

ST MARGARETS PAGE

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

26th January 2020



In Peter writes:

Nearly every University Catholic Chaplaincy in this country has a residence attached for students to live and form some sort of community. Like most endeavours involving students, this can easily oscillate between being a battle of clashing personalities to a lively community of sparky young people. My years as a University Chaplain have shown that rarely is the mid-point discovered between the two, the well-ordered communal life with minimal disturbance. These scenarios probably differ little from family life and have made me realise that one is either building community or assisting in its fragmentation even if unwittingly through lack of care. Human life does really lend itself much to steady-state existence because steady-state soon turns into boredom and ennui. So next weekend the Chaplains of St Mary's will attempt to reboot the Benedict House community for their second semester.

The rebooting of any community whether at Benedict House, or our own community here at St Margarets, or and the intimate community that is our own family is always a religious task. The task involves attempts to restore and foster communion between peoples that have been fractured at a deeper level than merely personal choices and actions. The first few weeks of Jesus' public life, according to all four Gospels combines both the command to 'repent and believe the Gospel' and the gathering of the first group of disciples. Repentance here is not just personal but communal. The work of Jesus finds its human need in the fall of Adam and Eve which both involved the fracture between God and Adam and Eve, but also the fracture between themselves. They were no longer transparent to each other, hiding their true thoughts or unable to express them. God clothed with skin to shroud and protect their souls and human beings completed this shrouding with external clothes that protected them, hiding our sexual differences but expressing something of their culture.

The members of the new community established by Jesus would remain with skin and clothes in this fallen world, but communication between people would once again become a real possibility. The Gospel of Matthew is traditionally thought to have been composed for the community at Antioch (now in far eastern Turkey near the Syrian border) as the ordered account to be read out at Sunday Mass. Throughout this account of the life of Jesus are divinely inspired remembered snippets of conversation and teaching about forgiveness and sharing life together. That teaching was remembered for a reason because the little community, in the town where they were first called

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

Christians, was deeply divided. It was divided over issues now long forgotten but issues which for some reason were unforgiveable. Reading the Gospel today makes me realise that nothing of this would have been remembered had Jesus just gathered a group of individualists together each with their own private faith in Him.

Instead the Gospel account of the life of Jesus, this Sunday's Gospel, begins with Him calling the four apostles, Peter and Andrew, John and James before He began any teaching. They were invited simply to drop their nets and follow Him. Whatever Jesus was to tell them would be shared together because the Good News is not something individualistic, but something always to be shared. The mission of Jesus was both to restore relations that span vertically to God and horizontally amongst men and women.

The restoration of communion with others and the establishment of community, whether family, friendships, common interest or institutional, will always require some positive engagement. Throughout the Gospels the apostles fail to grasp the consequences of being members of this band of disciples. They suffer all the fractures and misunderstandings that mark human attempts to build community. When Jesus gathered them together, though, He had no intention of abandoning them. He would be with them always. This Sunday's Gospel begins the public life of Jesus and gradually through the chapters the disciple (the reader) enters the path of discipleship and at the same time begins the journey into community, not one based on human hierarchy but one based on equality in front of others. The Sermon on the Mount finds its true audience in the community that Jesus has begun to form, of which we are the current generation. The four apostles dropped their drop their nets, a hint to us to drop all those possessions and habits that entrap us and make us fail to listen to the Holy Spirit and to each other.

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

Entrance Antiphon:

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
Strength and honour in his holy place.

Response to the Psalm

The Lord is my light and my help.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Sick:

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 Ron Jones, Adam Hallal, Bridget Walsh, Michael Kennedy, Bishop Gerald Mahon, Steve Fabian, Tony Smith, Fr. Stephen Hinde, Gerald Breslin, Molly Weare, Martin Leahy, Howard Bingham, Frank Sparlis, Magnolia De Lord, Cesarina Grecas, Harry Proctor, Mgr Edward Dunderdale

Deanery Intentions: For the religious living and working in our Deanery

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 johnabrother-ton@hotmail.co.uk.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 25th January - Sunday 2nd February

Sat 25th	10.00am Mass	Mai Leane (Anniv)(Catherine Sugrue)
	10.30-11.00am Adoration	
	6.30pm Mass	Joseph Davis (Anniv) (Davis)
Sun 26th	8.30am Mass	Jan Bruchwalsk (Walker)
	10.30am Mass	Mary Ward (Catherine Sugrue)
	6.30pm Mass	Robert Ehmann RIP (Pettinato)
Mon 27th	9.30am The Rosary	
	10.00am Mass	Chike Akunwafor RIP (Pat Keane)
Tue 28th	10.00 am Mass	Veronica McGill (Anniv) (Winter)
Wed 29th	10.00 am Mass	For prisoners and their families
Thurs 30th	10.00 am Communion Service	
Fri 31st	10.00 am	
Sat 1st	10.00am Mass	For the homeless
	10.30am-11.00am Adoration	
	6.30pm Mass	For the sick of our Parish
	8.30am Mass	Dermot Clancy RIP (Slattery)
Sun 2nd	10.30am Mass	Eugenie Sellors (Walker)
	6.30pm Mass	

