

ST MARGARETS PAGE

The Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)
18th March 2018



In Peter writes:

By now our initial Lenten promises might have well worn thin, but there are still two weeks in which to rediscover that early Lenten spirit of prayer, fasting and almsgiving again. The death of Jesus on the Cross brings with it a perpetual revolution in religious understanding that has still needs to penetrate our individual or collective hearts. Indeed, this religious revolution is never completed because it involves the heart and not simply conformity to the external commands of the Law. This revolution is not the rejection of the Law as, the coherent structure of morality, as such. This new Law will, as Prophet Jeremiah proclaims, be written on the heart, and so the stakes are much higher. Lent is the season to look into our hearts to glimpse that divine writing once again. The celebration of the three days of Holy Week brings this writing into sharp focus as it gathers together the sacramental, moral and spiritual in the Liturgical celebration of the events at the heart of the Christian faith.

The birth of Jesus may be compared to planting a seed in the ground. The Word becomes flesh, but Jesus remains one person throughout his life. The gathering of a group of followers, Apostles, disciples and crowds, begins to indicate something more long-lasting than the life of one individual. The dynamic of Jesus' life is orientated towards establishing a living community. The city of Jerusalem is filled with different schools of religious learning, whether Jewish, Christian or Muslim, that perpetuate the Master's teaching. Jesus did not set up a school in this fashion. The school that Jesus set up is the Church, a spiritual and bodily community animated by His Holy Spirit. This community potentially includes the whole world. The Greeks who are seeking to see Jesus, represent 'the men and women of good will' from the pagan nations, and these peoples will be gathered together, with the people of the promise into one community. The single grain that was Jesus' human life had to die in order to yield this universal fruit.

This Sunday's Gospel focuses around the submission of Jesus to the Father's will. Jesus allows the Father to choose the means of salvation, and this would not involve avoiding dangerous situations, nor of a return to a previous human life such as Lazarus experienced.

Mass Times & Liturgy Services

Vigil 6.30pm (Sat).

Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am & 6.30pm

Mon. Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat. 10.00am

Wed, 7.15am

Morning Prayer 9.15am Monday & Friday

Rosary 9.30am Monday & Friday

Adoration Wednesdays 8-9.15pm

Friday 10.30-11.00am Saturday 10.30-11.00am

Confessions Saturdays 10.30-11.00am

Sundays 10.00-10.20am

Instead it would be victory through death, and in this way God's name would be glorified, because all people may now be gathered together through Jesus Christ. The acceptance by Jesus of God's will embodies the phrase from the Our Father; 'hallowed by thy name'.

The invitation to every follower of Jesus is to accept the same divine process to guide our life-choices. Jesus is not passive in front of His Father's will. It always remains the spiritual power behind His mission. The same is true for ourselves, the Father's will for us is not discovered through indolence but through striving, whether at school, University, family or work. The will of God is not discovered outside daily life but from within, just as life is experienced now and not in some mythical future, whether it be on holiday, in another job, with another invented person or in retirement. God does not speak to us through our phantasies but only through the real life of hard graft.

Jesus responded to the hour that marked His life, the challenge is whether we are able to do so in our own circumstances. The Passion of Jesus changes the religious dynamic between God and humanity, as we are invited to participate in His hour. Now it is personal, heart to heart, and thus open to the richness that includes memories of the past that need purification, hope for the future that need realisation, and the power of the present moment for conversion. The paradox of this personal dynamic between God and humanity through Jesus Christ is that the explicit rejection of this dynamic is tantamount to passing judgement on oneself. To have encountered Jesus Christ in His community and to reject explicitly that community is to admit that one prefers the dark to the light. To neither accept nor reject Jesus' community is to accept, albeit unconsciously, that life itself has no great narrative, and the narratives of shared human life have very shallow roots subject to the vicissitudes of fashion and ego

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Parish Administrator: Jean McGinley; ; Bookkeeper: Ann Edes

The Parish Office is open Monday-Friday 8:00am-12.45pm

Entrance Antiphon:

Give me justice, O God,
 And plead my cause against a
 nation that is faithless.
 From the deceitful and cunning
 rescue me, for you, O God,
 are my strength.

