News and Notices for this week

Intercessions

Two new people have offered to join our team who lead the prayers of intercession at the Sunday Eucharist. Is there anyone else? If you would be interested in finding out more, or would like to volunteer, please speak to Fr Tom. Help and training will be given.

Inter-faith walk for Peace

This year's walk will be on Sunday 19 September, beginning at the Holocaust Memorial Garden in Valentines Park at 12:45, and visiting Buddhist, Hindu, Christian, Muslim and Sikh places of worship in Ilford. This year's theme is 'Faith, Water and the Climate Emergency'. We will hear how we can care for creation, and the response of different faiths to this year's theme.

Tony Walker RIP

Tony died on Friday 3 September, aged 91. He lived in Ilford all his life, mostly in Auckland Road but more latterly at Heron Court. Tony had an encyclopaedic knowledge of buildings and the history of London, in particular Ilford and east London. His two great passions were music, especially the BBC Proms, and trains and railways. He has also been a loyal and faithful member of St Margaret's. Details of his funeral will hopefully be available for next week's Weekly News Sheet.

Prayers for September

Please take home with you - AND USE! - the list of September Prayer Topics. If you have suggestions of prayer topics specific to future months, please give them to Fr Tom.

If you don't have a copy of the monthly parish cycle of prayer you can pick one up from the table at the back of church.

Ruby Hughes funeral

Ruby's funeral service (Funeral Mass) will be at St Margaret's on Friday 17 September at 12.15pm. Everyone is invited to attend, and to go to the reception afterwards, which will be held at The Holiday Inn Express, 713 Eastern Avenue, Newbury Park IG2 7RH

Church collections

Your continued financial support of St Margaret's remains very important to us. To avoid unnecessary movement around the church during our services we are not passing the collection plate. You can leave your collection contribution in the plate on the Welcome Team table near the entrance to the church. Alternatively, you can use the contactless payment machine, also on the Welcome Team table, to make a payment. Other ways of donating to St Margaret's are to make a donation on line via our web site: www.stmargaretilford.org.uk Or, you can pay directly into the church bank account with a Standing Order. To set up a Standing Order you will need these bank details: name of account - PCC of St Margaret and St Clement, Ilford sort code 08-92-99 account number 65793705.

St Margaret of Antioch, Ilford

Welcoming, transforming and growing together in God's love

Weekly News Sheet

Sunday 5 September 2021

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.

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Worship & Intercessions

THIS MORNING

Welcome Team: John Nouchin

Mass setting:

Mass of St Thomas - David Thorne

Cantor: Terry English

Readers:

Ann Rotondaro and Jannis Abley **Intercessions** led by Fr Stephen

TUESDAY

7.30pm Eucharist

NEXT SUNDAY

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
10.30am Parish Eucharist

WE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR: The sick and those in need:

Loraine Arnold, Andrea Charsley, Francis Chitolie, Fizza and her family, Anne Fox, Jennifer Mottley and her family,

Joergen Nielsen, Ade Onuaguluchi, Christobel Trumpet, Pam Young

The recently departed, including, Ruby Hughes, Alexandra Smith and Tony Walker

Those whose anniversaries of death fall this week:

5th: Grace Finch, Irene Stopher

6th: Millicent LeVoi, Michael Fogarty

7th: Ethel Broughton, Maud Ramage, Frederick Drew

8th: Alice Hartley, Margaret Blinkhorn

9th: Amy Brooker, Ellen Pink, Berthier Joseph

11th: Ethel Crandell, James Rowling, Beatrice Archer, John Thomson

Collect

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ your Son 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 35: 4-7

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

Psalm 146

R: My soul, give praise, give praise to the Lord.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, it is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R**

He upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. $\,\mathbf{R}\,$

Second Reading: James 2: 1-10, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Iesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please,' while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there,' or, 'Sit at my feet,' have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia

Gospel Reading: St Mark 7: 24-end

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord God, let our praises come before you, so that, united in faith, we may worship inspirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Communion Song: You are mine

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.