

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST MARGARET ALL SAINTS

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 13th JULY 2025 |

2025: THE HOLY YEAR OF HOPE

First reading

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Moses spoke to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keep his commandments and his statutes that are written in this Book of the Law, turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. 'For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?" Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?" But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.'

Seek God, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.

I pray to you, O Lord, at an acceptable time. In your great mercy, answer me, O God, with your faithful salvation. Lord, answer, for your mercy is kind; in your great compassion, turn toward me.

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As for me in my poverty and pain, let your salvation, O God, raise me up. Then I will praise God's name with a song; I will glorify him with thanksgiving.

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The poor when they see it will be glad, and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord attends to the needy, and does not spurn his own in their chains.

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For God will bring salvation to Sion, and rebuild the cities of Judah. The children of his servants shall inherit it; those who love his name shall dwell there.

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Second reading

Colossians 1:15-20

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the Church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Alleluia, alleluia. Your words, O Lord, are Spirit and life; you have the words of eternal life. **Alleluia.**

Gospel Luke 10:25-37

At that time: Behold, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, 'Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? How do you read it?' And he answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.'

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, "Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back." Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbour to the man who fell among the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' And Jesus said to him, 'You go, and do likewise.'

FEAST | MASS TIMES | INTENTIONS | EVENTS
Sunday Hymn Numbers 10am & 12pm Masses 963|357|865|356

Date & Feast	Time	Intention	Location	Parish Events in Parish Centre
Saturday, 12 th Feria	5.00 pm 6.30 pm	Confessions Editha Florendo - RIP Sebastian Ukegheson - RIP	St Margaret's St Margaret's	
Sunday, 13 th Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00 am 12.00 pm 6.00 pm	Elon Reave - INT Our Lady of Fatima - TG Tony - INT	Convent Chapel St Margaret's St Margaret's	
Monday, 14 th St Camillus of Lellis, Pr	09:30 am	Sr Ethel FMM - INT	Chapel in Convent	10.30 – 12.00 Parish Food Bank 5.30 – 6.30 Parish Surgery
Tuesday, 15 th St Bonaventure, Bp,D	9.30 am 10-12	Annie Marie Williams - RIP Marie Kelly - RIP Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	St Margaret's St Margaret's	Nifty 50s – 12.30-2.30
Wednesday, 16 th Our Lady of Mount Carmel	9.30 am	Frederick Shepard - F Maria Fernandes - RIP	St Margaret's	10.30 – 12.00 Parish Food Bank 19.00 – AA Meeting
Thursday, 17 th Feria	7.00 pm 7.30-8.00	Kathleen Farrugia - RIP Joao Vivetros De Sousa - RIP Confessions & Adoration	St Margaret's St Margarets	11- 1 Coffee Morning 18.00 – 21.00 West Ham Sea Cadets
Friday, 18 th Feria	9.15 am	Elon Reave - INT	Convent Chapel	18.00 Legion of Mary
Saturday, 19 th Feria	5.00 pm 6.30 pm	Confessions Alero Esuriy - INT	St Margaret's St Margaret's	
Sunday, 20 th Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00 am 12.00 pm 6.00 pm	Private Intention Benji Ramos - INT Elon Reave - INT	Convent Chapel St Margaret's St Margaret's	
Other Sunday Masses	09.00 am 12.00 pm 5.00 pm	Romanian Mass (Latin Rite)1 Romanian Mass (Greek Catholic) Latin Mass (Extraordinary Rite)	St Margaret's Convent Chapel Convent Chapel	

