

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST MARGARET ALL SAINTS

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2025: THE HOLY YEAR OF HOPE

First reading

Wisdom 18:6-9

That night of our liberation was made known beforehand to our fathers, so that they might rejoice in sure knowledge of the oaths in which they trusted. The deliverance of the righteous and the destruction of their enemies were expected by your people. For by the same means by which you punished our enemies, you called us to yourself and glorified us. For in secret the holy children of good people offered sacrifices and with one accord agreed to the divine law, that the saints would share alike the same things, both blessings and dangers; and already they were singing the praises of the fathers.

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting from the upright. Blessed the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his heritage.

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Yes, the Lord's eyes are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their soul from death, to keep them alive in famine,

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Our soul is waiting for the Lord. He is our help and our shield. May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.

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Second reading

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Brothers and Sisters: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city. By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, 'Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.' He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

Alleluia, alleluia. Stay awake and be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. **Alleluia.**

Gospel Luke 12:32-48

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with money bags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 'Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service, and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for all?' And the Lord said, 'Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom his master will set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. But if that servant says to himself, "My master is delayed in coming", and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces and put him with the unfaithful. And that servant who knew his master's will but did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a severe beating. But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a beating, will receive a light beating. Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.'

FEAST | MASS TIMES | INTENTIONS | EVENTS
Sunday Hymn Numbers 10am & 12pm Masses 883|873|803|801

Date & Feast	Time	Intention	Location	Parish Events in Parish Centre
Saturday, 9 th St Teresa of Benedicta of the Cross, V,M	5.00 pm 6.30 pm	Confessions Mary O’Conner – 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 Solomo – RIP Ilisha Ebosele-Park – INT St Joseph – INT Rosemary & Godwin – INT	Convent Chapel St Margaret’s St Margaret’s	
Monday, 11 th St Clare, V	09:30 am	Jason Stemarphe – INT	Chapel in Convent	10.30 – 12.00 Parish Food Bank NO PARISH SUGERY
Tuesday, 12 th St Jane Frances de Chantal, Rel	9.30 am 10-12	Maria Jose De Jesus – RIP Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	St Margaret’s St Margaret’s	Nifty 50s – 12.30-2.30
Wednesday, 13 th Feria	9.30 am	Elon Reaves – INT Edson & Dwayn Taborda – INT	St Margaret’s	10.30 – 12.00 Parish Food Bank 19.00 – AA Meeting
Thursday, 14 th St Maximillian Kolbe, Pr M	7.00 pm 7.30-8.00	Agnes Akinwusi – RIP Seamus O’Sullivan-Darcy – RIP Confessions & Adoration	St Margaret’s St Margarets	11- 1 Coffee Morning 18.00 – 21.00 West Ham Sea Cadets
Friday, 15 th The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holyday of Obligation	9.15 am 7.00 pm	Angela Costa & Children – INT Peter & Mary McElhinney – RIP	Convent Chapel St Margaret’s	18.00 Legion of Mary
Saturday, 16 th St Stephen of Hungary	5.00 pm 6.30 pm	Confessions Sebastian Ukegheson – RIP Seamus O’Sullivan-Darcy – RIP	St Margaret’s St Margaret’s	
Sunday, 17 th Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00 am 12.00 pm 6.00 pm	Marie Hammond – RIP Martina, Josephine, Nicola & Yelande Bright – INT Taborda Family – INT People of the Parish	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

Jesus' instructions on how to be ready for the coming judgment continue in the stories and sayings found in today's Gospel. We are not to be like the greedy rich man in last Sunday's Gospel who planned to store his great harvest in barns rather than share it. We are, rather, to share our wealth with those in need. The antidote for the anxiety brought on by the coming judgment is to relinquish our possessions and provide for the needs of others. Our treasure will be in heaven where it will not wear out or be destroyed.

The other major way to be ready for the coming judgment is to be watchful. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about watchfulness to begin making this point. We must be like servants waiting for the master's return from a wedding banquet, which, even now, can last for a few days in the Middle East. We must be watchful so that even if the master comes after midnight, we will be ready for him. This is what the coming of the Son of Man will be like. Peter asks if this parable is meant for the apostles or for the large crowd that has gathered to listen to Jesus. Without answering Peter's question, Jesus responds with another parable about servants awaiting the return of their master. It begins with a question: “Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward whom the master will put in charge of his servants to distribute the food allowance at the proper time?” This parable adds to the theme of watchfulness; it explains how to wait and reminds us of the reward for the faithful follower at the heavenly banquet after the judgment. If it is addressed to the apostles, then it could also be addressed to leadership in the early Church. Either way, the parables reminds us that we should be found doing our jobs when the master arrives. If we are doing our jobs, our reward will be great. But if we relax, neglect our duties, and begin to act like the greedy rich man—eating, drinking, and making merry—we will not have a place in the kingdom. Watchfulness means living in such a consistently moral and obedient way that we are always ready to give an account to God of how we have lived.

WEEKLY NOTICES

THE PARISH 150 ANNIVERSARY 50/50 DRAW – Third Prize ticket number 6656 still hasn't been collected. Check your tickets, and if you have ticket number 6656, please contact the parish office, **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 next draw will take place on Sunday, 30th August, after the 6 pm Mass. Week one total amount for August 50/50 currently stands at £283.00

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

PARISH OFFICE – The office will be closed for August. If you have any urgent needs, please contact the priest on 0207 476 4712 or email canningtown@brcdt.org or see the priest after mass.

PARISH PRIEST SURGERY – There will be no parish surgery until Monday, 15th September 2025.

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 atcanningtown@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**

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 are an important document 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

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 ages 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**

GIFT AID – The year-end Gift Aid donation statements for the 2024/2025 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 and address have changed, it is important to let us know immediately. The person with 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, 20th August at 7.00 pm in the Convent

CELEBRATING VATICAN II - As the sixtieth anniversary of the conclusion of Vatican II approaches Fr Adrian Graffy will lead a study day entitled 'Vatican II and its Popes'.

The event will take place at the Catholic parish of Christ the Eternal High Priest in Gidea Park (RM2 6DH) on Saturday 20th September from 10.30. Entrance is free, and a recording of the talk will be available subsequently on www.whatgoodnews.org





BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE – YOUTH GATHER, 25TH – 26TH OCTOBER

Youth Gather is a weekend of faith, fun and friendship – with speakers, workshops, prayer and outdoor activities, meeting friends old and new, and all while sharing in and celebrating our Catholic faith. There will be coaches offering transport from around the Diocese included in the cost, as well as all meals, cabin accommodation and activities. This event is for year 9 and above. Apply now at www.bcys.net/events

MARRIAGE HELP - Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 17th-19th Oct. www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 0788 7296983

Do you work in a G.P. surgery or a clinical setting that performs blood tests? I have recently completed a phlebotomy course and now have my certificate. I am looking to gain some experience as a volunteer for 6-12 months, one day a week as a phlebotomist. within or near the Newham area. If you think you are able to help please call Silvie on: 07999865028.

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 £814.68 Envelopes £538.62 | Digital Plates £362.00 | Total £1715.30

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	Baptisms are y celebrated on the First and Third Saturday of the month at 12.00, apart from August. 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. 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.
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