Response to the Psalm

A pure heart create for me, O God.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Sick:

Rose Lorden, William Hamilton, Mary Arnolda
 Caroline Horsbrugh, Ethan Knott,
 Colin Bartram, Gerry McEntee, Rose Williams,
 Carmen Bourne, Peter Coughlan,
 Amanda Lonergan, Cesar Juan Urrutigoity,
 Mary Ethel Arnolda, Francesca Bianchin,
 Sydney and Patricia Parkes, Catherine Sugrue,
 Wanda Ostrowska, (mother of Ala), Christopher
 Browne, Gretta Gallagher, Margaret Masterson,
 Carol Samba, Maureen Costello, Teresa Smith,
 Shehzad Mirza and Kathy Bannister.

Baptism:

Hayden Reilly

Anniversaries:


Fr Desmond Swan (former Parish Priest of
 St Margarets), Geoffrey Hunter, John Cody,
 William Gallagher, Theresa Herbert,
 Hilda Lassow, George Chidzey, Harry McCourt,
 Gregory Marcar, Winifred Spencer,
 Jim McGibbon, Alicia de Souza, Mary Tippet,
 Elizabeth Underwood, Catherine Rayson,
 Ernest Pacitto, Charles McQuorquadale and
 Belinda Smith

Deanery Intentions:

For Fr Bernard Boylan *and* the parishioners of
 Hampton on Thames

Mass Intentions & Liturgical Services

17th - 24th March 2018

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| Sat.17 (Vigil) | 6.30pm | Mass For the intentions of the Amari Family | |
| Sun. 18 | 8.30am 10.30am 6.30pm | Mass Fr Swan Anniversary Mass Florence Clements RD Mass Patricia Keane RIP | McCaw Josh, Ollie & Finn Bevan |
| Mon. 19 | 9.15am 9.30am 10.00am | Morning Prayer The Rosary Mass The Sick & Lonely in our Parish | |
| Tue. 20 | 10.00am | Mass For the Lazer Nika RIP | Gjergji |
| Wednesday 21 | 7.15am 6.30pm | Mass Intention For the Release of Pressures on Working Families Stations of the Cross |  |
| Thu. 22 | 10.00am | Mass Lena Nika RIP | Gjergji |
| Fri. 23 | 9.15am 9.30am 10.00am 10.30am | Morning Prayer Rosary Mass Fr Desmond Swan Anniversary Adoration | |
| Sat 24 (Vigil) | 10.00am 10.30am 6.30pm | Mass For our Clergy & Religious of the Deanery Adoration Mass Richard Easton RIP | Matthewson |

Opportunity for Prayer after 10:30 Mass the Third Sunday of Each Month, Beginning on 18th March

This may sound like a strange offer but let me explain. During Advent the Catechetical team ran a faith awareness raising event called the Gift. During this there was an opportunity to be prayed with by others. Those that took the opportunity found it very moving and helpful. Some questions you are probably asking are, is it **Catholic**. What's involved? Who are these people? Yes it is most definitely **Catholic**, in fact the Pope recommends it and is regularly prayed with. All that is required of you is that you take the opportunity to sit quietly and receive. There is nothing special about those of us offering to pray with you. We are just ordinary parishioners who have some experience of praying with people and had some training. If you are unsure please come and talk to us in the Chapel after Mass.

Angie and Pat, Sally and Gavin, Kathy and Adrian



ST MARGARET'S LENTEN PROJECT 2018:

TOGETHER AS ONE (LOCAL)
& MARY'S MEALS
(INTERNATIONAL

SUN18TH MARCH: IRISH COFFEES AND LENTEN MARKET AFTER 10.30AM
MASS SELLING CHILDREN'S TOYS/ BOOKS

SATURDAY 24TH MARCH: PARK RUN IN CRANE PARK
(Organiser Vicky Phelan: decluttering17@gmail.com)

SATURDAY 14TH APRIL: POETRY EVENING WITH CHEESE AND WINE
(Organiser JJ Watts: john_joseph_watts@hotmail.com)