MEDITATION

As Jesus continues his journey to Jerusalem, he is confronted by a scholar of the law who wants to test him. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus is asked about the greatest commandment. Here, in Luke's Gospel, the lawyer asks what we must do to inherit eternal life. In the other two Gospels, Jesus answers the question by quoting [Deuteronomy 6:5](#), on loving God with all your heart, and [Leviticus 19:18](#), on loving your neighbour. Here Jesus asks the expert to answer this question, “What is written in the law?” The man is caught and responds with Deuteronomy 6:5. This verse is one of the most important prayers in Judaism, and it was said twice a day in Jesus' time. Love of God and love of neighbour are what is required for eternal life. Jesus' response is simple, “Do this and you will live.” Having been shown up by Jesus, the lawyer tries another question: Who is my neighbour whom must love like myself? In the society of Jesus' time, with its distinctions between Jews and Gentiles, men and women, clean and unclean, this was a trick question. Jesus responds with one of the most beautiful of all the parables, the Good Samaritan. It is found only in Luke's Gospel. The road from Jerusalem to Jericho descends 3,300 feet in just 17 miles. Its narrow passes and rocky terrain made it an easy place for bandits to wait for travellers. The traveller in this parable is identified only as “a certain man.” Luke uses this phrase in many of his parables so that the audience, Jew or Gentile, could identify with the man. After the attack, the man is left for dead, naked and bleeding on the side of the road. A priest comes along, but rather than helping, as one might expect, he moves to the other side of the road. Another religious person comes along, a Levite who assists in the Temple. His reaction is the same as the priest's. Both of them choose to not even find out if the man is alive. A third person comes along. The listeners would probably expect him to be an Israelite. This would make the parable a criticism of the religious leadership. Instead he is a Samaritan, an Israelite's most hated neighbour. Samaritans were descendants of Jews from the northern part of the country, who had intermarried with Gentiles and did not worship in Jerusalem. The Samaritan not only goes over to the injured man but cleans his wounds, puts him on his own animal, takes him to an inn to recover, and promises to pay all his expenses. The hated enemy is the compassionate neighbour in this parable. Jesus has demolished all boundary expectations. It is not social definitions such as class, religion, gender, or ethnicity that determines who is our neighbour. A neighbour is a person who acts with compassion toward another. The point becomes not who deserves to be loved as I love myself, but that I become a person who treats everyone with compassion. When Jesus asks the lawyer who was the neighbour in the story, the lawyer can't bring himself to say it was the Samaritan. All he says is that it was “the one who treated him with mercy.” Jesus' response was similar to that of the first discussion: “Go and do likewise.” The lawyer, and we, know what is right. The key is to do it.

WEEKLY NOTICES

PARISH BARBEQUE 20TH JULY AFTER THE NOON MASS NEXT WEEK. THE AFRICAN CARIBBEAN ASSOCIATION cordially invites you all to the annual parish **BBQ**. All welcome, it will be a fun day, please don't miss out. Remember to put this in your Diary.

NEWHAM DEANERY HOLY YEAR PILGIRIMAGE On Saturday 25th July, the Parishes of Newham will be making a walking Pilgrimage to St Anthony's Forest Gate to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence. St Margaret's will leave from **Plaistow Station at 18.00** to walk to St Antony's Church a designated Holy Year Church by the Bishop. There will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions and Mass at 7.30 at this your Holy year special Pilgrimage

THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE, London is holding a Celebration of St Faustina Birthday at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday Monday 25 August 2025 from 10:30 am to 4pm. The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on [07957594646](tel:07957594646) for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE: Please pray for the repose of the Souls of Mrs Jean Carberry and Miss Theres Collins, whose funerals take place this week. May they Rest in Peace Amen

PARISH YOUTH CLUB A group of people are getting together to set up a new parish project for our young people between the ages of 13 and 17. If you might be interested in helping set this up, please email the parish office atcannningtown@brcht.org

PASSPORT IDENTIFICATION - Please be advised that any requests involving passport identification or related documentation must first be discussed directly with the Parish Priest. This step is necessary to ensure proper verification and pastoral oversight. Please attend the parish priest's surgery on a Monday.

BAPTISMAL AND CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES - These certificates are issued by the Parish and are an important documents. Please make sure you keep them safe. We are experiencing a high demand of requests for Copies of the original certificates. This presents a great demand on a very small Parish Office. So, in future if you wish to have a copy, there will be an administrative fee of £5.00

DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC? There is growing interest in the Catholic Church, and already we have 5 people who have asked to be received into the Church next Easter. If you are attending Mass but not a Catholic, you will be most welcome to join this group. If you would like to speak to Fr John before making a decision, then please see him after Mass.

ST MARGARET'S YOUNG ADULT GROUP. This group is for young adults between the age of 18 and 40. It meets every other week on a Friday night upstairs in the Parish Centre. **The next meeting will take place on Friday, 18th July, from 7 pm**

THE PARISH 150 ANNIVERSARY 50/50 DRAW. Thank you so much for your support for the **Parish 50/50 Draw**. The Total Prize Money at the end of **Week Two is £544**. Tickets will be on sale after Mass. If you don't have any cash, you can use the Card Machine and scroll to Parish Fundraising to pay there. The Draw will take place on Sunday, 27th July, after the 6 pm Mass

URGENTLY CONTACTING THE PARISH If you need to contact Fr John about someone who is ill or in hospital and wishes to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the Sick, please make sure you speak to him directly or call the Parish Office, which is open Monday to Friday 09.00 13.00. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND AN EMAIL FOR URGENT MATTERS**

GIFT AID - Some issued boxes of Gift Aid envelopes remain uncollected. Please contact the Parish Office during office hours to arrange collection. If the envelopes are no longer required for any reason, please let the Parish Gift Aid Organiser know as soon as possible. Please note that if your name or address has changed, it is important to let us know immediately. If you are a taxpayer and not a member of the Gift Aid scheme, please consider joining as it is a valuable source of income for the parish at no extra cost to yourself. Ask for a Gift Aid Declaration at the back of the church. The person using envelope number 17 should please contact the Gift Aid organiser as a matter of urgency! Thank you for your continued generosity.





