

ST MARGARETS PAGE

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

22nd July 2018



In Peter writes:

For many families the summer marks a key moment of transition, whether it is the prospect of school for the first time, the transfer from Primary to Secondary, of leaving school on completion of A Levels, of entering or leaving University. This moment of change possesses a greater family impact than does the New Year, and though most of us left school or College years ago, September, to me, is the effective start of another year. This, of course, is for the future, the prospect of summer holidays makes the autumn term a distant vista for the moment.

The dawning of the summer holidays, and the prospect of a break from the normal patterns of work whether at home or in employment reveals a precious moment in which to reflect on the direction of our lives. Every so often it is good to ask oneself, whether work defines my family life, my free time, my life, or does my life, my family life determine my understanding of work. Each of us may reflect on which category embraces the other. A 19th century thinker describing the origins of the current economic system that still holds today says that 'one does not work to live, but live to work' – a rather depressing prospect.

The Christian understanding of work is double-sided. It is both a burden and a vocation. When Adam and Eve were expelled from the Garden of Eden they were put to work. All work has this quality, whether in the world of business or at home. Work can be hard and unrewarding, and the pay-package be the only compensation. Yet work can become a vocation once its higher purpose is recognised and seen in some tiny way contributing to the building the kingdom of God. The burdensome activities of family life such as daily washing and ironing of clothes may become one vehicle through which to grasp the vocation of family life. Standing by the ironing-board might not be the most scintillating activity but that necessary work may be understood differently as my contribution to the well-being of my household.

The transformation from burden to vocation orientates the world of work towards the world of rest. When God crested the world, He rested on the seventh day, to contemplate His work of creation. Rest is the ultimate goal of work. This rest is more than just absence of work, but might better be described as leisure, or life shared. Leisure has traditionally been seen as the origin of culture and the practise of religion.

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

◆ **Please see Holiday Mass Time arrangements until September on the other side of this page which are also displayed in the Porch**

The Psalmist wrote, over a thousand years before the birth of Jesus Christ, 'Be still and know that I am God'. The desire and ability to do nothing is strangely a prerequisite for any spiritual life, Jewish, Christian or not. This seems counter-intuitive since the Commandments given to Moses demand the regular and exclusive worship of God, understood by Christians as the participation in Sunday Mass. The often pained-expressions visible from the sanctuary are testimony that Mass is seen as a burden, yet another obligation to be fulfilled like so many others.

The sad fact is that when Sunday Mass is simply seen as another burden the spiritual benefits of grace, love, and peace offered through the celebration of the Eucharist and reception of Communion are by and large ineffectual. The alternative vision of seeing participation in Mass as a joy and privilege, both helps overcome the minor annoyances attendant to the gathering of any large number of people but also opens the mind and heart to moments of spiritual insight. This might be a glimpse of peace, the sense of reconciliation, a singular gift of grace from God. An attitude of leisure, and the generous gift of time is the personal disposition necessary to encounter Jesus Christ. This is no different to the way we make time for our friends and family. When we do, consciously carving out from a busy daily timetable, the difference is enormous as we can all testify.

The taking of holidays, and of days of rest, is fundamental to our spiritual and moral welfare. St Thomas Aquinas, the Church great medieval thinker wrote that 'virtue consists in the good and not the difficult'. We often lead lives that maintain the opposite and too often place work above life. I hope all our holidays may make us think otherwise, and in so doing help re-orientate our family and spiritual lives into a life-giving direction. May I wish you all an enjoyable summer holiday.

Entrance Antiphon

See I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name,
O Lord for it is good

Response to the Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd
There is nothing I shall want.

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, Margaret Masterson,
Carol Samba, Maureen Costello, Teresa Smith,
Shehzad Mirza, Kathy Bannister, Peter Dixon
Theresa Bulpitt, Bernard Sharratt and
Judith Thomas

Anniversaries:

Sarah Claffey, Penny Delanghe, John O'Neil,
Patrick Kerr, Fr Gerry Sanz, Rita Gallagher,
Ian Reid, Maria Brannigan, Kathleen Formby
and Laurence Pinto

Deanery Intentions:

For **Fr Philip Dyer-Perry** and the parishioners of
Our Lady of the Rosary Staines

Mustard Seed

Summer Prayer Meeting

Saturday 25th August

The Catholic Bible School will be visiting again
this year ; come and be inspired by their
creative approach to prayer and understanding
scripture. The meeting will be from
8.00 pm -10.00 pm, with refreshments
beforehand from 7.45 pm.

Enquiries to Gavin and Sally Evenhuis
at mustardseed13@hotmail.com

Mass Intentions

21st- 29 July 2018

Sat.21st (Vigil)	6.30pm	Mass William Davis	Davis
Sun. 22nd	8.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	Mass Harry McAnespie RD Mass Patrick & Annie Henry Anniversaries Mass Thanksgiving	O'Leary Barry Walker
Mon. 23rd	9.15am 9.30am 10.00am	Morning Prayer The Rosary Mass Intention of Peter Dixon	
Tue. 24th	10.00am	Mass Ian Reid Anniversary	Reid
Wed. 25th	10.00am	Mass Laurence Pinto Anniversary	
Thurs. 26th	10.00am	Mass James Gallagher Anniversary	Gallagher
Fri. 27th	9.15am 9.30am 10.00am	Morning Prayer Rosary Mass Richard O'Shaughnessy Anniversary Adoration	O'Shaughnessy
Sat.28th	10.00am 10.30am - 11.00	Mass Terry Blackman Anniversary Adoration No evening Mass	Blackman
Sun. 29th	8.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	Mass For the Parish Mass Catherine & Paddy Heffernan Anniversaries Mass Thanksgiving	Slattery Walker

◆ Please note from

22nd July—2nd September 2018

due to the shortage of

Supply Priests

there will be no 6.30pm Mass

on Saturday evenings

**Please see notice board for weekday Mass times
during this period which may also be affected**

Pastoral Council



May I thank all those who attended the Parish Pastoral Council. Please find below a list of most of the events that have taken place over the last year. Placed together this is a remarkable list and is testament to the hard work of so many parishioners over the last year. I was surprised how much has taken place over the last 'academic year' and listening to comments from those present at the meeting demonstrated the interest and commitment of the parishioners.