Jesus, A Pilgrimage (2014), by James Martin SJ

Our **Reading Group** will resume on Tuesday evening,

4th February, 7.30-9pm in the upstairs Library

There are spaces for **some New Members**

Contact Paddy Walsh on 07974693389 - or just turn up

The Oratory School

warmly welcomes all parents and their families to their

OPEN MORNING

Saturday 29th February

9.30 am—12.00 pm

Catholic Coeducational 11 to 18 Day and Boarding School



26th January- Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

Isaiah 8:23-9:3

Psalm 26

1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17

Matthew 4:12-23

2nd February - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

Psalm 145

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Matthew 5:1-12

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

Talks During Lent (Tim Redmund)

Talk 1: 'Walking to Jerusalem with St Matthew'

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Talk 7:45pm, with questions and discussion.
Tea and coffee available beforehand. Evening concludes at 9:15pm



Talk 2: 'The last week in Jerusalem with St Matthew'

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Talk 7:45pm, with questions and discussion.
Tea and coffee available beforehand.
Evening concludes at 9:15pm

Further details of Lent activities will be announced shortly.

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, 04th May 2020.

£649.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with breakfast and dinner. All excursions included. Lunches on days out. Single supplement £100.

Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

Bereavement Café

St Stephen's Church, in partnership with the Princes Alice Hospice, is hosting a monthly drop-in café, open to all who have been bereaved. We offer refreshments and an opportunity to talk with someone who is trained to listen, as well as an opportunity to share experiences with other people who have been bereaved.

Where: St. Stephen's Church, Richmond Rd, TW1 2 PD

When: Wednesday 5th February 10 am – 12 noon and then on the 1st Wednesday of every month

For more information:

carynweber@st-stephens.org.uk

St. Patrick's Dinner and Dance on Friday 13th March 2020 at Royal Mid Surrey Golf Club in Richmond, Surrey.

We are supporting Richmond Mayor's local charities - Home Start & The Otakar Kraus Music Trust.

Tickets are priced at £75 per head which includes reception drinks, a three course meal, half a bottle of wine and live entertainment or £750 for a table of 10.



This year we are using Ticket Taylor as our ticket booking and payment system. Please click on the following link to secure your tickets and add any dietary requirements.

<http://buytickets.at/richmondishnetwork/308321>

Once payment is received you will receive a confirmation email along with your online tickets from Ticket Taylor. Enquires to seamusjoyce@yahoo.co.uk or [07969 065009](tel:07969065009).

Sharing a few pictures from one of the First Holy Communion sessions - Flat Bread and Wine making.



Thursday Mornings Faith Sharing Group

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 com-
missioned 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.

Landings Programme

This programme has been developed to train a
group of parishioners who would accompany and
off the hand of spiritual friendship, to those Catho-
lics, should they wish, who are returning to their
faith for whatever reason.

The training session takes place on Saturday 14th
February at St Mark's school, Hounslow and if you
would like to be involved in this ministry and
attend the training course along with myself
please contact Cynthia at the Parish Office.
Many thanks

Fr Peter

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.

The course comprises of **12 sessions**, which begin on
Tuesday 4th February, 7.30 pm—9.00 pm.

The sacrament of confirmation will be conferred in
early June. All course material will be provided.



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.



Foundation Governor Vacancy



Would you like to serve the local Catholic community in
an important and strategic way, ensuring that our chil-
dren benefit from an education that reflects a Catholic
vision and ethos?

St James's Catholic Primary School, Twickenham, has
a vacancy for a Foundation Governor. St James's is an
outstanding school and Governors play a strategic role
in the school's development.

Governors need to be willing to work as part of a team,
read papers, attend meetings and ask constructive
questions. There is free training available from the Bor-
ough and the Diocese. For this vacancy, we are partic-
ularly seeking applicants who either have a legal back-
ground or experience of education strategy.

This vacancy is open to Catholics who are not parents
of children currently attending the school. Governors
are appointed for a four-year term of office, which can
be renewed.

If you would like to learn more about being a school
governor please email Ann Edes, Vice Chair of St
James's Governing Body at annxedes@gmail.com

'Retrouvaille Weekend' - it's on 28th.29th Feb &
1st March 2020.

A Lifeline for Marriages

You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are
you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue
... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does
talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille
(pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples
through difficult times in their marriages. There is no
group therapy or group work.

This programme has helped 10s of 1000s of couples
experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confi-
dential information about Retrouvaille', or to register
for the next programme commencing with a residen-
tial weekend on ...28th.29th Feb & 1st March 2020 Call
or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443 or Email
retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com – or visit
www.retrouvaille.org.uk

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