LECTIO DIVINA led by Sister Agnes (FMM) - The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 23rd July at 7.00 pm in the Convent

MUSIC LESSONS WITH JACQUES ALLEN, OUR PARISH DIRECTOR OF MUSIC. I'm delighted to offer piano, music theory, and composition lessons to our church family and the wider community. Whether you're a complete beginner or looking to develop your skills further, I warmly welcome students of all ages and abilities. As your parish organist with over 9 years of teaching experience, and with my background from the University of Oxford and the Royal College of Music, I love helping people discover the joy of making music. Feel free to get in touch! **Telephone number: 07804690824 Email: jacquesallen@hotmail.com Website: www.jacquesallen.com**

WeBelieve , 25th-28th July 2025 - a festival of Catholic Life celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope. I am delighted that 11 of our Young Adults Groups are going to the Festival, a real sign of how dynamic the group is.

LAST WEDNESDAY LIVE MUSIC CLUB runs on the last Wednesday of the month, 2pm-4pm, ground floor, Parish Centre.

TO MAKE A DONATION PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE FOR THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT

Donate £3.00	Donate £5.00	Donate £10.00	Donate £20.00
			

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Plate Collection £853,77 Envelopes £514.46 | Digital Plates £322.00 | Total £1690.23

Thank you for your generous support of the Parish

WEEKLY PARISH SURGERY	If you wish to speak to Fr John about Baptism, Marriage, the signing of forms or any other matters, please come to the Parish Surgery each Monday between 5.30 and 6.30 in the Parish Centre		
PARISH OFFICE	THE PARISH OFFICE is open 5 days a week from 9am until 1pm. All normal enquiries can be made by phone 0207 476 4129 or email, canningtown@brcdt.org . All enquires made after 1pm will be answered the next working day.		
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?	If you are considering becoming a Catholic or would like to know more about the Catholic faith then please have a word with Fr John. You may like to go online and have a look at the following websites. www.catholic.com/tract/how-to-become-a-catholic https://mycatholic.life/rcia/		
REPOSITORY	The Repository Shop for the sale of religious articles is open from 10.00 – 12.00 Noon, seven days a week, and after the 12 Noon Mass on Sundays.		
BAPTISM	<p>Baptisms are y celebrated on the First and Third Saturday of the month at 12.00, apart from August.</p> <p>Registration for Baptism can be made on any Monday at the Parish Surgery between 5.30 and 6.30 pm in the Parish Centre behind St Margaret's Church.</p> <p>Baptism Preparation usually takes place on the second Saturday of the month, at 10.00 in the Parish Centre, when the date of the baptism will be confirmed.</p>		
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION	The preparation for the Sacraments of First Confession and First Holy Communion take place each year. There are two Groups: St Helens Group, for children attending the Parish School, and the Parish Group for children attending Catholic schools outside of the Parish and children attending Non-Catholic Schools. Registration for both groups take place in October each year. The next First Communion registration will take place in October 2025. The minimum age is 7 years old.		
CONFIRMATON	TO BE CONFIRMED FOR 2026		
MARRIAGE	Couples who wish to get Married must give at least SIX MONTHS' notice. This is vitally important for those who are getting married abroad. Please see Fr. John		
ANOINTING OF THE SICK	People wishing to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, who are housebound or in hospital, should contact one of the priests. If you are in hospital, ask the nursing staff to call for the Duty Catholic Chaplain or call the Parish phone number 0207 476 4129		
FUNERALS	If a family member or friend has died, please let us know so that we may remember them at Mass. In regard to the Funeral arrangements, please contact a local Undertaker who will liaise with the Parish to arrange your requirements for the funeral. If you need to find an Undertaker, please speak to one of the priests.		
PARISH CONTACTS			
Parish Secretary: Marie O’Hanlon		Monday – Friday 9am – 1pm 020 7476 4129	
Franciscan Missionaries of Mary (FMM)		Sister Agnes, St Margaret’s Convent Bethell Avenue, E16 4JU 020 7511 3463	
Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (CFR)		Father Tansi, St Fidelis Friary Killip Close E16 1LX 020 7474 0766	
St Helen’s School		Headteacher: Claire Doherty Chargeable Lane, E13 8DW 020 7476 1785	
Parish Safeguarding Officer		Mary West 0207 476 4129 – canningtown@brcdt.org	
Parish Sister:		Sister Barbara 020 8525 4229	
St Bonaventure’s Boys School;		Headteacher: Chris McCormack Boleyn Rd, Forest Gate, E7 9QD 0208472 2749	
St Angela’s Girls School		Headteacher: Mark Johnson, St George’s Rd, Forest Gate E7 8HX 020 8472	
Youth Representative		smctyouthcouncil@gmail.com	