One of the topics discussed was the long-standing issue of finding more people to become involved in our Parish life, whether in the Liturgy, in the community life of the Parish, in pastoral outreach, care of the property or Catechetics. There is no magic wand to waive in this regard but by continually developing an invitational culture in the Parish, of always talking to new Parishioners, of always ensuring that there is something to which to look forward, of well prepared Liturgies, of a well-maintained property, helps embed the culture of welcome that should be one hallmark of the Christian parish.

Once again, on behalf of all the Parishioners, may I thank you all those who have worked so diligently to sustain the life of St Margarets.

Events at St Margarets Autumn 2017

Regular Occurrence

Wednesday Taizé Adoration

Regular Occurrence SPUC

Regular Occurrence Youth Club

Regular Occurrence Mustard

Seed

Regular Occurrence Soup Lunch

Regular Occurrence

Men's Breakfast

Regular Occurrence

Mothers' Prayers

Sep-17 MacMillan Coffee

Morning

Oct-17 Spear Talk

Oct/May Franciscan Friars

Mass & Procession

Oct-17 Pastoral Council

Leaders Meeting

Oct-17 Bishop Wilson

Weekend

Oct - Feb The Gift

Oct-17 CAFOD Fast Day

Harvest Appeal

Oct-17 Season of Creation

Conclusion

Oct-17 Film Showing

"Damian" - St Mary's University

Nov-17 Dry Run ALPHA

Nov-17 Open Meeting

Nov-17 Blessing of Graves

Nov-17 Patronal Feast

Nov/Dec 17 Life In The Spirit

Catechesis

Dec-17 Drama Workshop

Dec-17 Advent Penitential

Service

Dec-17 St Richard Reynold

Concert

Dec-17 Angel Tree Event

Dec-17 Church Cleaning

Dec-17 Mass Advent Craft

Afternoon

Events at St Margarets Spring & Summer 2018

Jan-18 Epiphany Dinner

Feb-18 CAFOD

Soup Supper

Mar-18 Murder Mystery
Play

Mar-18 Mothering Sunday
Photo Card/Crafts

Mar-18 Irish Coffee &
Lenten Market

Mar-18 Fr Peter Talk on
The Meaning of Mass

Mar-18 Good Friday
Walk of Witness

Apr-18 Picnic & Play

Apr-18 Poetry Evening
with Cheese and Wine

Apr-18 Argentinian Grill &
Fr Peter's Birthday

Apr-18 Local History Quiz
Night with Fish and Chips

Apr-18 Afternoon
Tea Party

Jun-18 Corpus Christi
Procession & Lunch

Jun-18 Re-Frame

Jun-18 Pat Keane
Scam Talk

Jun-18 Youth BBQ

July 22 Parish Picnic

Repair of Sanctuary Floor

Repair of Sliding Door

Regular Gardening

Parish Census

Over the last month over 1000 letters have been sent out to those on the existing Parish Census List because from the end of June, under new regulations for storing personal information, permission needs to be sought from the individual concerned. The lists date back 15 years and as one would expect many have from the original list moved away, some died and others worship elsewhere. The Office has already received a large number of replies that will form the basis on a new up to date list.

If you have not received a Census Form

through the post please take one from the back of the Church, complete it, and return it to the Parish Office.

Thank you for your kind co-operation.

Fr Peter

SPUC

The Society for the Protection of the Unborn

We were sad to hear the news that **Josie Noble** (91 years) passed away last week. For many years she was a faithful supporter of the above organisation and her group meet here at St Margarets Church each month.

She would stand outside the clinic in Rosslyn Road giving out leaflets and would give out her phone number for those needing further help.

May she rest in peace.



Today

Sunday 22nd July

Join us in the Parish Garden for a picnic in the afternoon after 10.30 Mass

Bring your own food and share.

Kathryn James

SAVE THE DATE - Sunday 23rd September

On Sunday 23rd September GETA is planning a fun-filled afternoon of entertainment for the whole family, so make sure you add the date to your diary. More details to follow in the first edition of the Page after the Summer break.

Thank you for your support for GETA over the last year. Fr Paul Bigirwa arrived in the UK on Thursday and will be "supply" priest at St Monica's, Palmers Green, from 19th July to 10th September. GETA hopes to welcome him on a visit to St Margarets sometime over the Summer. David Rose

David Rose, GETA Trustee and Chairman"
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Charity no. 1167092

**This will be the last edition of
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until early September**

Parish Priest: Canon Peter Newby. Deacon: Guido Amari. Parish Youth Worker Molly Bayliss-Conway. Safeguarding Officer Sarah Jones.

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

Parish Administrator: Jean McGinley; Bookkeeper: Ann Edes