

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST MARGARET ALL SAINTS

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 03rd AUGUST 2025 |

2025: THE HOLY YEAR OF HOPE

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

Sometimes, a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.

You turn man back to dust, and say, 'Return, O children of Adam.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, or like a watch in the night.

O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.

You sweep them away like a dream, like grass which is fresh in the morning. In the morning it sprouts and is fresh; by evening it withers and fades.

O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.

Then teach us to number our days, that we may gain wisdom of heart. Turn back, O Lord! How long?

Show pity to your servants.

O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.

At dawn, fill us with your merciful love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us; give success to the work of our hands. O give success to the work of our hands.

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Second reading

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all

Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **Alleluia.**

Gospel Luke 12:13-21

At that time: Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of one's possessions.' And he told them a parable, saying, 'The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, "What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?" And he said, "I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' " But God said to him, "Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So is the one who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich towards God.

FEAST | MASS TIMES | INTENTIONS | EVENTS
Sunday Hymn Numbers 10am & 12pm Masses 865|360|720|365

Date & Feast	Time	Intention	Location	Parish Events in Parish Centre
Saturday 02 nd Feria	5.00 pm 6.30 pm	Confessions Helen Bernadette Clarke (F)	St Margaret's St Margaret's	
Sunday, 03 rd Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00 am 12.00 pm 6.00 pm	Douglas Bedier RIP Maria De Lourdes RIP & Gregorio Da Silva RIP Shaun Reilly RIP	Convent Chapel St Margaret's St Margaret's	
Monday, 04 th St John Vianney, Pr	09:30 am	Elon Reaves – INT Fin & Hannah – INT	Chapel in Convent	10.30 – 12.00 Parish Food Bank 5.30 – 6.30 Parish Surgery
Tuesday, 05 th Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major	9.30 am 10-12	Queenie & James Howgate (F) Shaun Reilly – RIP Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	St Margaret's St Margaret's	Nifty 50s – 12.30-2.30
Wednesday, 06 th The Transfiguration of the Lord	9.30 am	Marie Hammond – RIP	St Margaret's	10.30 – 12.00 Parish Food Bank 19.00 – AA Meeting
Thursday, 07 th Feria	12.00pm 7.00 pm 7.30-8.00	Requiem Mass – Sr Winifred Gilbert Elon Reaves – INT Carlos, Fabio, Rapheal. Rosario – INT Confessions & Adoration	Convent Chapel St Margaret's St Margaret's	11- 1 Coffee Morning 18.00 – 21.00 West Ham Sea Cadets
Friday, 08 th St Dominic, Pr	9.15 am	Agnes Akinwusi – RIP Souls in Purgatory	Convent Chapel	18.00 Legion of Mary
Saturday, 09 th St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross V, M	5.00 pm 6.30 pm	Confessions Mary O'Connor – RIP People of the Parish	St Margaret's St Margaret's	
Sunday, 10 th Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00 am 12.00 pm 6.00 pm	Gloria Solomon – RIP Laisha Ebosele-Park – INT St Joseph – INT Rosemary & Godwin – 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

In Chapter 12 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples and the crowd on how to be ready for the coming judgment. A crowd of many thousands has gathered to hear Jesus. At first he speaks only to the disciples, reminding them that it is not persecution they should fear but the judgment that is coming for all who do not acknowledge the Son of Man. Suddenly a man in the crowd shouts out to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” He seems to have grown tired of Jesus speaking only to the disciples. Jesus offers the man no help. Instead he uses the question to teach what, in light of the coming judgment, life really consist of.

Jesus tells the crowd a parable. A rich man's lands have yielded more crops than expected. His response is not to consider how he might share all the extra food with others but to wonder how he can possibly store it all. He has what he thinks is a brilliant idea: to tear down his present barns and build larger ones. Then he will have many things stored up for years of eating, drinking, and making merry. “You fool” is God's response to this man because that very night his life will be taken away. To whom will everything belong then, God asks. The rich man's world is small, just him and his possessions, and now he learns that he is to lose his life. What good are his possessions now? Jesus states the moral of the story. This is how it will be for everyone who stores up treasure for himself or herself but is not rich in what matters to God.

Centuries later St. Gregory the Great taught that when we care for the needs of the poor, we are giving them what is theirs, not ours. We are not just performing works of mercy; we are paying a debt of justice. Life does not consist in possessions but in sharing what we possess with others. The goods of the earth have been given to everyone.

WEEKLY NOTICES

FIRST PARISH 50/50 DRAW RESULT JULY 2025

The Total Amount collected was £2,517! Thank you so much for your generosity.

So, £1,258.50 will go towards the maintenance of the Churches, and £1,258.50 will be Prize money.

First Prize £629.00 Ticket Number 6473

Second Prize £314.00 Ticket Number 6503

Third Prize £314.00 Ticket Number 6656

If you have one of the winning tickets, please write your name and contact details on the back of the ticket, and please email the parish office to arrange a convenient time to collect the prize money, either by cheque or BACs payment.

Congratulations to the winners!!!

THE PARISH 150 ANNIVERSARY 50/50 DRAW. Continues this weekend. 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, 31st August, after the 6 pm Mass.

CANON STEWART FOSTER will be supplying in the Parish when I am away later in the month. I am very grateful to Canon Stewart for his help. I shall be back the weekend of the 6th September.

PARISH OFFICE The Office will close for August. If you have any urgent needs, please contact the priest on 0207 476 4129 or email canningtown@brcdt.org, or see the priest after mass.

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 cannningtown@brcht.org

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 - The Year End Gift Aid Donation Statements for the 2024/25 financial year have been sent out. If you have not received yours via email or post, please contact the parish Gift Aid Organiser to investigate and revert. Please note that if your name or address has changed, it is important to let us know immediately. The person using envelope number 17 should please contact the Gift Aid organiser as a matter of urgency. Thank you for your continued generosity.

150TH CELEBRATION In October 2026, the Parish will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the opening of St Margaret's Church by Cardinal Manning on 26th October 1876 and the 70th anniversary of the re-opening of the Church in 1956 by Bishop Beck after the damage incurred by the bombing of the Second World War in 1941. This will truly be a great celebration! The Church will be completely redecorated, and I would like to place a bell in the bell tower that has been empty since the church was built! There will be many ideas and events to be organised, so we will be setting up an Anniversary Committee later in the year.

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, 15th August, from 7 pm**

LECTIO DIVINA led by Sister Agnes (FMM) – The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 6th August at 7.00 pm in the Convent





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.

Vatican II and its Popes - Celebrating sixty years of the Council

The vast majority of Catholics are unaware of the story of Vatican II and its importance. This study day considers the contribution of a series of Popes to the work of the Council. A further study day will be given by Dr Peter de Mey on 11th October addressing the topic 'From Vatican II to a Synodal Church'. **Fr Adrian Graffy** is parish priest in East London, and a Member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission. **Saturday 20th September 2025 11 am – 2 pm (10.00-13.00 GMT)**

Those interested are invited to attend in person. Tea and coffee will be available in the hall from 10.30. Please bring a packed lunch. Easy access on the Elizabeth Line, five minute walk to church. Please note that the event will not be live streamed, but will be available after the day free of charge at www.whatgoodnews.org **Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest 410 Brentwood Road Gidea Park RM2 6DH**

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 £896.63 Envelopes £642.69 | Digital Plates £423.00 | Total £1962.32

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 usually 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

Franciscan Missionaries of Mary (FMM)

Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (CFR)

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Parish Safeguarding Officer

Parish Sister:

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