

ST MARGARETS PAGE

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th January 2020



In Peter writes:

Last week I went to see 'Girl from the North Country' out of homage to Bob Dylan, one of my favourite musicians. I want not sure what to expect, but in fact the play packed a heavy emotional punch. Most of the songs came from his mid-1970s album 'Desire' and others from his earlier albums including 'Freewheeling Dylan'. The play was set in 1930s Minnesota in a failing hotel, and interspersed throughout the action were intimations of dark secrets masking terrible events that weighed down heavily on the characters. Everyone was on their uppers, the banks were foreclosing on hotel manager's mortgage, the widow's inheritance had been gobbled up by lawyers, an escape convict masquerading as a pastor, the manager's son a dreamy failed writer, only the adopted daughter of the manager and another escaped convict demonstrated any attempt to create a common future, and that involved running away together. Interspersed within the historical circumstances of a small-town American hotel were Bob Dylan's ballads that turned the unique historical circumstances into the universal truths about the human condition.

The play brought out in painful moments the huge unwritten and unresolved baggage of memory that each of the characters possessed. This was a hard world without grace and forgiveness. These people were far from God and the struggle to live against this backdrop of melancholia demonstrated the social consequence of agnosticism. The practical rejection of God is often portrayed as the adult, scientific and modern way of life but it comes with a terrible cost, the lack of forgiveness.

This Sunday the Gospel is a shot excerpt from St John when John the Baptist points to Jesus and declares Him the 'Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world'. This is the third of three public showings that mark the post-Christmas period, the Epiphany, the Baptism of Jesus and now John the Baptist's declaration. There is a logical sequence, the Epiphany shows Jesus in all his royalty, a universal king; last Sunday Jesus lines up in solidarity with sinners; this Sunday His humanity is declared to be constituted by mercy and forgiveness. Therefore, the limitations we place on Jesus' ability to take away the weight of sin's consequences and offer forgiveness to those who have sinned stem from ourselves not from Jesus Christ Himself. The simplicity of God remains true of Jesus' humanity. There is no side to Him. He is simply forgiveness and peace. To declare that Jesus takes away the sins of the world is to accept His offer of shared

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

future of peace in our hearts that allows us in turn to share that peace with others.

This is vital because all the suffering one may have undergone at the hands of others is not the last word about any person. Jesus as the bearer of the sins of the world cannot undo the past because they were the result of actions by those who could choose. These actions are mysteriously permitted by God, but the consequences are the responsibility of those who acted. The taking away of sins involves the removal of the weight and shame that comes with being the victim of someone else's sin. Too often the victims of sin and evil think themselves responsible for the actions of the sinner. Every moral situation is different but there is no culpability in being the victim of serious aggression or sexual violence. This is what the characters in the play each lack. They remain unable to release their victim-hood in the healing that Jesus Christ can offer.

The strange death of the acceptance of the reality of sin in the modern world has ramifications beyond simply personal choice because the rejection of sin takes away from the healing of the victim. The modern world asks us not to judge, so if I am without much sin, so must everyone else be too, and that must by extension says something to the victims of sin that we live in a world lacking

all mercy because it fails to see the reality of wrongdoing. The Gospel presents an alternative vision, both to those with large enough hearts to recognise personal wrong-doing but also to the victims of sin that the mercy of Jesus is the way into life. The Gospel offers the hope that was sadly lacking in the characters of the play and tragically to so many who labour under the burden of a personal history that excludes the mercy of Jesus Christ.

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Parish Priest: Canon Peter Newby. Deacon Joseph Estorninho; Parish Administrator: Cynthia Souza; Bookkeeper: Ann Edes

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

Entrance Antiphon:

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
And shall sing to you,
Shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Response to the Psalm

Here I am, Lord!
I come to do your will.

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 Cyril Watkins, Mollie McLaughlin, Brian Lennon, Veronica McGill, Nancy Bennett, Douglas Henderson, Marie Melton, Mary Richards, Tony de Lord, William Harris, Jonathan Dawes, Harold Taylor, Ron Webb, Fr Peter Beazley, Dorothy Albrecht, Bridie Wallace, Ben Watson

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



Fr. Peter would be happy to visit any sick or housebound parishioner to offer Confession and Holy Communion.

Please contact the parish office to arrange a time.

Also if there is a parishioner you have not seen recently at Mass and feel they may be unwell, please let Fr Peter know.

The Thanksgiving Mass for Jean McGinley which was planned for Saturday 25th January 10.00 am will be postponed.

