Meets Thursdays 10.30 am—12.30 pm
 in the lower sacristy

In Lent, the group will be using the faith sharing resource:
 "A Word for Lent"

Using Sacred Scripture and Sacred Art, this will take us on a Lenten journey, a journey of seeing salvation through the eyes of Gospel women and men. It is an eye-opening resource, specially commissioned by the Diocese for this *Year of the Word*.

If you would like more information, please speak to Maz Winter or contact the parish office.

Murder Mystery Play

14th Annual Murder Mystery Play will be on
Saturday 21st March

16th February - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

Psalm 118

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Matthew 5:17-37

23rd February—Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Leviticus 19:1-2. 17-18

Psalm 102

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Matthew 5:38-48

Mustard Seed prayer meeting Saturday 22nd Feb ; 8.00pm -10.00 pm church hall with speaker Michelle Moran .

Michelle together with her husband Peter is a founder member of Sion Catholic Community for Evangelism. Michelle was President of the International Council for Renewal in Rome for over 10 years during which time she was appointed by Pope Benedict XVI to be a member of the Pontifical Council of the Laity. Michelle has spoken at training events and conferences globally, as well as locally at the Celebrate Twickenham conference. We are very pleased to welcome her to the Mustard Seed this month .



All welcome. Enquiries to Gavin and Sally Evenhuis mustardseed13@hotmail.co.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.

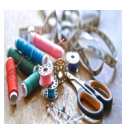
Everyone will benefit from the refurbishment and so may I ask those who wish to contribute and have not done so please make this task a priority.

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 repairs of vestments and albs. Please speak to Fr Peter.



**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

**Soup Lunch
Friday 21st February
12:15-1:30 pm**



Come for homemade soup, bread and cheese, cake and a coffee or tea and chat.

What an enjoyable way to be helping to make real differences in the lives of the very poor people in the parish of Fr David Cullen in Zambia.

Pick up a copy of his last letter detailing how the money raised at the January lunch was spent.

It put so much into perspective and can encourage us to count our blessings.

Lenten Project 2020

We are pleased to announce that the two charities that will be the recipients of this year's Lenten Project monies are:

Medical Missionaries of Mary Trust - funds towards essential equipment in a medical centre in Malawi

and
ZANE, Zimbabwe, A National Emergency

Votes cast were:

Medical Missionaries of Mary Trust: 227 votes

ZANE: 138 votes

GETA: 112 votes

Medical Missionaries of Mary Trust - *The money we raise for the Medical Missionaries of Mary will fund much needed equipment for the St Kizito Health Centre, a clinic opened by the MMM in 2016 in a slum area of Lilongwe, the capital of Malawi. This includes a microscope slide drier (used in the diagnosis of malaria), a Hemocue machine for the diagnosis of anaemia (especially useful for pregnant women) and an autoclave for sterilising instruments for basic surgical procedures. Any extra money we raise would be used to fund treatment for the very poorest patients, who can't afford to pay for their own treatment.*

Zane - *We support is the education of 84 children from destitute families in pop-up classes. Part of the expense of these classes is the provision of a hot meal each day to the children. ZANE comment that this food has made an incredible difference; the children are looking noticeably healthier and are far better able to concentrate. ZANE also support with a weekly food pack for 14 of the poorest families of those attending.*

Weekly envelopes for Lenten Alms will be available from the start of Lent.

If you would like to propose an event or to organise fundraising activities, please contact Kathryn James
kathryn@feburman.co.uk Thank you

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.

Next session will be on 25th Feb, 7:30-9:00 (Basement)

The sacrament of confirmation will be conferred on Wednesday, 10th June. All course material will be provided.

First Holy Communion

Athens 331BC



Over the last two weeks the First Communion children have been discussing different child-orientated moral questions that open up a way to understanding our moral responsibilities, about our intentions and what constitutes a wrong action.

St Margarets 2020AD



So as in Athens 331BC, so in St Margarets 2020AD

Reminder-Nursery 2020 Applications for St James's School close on the 6th March.



St James's
Catholic Primary School

'London SW Catholic Social Group is a group for **Catholic young adults** living, working or staying in London to meet for regular social and networking events. Please contact us on our Facebook page or londoncatholicsocial@gmail.com.

Next event: Sun 1st March for 10.30 sung Latin Mass at St James Spanish Place W1U 3QY, followed by a walk in Regent's Park and lunch afterwards at Pizza Express Baker Street at 2 p.m. We aim to visit a different parish church each month, please join us in exploring new parishes and making new friends. If attending please contact Andrew Law on 07787231798

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



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