

News and Notices for this week

Today

This morning Fr Stephen is at St Mary, Ilford, one of our Mission and Ministry Unit (MMU) sister churches, to cover the Sunday Eucharist. Fr Tom and Fr Stephen will be covering services at St Mary's for the next couple of weeks as Fr Gareth is unwell.

Passiontide veiling



The Fifth Sunday of Lent marks the beginning of Passiontide, the name given to the last two weeks in the season of Lent, where the emphasis is on the Cross and the Passion (suffering) of Jesus. From this Sunday statues in church are veiled with purple coverings (purple the colour of vestments in Lent), until the celebration of Jesus' resurrection on Easter Day. Veiling statues removes any 'distractions' in church so our focus can be on the cross. It also takes from the church colour. The return of colour in the statues, flowers, banners etc. on Easter Day adds to a feeling of celebration that day on the greatest festival in the Christian Year.

The statue of Mary at St Margaret's, left, shown veiled

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday, next Sunday, marks the beginning of Holy Week. We begin our Eucharist **in the church hall** at 10.30am for the blessing of palms and Palm Sunday Gospel, and then process into the church. The children join us in the hall and walk with us in the procession before returning to the hall for their usual Sunday morning activities.

Please take home and keep for reference the leaflet with details of our Holy Week and Easter Day services

Tea's Company

The next tea, coffee, cake and chat afternoon will be on Thursday 28 April, in the church, between 2.00pm and 4.00pm. Do come along, and invite others to join us.

Lent Charity

Thank you to everyone who has put a contribution in the yellow bucket for our Lent charity for this year, Young Minds, a charity which provides young people with the tools to look after their mental health. So far we have collected £236. The bucket will be at the back of church for donations for another two weeks.

Church cleaning

We will be having a church cleaning morning on **Holy Saturday (16 April) from 10.00am** so the church is looking at its best for Easter Day. We really need as many people as possible to help with the dusting, polishing, mopping etc. Please try to spare a little time to come along and help.

St Margaret of Antioch, Ilford

Weekly News Sheet

Sunday 3 April 2022

Fifth Sunday of Lent



Welcome to St Margaret's Church

We hope you enjoy worshipping with us or visiting us. If you are here for the first time please or visiting from another church, please introduce yourself.

Keep in touch with us by visiting our web site: stmargaretilford.org.uk

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Worship & Intercessions

THIS MORNING

Welcome Team: John Nouchin

Mass setting:

St Anne's Mass - James Macmillan

Cantor: Ann Rotondaro

Readers:

Jenny Bowen and Helen Cansick

Intercessions led by Fr Tom

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 10.30am Eucharist

NEXT SUNDAY

PALM SUNDAY

10.30am Parish Eucharist

4.00pm Stations of the Cross

WE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR:

The sick and those in need:

Loraine Arnold, Delrose Berry, Tina Bird and her family, Peter Cansick, Francis Chitolie, Fizza and her family, Anne Fox, David Frostick, Lenore Hinds, Christiana Kenny, Gill King, Karen Lahiff, John Marney, Jennifer Mottley and her family, Joergen Nielsen, Janet Potter, Teresa and Phil Skinner, Rosa Suspiro, Christobel Trumpet

The recently departed:

Those whose anniversaries of death fall this week:

3rd: John Crofton, Manuel de Mello,
Henry Stratton, Leonard Simper

6th: George Ladhams

7th: Christine Brame, Nancy Davis

8th: Hildred Chartres

9th: Kate Jones, May Abbott

Collect

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 43: 16-21

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Psalm 126

**R: What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **R**

The heathens themselves said:
'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. **R**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **R**

They go out, they go out, full of tears
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. **R**

Second Reading: Philippians 3: 4-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory
Seek good and not evil so that you may live,
and that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory

Gospel Reading: St Luke 12: 1-8

Prayer over the Gifts

God, our teacher in faith,
welcome us as we approach your table,
and by the sacrifice of praise
unite us in the body of Christ,
who is alive, now and for ever.
Amen.

Communion Song:

O God, you search me and you know me

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.
Amen.

Redbridge Citizens

Last week's Accountability Assembly had to be postponed owing to problems with the venue. The Assembly will now take place on **Wednesday 27 April from 6.30pm to 8pm** at the **Palmer Catholic Academy, Aldborough Road South, Seven Kings, IG3 8EU**. The 3 top issues from the listening campaign which will be on the agenda are – Youth Safety, Hate Incidents and Mental Health. For more information please talk to Jenny Bowen or Fr Tom.