Further information will follow

Mass Intentions

Saturday 18th - Sunday 26th January

Sat 18th	10.00am Mass 10.30-11.00am Adoration 6.30pm Mass	For the Homeless Brendan Sugrue (Anniv) (Catherine Sugrue)
Sun 19th	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Tony Slattery (Anniv) (Slattery) Bailey Family (All deceased members) (Margaret Crowe) Helen Edes (McGinley)
Mon 20th	9.30am The Rosary 10.00am Mass	 For prisoners and their families
Tue 21st	10.00 am Mass	For the homeless
Wed 22nd	10.00 am Mass	Brian Gregory de Souza (RIP) (de Souza)
Thurs 23rd	10.00 am Communion Service	
Fri 24th	1.00 pm Mass (Funeral)	Patricia O'Callahan
Sat 25th	10.00am Mass 10.30am-11.00am Adoration 6.30pm Mass	Mai Leane (Anniv)(Catherine Sugrue) Joseph Davis (Anniv) (Davis)
Sun 26th	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Jan Bruchwalsk (Walker) Mary Ward (Catherine Sugrue) Robert Ehmann (RIP) (Pettinato)

Mustard Seed prayer meeting

Saturday 25th Jan ; 8.00pm -10.00 pm church hall with speaker Sue Whitehead .

All are welcome.

Inquiries to Gavin and Sally Evenhuis

mustardseed13@hotmail.co.uk



Thank you to all those who have returned their Hemp Bags.

A kind request to all who have not returned the hemp bags to do so at their earliest convenience. Thank you!



19th January - Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

Isaiah 49:3. 5-6

Psalm 39

Corinthians 1:1-3

John 1:29-34

26th January—Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

Isaiah 8:23-9:3

Psalm 26

Corinthians 1:10-13,17

Matthew 4:12-23

Monthly Offertory - December 2019

Date	Loose	Envelopes	Total
Dec-19			
01-Dec	440	322	£762
08-Dec	434	203	£637
15-Dec	335	137	£472
22-Dec	409	161	£570
29-Dec	335	191	£527
	1954	1014	£2,968
Standing orders + payroll giving			£4,107
Total			£7,075
Thank you for your support for the Parish Mission.			
Christmas offerings			£3,878

New parishioners who would like to make a commitment to regular giving are warmly invited to complete a monthly standing order or to make regular contributions through weekly envelopes.

Please contact the parish office for more information.
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LONDON CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS 2020

Come and enjoy discovering London's History! No need to book - just turn up! Everyone welcome. Suggested donation: £10. Each walk lasts about an hour and a half.

Monday January 6th: a lantern-lit Walk across the Thames to the City. Meet 6pm, Church of the Most Precious Blood, OMeara Street, London SE1 (nearest tube: London Bridge).

Tuesday January 14th, WESTMINSTER: Parliament, the Abbey, and more. Meet 3pm (note time) steps of Westminster Cathedral SW1 (nearest tube: Victoria).

Sunday February 2nd, A Candlemas Walk along the Thames river to the Tower of London.

Meet 3.30pm, Church of the Most Precious Blood, OMeara Street London SE1 (nearest tube: London Bridge)

Sunday February 9th 2020 WESTMINSTER: Parliament, the Abbey, and more.

Meet 3.30pm pm steps of Westminster Cathedral, SW1 (nearest tube: Victoria)

Friday February 21st, a NEWMAN WALK to mark the Birthday of St John Henry Newman. Meet 5pm (note time) at the Newman shrine, Church of the Most Precious Blood, OMeara Street London SE1 (nearest tube: London Bridge). We will walk to Newman's birthplace near the Bank of England.

Saturday February 22nd: LONDON BRIDGE, Viking battles, and the City.

Meet 2pm Church of Our Lady of La Salette Melior Street, London SE1 (nearest tube: London Bridge)

Families specially welcome: this Walk includes information and fun for any children who come along

Invitation CAFOD information Morning - Saturday 25th January 10am-12.30pm, Lambeth North.

CAFOD will be hosting a supporter's information morning with a guest speaker, who has first-hand experience of our work in Zimbabwe.

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

Meeting will take place from 10am – 12.30pm at CAFOD's Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7JB

Bookings required and taken on 0208 449 6970 or e-mail westminster@cafod.org.uk

Thank you for your support,
Tony

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/richmondirishnetwork/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).

'Learn From Me' – Distance-Learning Certificate Courses for all involved in Parish Ministry or who desire to go deeper into their faith and understanding – information evening **Thursday 23rd January, 7.30pm – 9.00pm**, Vaughan House, 46, Francis Street, London, SW1P 1QN.

Come and learn about what is involved in studying any of the courses on offer: Certificate in Parish Ministry and Mission (CPMM), Certificate in Catechesis (MCC) and Catechesis on Marriage and Family (MFL).

All courses begin in March 2020. To register interest and for further information, please contact Anna Dupelycz at annadupelycz@rcdow.org.uk or telephone 020 7798 9026.

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.



St James's Catholic Primary School in

Twickenham is a high achieving, vibrant school
(rated 'Outstanding' by OFSTED), serving the par-
ishes of St James, St Margaret's, St Francis de
Sales and St Theodore's. Each individual child at
St. James’s grows in the knowledge and love of
Christ. In partnership with parents and the whole
community, our purpose is to provide a high
standard of education, giving the maximum op-
portunity to realise each child's potential.

There is nursery provision (mornings only) for 52
children. **Applications are now open for Sept 2020
nursery places.**

Parents are warmly invited to visit the school.
Please contact info@st-james.richmond.sch.uk for
further details.

Closing date for applications is 6th March and ap-
plication forms can be downloaded from the
school website.

‘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



Tue 21st Jan

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