SATURDAY 21ST APRIL: FILM NIGHT FOR CHILDREN 7 YEARS AND OVER
(Organiser Chris Key: christopherjameskey@googlemail.com) **(NEW DATE!)**

SUNDAY 22ND APRIL: PARRILLADA: ARGENTINIAN GRILL & FR PETERS
BIRTHDAY PARTY AFTER 10.30AM MASS (Organiser Lucia Martinez)

FRIDAY 27TH APRIL: LOCAL HISTORY QUIZ NIGHT WITH FISH AND CHIPS
(Organiser Margaret Crowe)

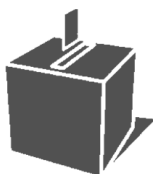
SUNDAY 29TH APRIL: PARISH AFTERNOON TEA PARTY 12.00-1.30pm
(Organiser Vicky Phelan: decluttering17@gmail.com)

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE INVOLVED WITH ANY OF THESE EVENTS PLEASE
EMAIL: mckendrysarah@hotmail.com or the event organiser

Please donate your Lenten Alms

in an envelope provided and place
them in the Black Box at the back of the
church.

The Big Black Box



NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Boxes of Offertory Envelopes for the 2018/2019 tax
year will be available for collection from the back
of the church at all Masses on the weekend

17th/18th March.

Terry Gannon



**Sponsored Park
Run/Walk/Jog/
Trot
Saturday
24th March**

**Still time to enter! Sponsor forms now
available at back of church?**

We really need some more people for our
team. If you don't feel able to attempt 5k
can you do 2-3k (1 lap of Crane Park) as a
family or individual?

All you need to do is register for free to get
a special entry barcode from park run
www.parkrun.org.uk (you must have a print

out of this on the day) and get as many
people as possible to sponsor you for our 2
chosen charities. Please also leave your e
mail on the sign up sheet at the back so
further details can be sent to you ahead of
the day from Vicky. Unable to join in this
time? **Could you consider sponsoring our
alter servers** to run? A group of 4 from the
8.30am Mass have signed up so far.

If so that would be fantastic too. Sponsor
forms are at the back of church please fill in!

Thanks for your help! Vicky Phelan

Mustard Seed

**Prayer Meeting
Saturday 24th March.**

**This is our
50th Meeting**

and we will celebrate with

Fr. Chris Vipers

from the Diocesan Office for Evangelisation
Everyone welcome 8.00 pm -10.00 pm, with
refreshments beforehand from 7.45 pm.
Enquiries to Gavin and Sally Evenhuis



Palm Sunday

Drama of the Passion

This year the reading of the Passion will be accompanied by a simple series of acted out scenes, a few songs and some music. If any Years 5-8 children would like to be involved please speak to Fr Peter. Rehearsals after 10:30am Mass on Sunday 11th and 18th March, and run through beforehand.

Singers Wanted

If you would like to join us in the choir for the **'Sacred Triduum'**

please email-josephstorninho@yahoo.co.uk
We rehearse locally every Wednesday evening from 7:30-9:00pm



Lent Penitential Service

**Monday 26th March
at 7.30pm**

with visiting Confessors

Thank You

I wish to thank you all at St Margarets of Scotland Church for giving our family a sense of belonging since 1969. It is a loving, caring community in Christ and this was reflected in the support given during my mother Fara's hospitalisation recently and final farewell on 31 January
Barbara de Souza for Allan and Greg

Talk

on



and

"The Meaning of Mass"

to be given by

Fr Peter Newby

**on Wednesday 21st March 7.30-8.30pm
in the Hall**

'Sunday Lunch'

for the



Homeless.

Many years ago St Margaret's was part of a rota of Christian Churches that provided Sunday lunch for the homeless. I have thought it would be appropriate to reactivate the connection and have placed St Margaret's on the list of participating Churches.

Prior to being accepted by the organisers the Parish has been invited to witness a typical Sunday lunch to make sure that this Parish could provide a similar service. I have been invited to come to St Elizabeth's, Richmond on Sunday 8th April, and would like to visit with a few parishioners. If anyone is interested in helping at the lunches at St Margaret's or like to come to St Elizabeth's please let me know.

Fr Peter