

# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST MARGARET ALL SAINTS

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2025 |

## 2025: THE HOLY YEAR OF HOPE

### First reading

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

My son, perform your tasks in meekness; then you will be loved by those whom God accepts. The greater you are, the more you must humble yourself; so, you will find favour in the sight of the Lord. For great is the might of the Lord; he is glorified by the humble. The affliction of the proud has no healing, for a plant of wickedness has taken root in him. The mind of the intelligent man will ponder a parable, and an attentive ear is the wise man's desire.

*In your goodness, O God, you provided a home for the poor.*

The upright shall rejoice at the presence of God; they shall exult with glad rejoicing. O sing to God; make music to his name.

The Lord is his name.

*In your goodness, O God, you provided a home for the poor.*

Father of orphans, defender of widows: such is God in his holy place. God gives the desolate a home to dwell in; he leads the

prisoners forth into prosperity.

*In your goodness, O God, you provided a home for the poor.*

You poured down, O God, a generous rain; when your heritage languished, you restored it. It was there that your flock began to dwell. In your goodness, O God, you provided for the poor.

*In your goodness, O God, you provided a home for the poor*

### Second reading

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

Brothers and Sisters: You have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. But you have come to Mount Sion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant.

**Alleluia, alleluia.** Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. **Alleluia.**

### Gospel Luke 14:1, 7-14

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honour, saying to them, 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honour, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, "Give your place to this person", and then you, with shame, will take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher." Then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.' He said also to the man who had invited him, 'When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends, or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbours, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.'

**FEAST | MASS TIMES | INTENTIONS | EVENTS**  
**Sunday Hymn Numbers 10am & 12pm Masses 466|749|968|725**

Date & Feast	Time	Intention	Location	Parish Events in Parish Centre
Saturday, 30 <sup>th</sup> St Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward. Mm	5.00 pm 6.30 pm	Confessions Pawla Farrugia – RIP Emiliana Catalino Tabula – RIP	St Margaret’s St Margaret’s	
Sunday, 31 <sup>st</sup> Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00 am 12.00 pm 6.00 pm	Salih Erden – RIP Wanda Wanrzynczak – RIP Claudia Osei-Acheampong – RIP People of the Parish Irley Barreto & Wagner Vaz & Family – INT	Convent Chapel St Margaret’s St Margaret’s	
Monday, 1 <sup>st</sup> St Sebbi, K	09:30 am	James & Esther Aflabi – RIP	Chapel in Convent	10.30 – 12.00 Parish Food Bank <b>NO PARISH SUGERY</b>
Tuesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feria	9.30 am 10-12	Joe & Kitty Herbert – RIP – F Souls in Purgatory Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	St Margaret’s St Margaret’s	Nifty 50s – 12.30-2.30
Wednesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> St Gregory The Great P. D	9.30 am	Coral Ann South – RIP	St Margaret’s	10.30 – 12.00 Parish Food Bank 19.00 – AA Meeting
Thursday, 4 <sup>th</sup> Feria	7.00 pm 7.30-8.00	Wanda Wanrzynczak – RIP Confessions & Adoration	St Margaret’s St Margarets	11- 1 Coffee Morning 18.00 – 21.00 West Ham Sea Cadets
Friday, 5 <sup>th</sup> Mass of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	9.15 am	Angela Costa Leitao – INT	Convent Chapel	18.00 Legion of Mary
Saturday, 6 <sup>th</sup> Feria	5.00 pm 6.30 pm	Confessions Dave & Eva Hadley – RIP – F	St Margaret’s St Margaret’s	
Sunday, 7 <sup>th</sup> Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00 am 12.00 pm 6.00 pm	Sean Reilly – RIP Astrophel Ragasa – RIP St Joseph – INT Jean Marie Lajani – RIP	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**

Meals played an important role in the society in which Jesus lived. More than a time for sharing nourishment, they were a time to share ideas and to model different aspects of social relationships. In Luke's Gospel, the places that a person ate (at the home of a tax collector, 5:29), the people with whom a person ate (sinners, 5:30), whether a person washed before eating (11:38), and, as is the case here, the place that a person sits while eating are all important. The narrator says Jesus tells a parable, but it is really wise advice to both guests and hosts about finding true happiness at the heavenly banquet.

Jesus warns guests to wait before taking their places at the table lest they be asked to move if someone more important arrives. This is more than just a lesson about dinner etiquette. It is advice on how to find your true place in the Kingdom of God. Jesus advises hosts not to invite people who would be expected to repay them to dinner but to invite those who could not repay: the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. This is where real blessings can be found.

In these sayings, Luke gives us not only advice on how to approach the end times but also on how to live according to Jesus' vision of a good society. Luke's Gospel also advises us how the Church must be part of bringing about this society. It is yet another example in Luke's Gospel of the reversal the kingdom brings about.

## 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, 30<sup>th</sup> August, after the 6 pm Mass. Week four total amount for August 50/50 currently stands at £236.00

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

**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](mailto:canningtown@brcdt.org) or see the priest after mass.

**PARISH PRIEST SURGERY** – There will be no parish surgery until Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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

**150<sup>th</sup> CELEBRATION** In October 2026, the parish will celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of St Margaret's Church by Cardinal Manning on 26<sup>th</sup> October 1876, and the 70<sup>th</sup> 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, 12<sup>th</sup> September, from 7 pm**

**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, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 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 20<sup>th</sup> September from 10.30. Entrance is free, and a recording of the talk will be available subsequently on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org)





**BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE – YOUTH GATHER, 25<sup>TH</sup> – 26<sup>TH</sup> 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](http://www.bcys.net/events)

**LAST WEDNESDAY LIVE MUSIC CLUB** last Wednesday of the month, 2 pm – 4 pm, ground floor, parish centre. Please come and join in.



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

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Plate Collection £748.52 Envelopes £603.04 | Digital Plates £304.00 | Total £1655.56

*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, <a href="mailto:canningtown@brcdt.org">canningtown@brcdt.org</a> . 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. <a href="http://www.catholic.com/tract/how-to-become-a-catholic">www.catholic.com/tract/how-to-become-a-catholic</a>   <a href="https://mycatholic.life/rcia/">https://mycatholic.life/rcia/</a>
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 – <a href="mailto:canningtown@brcdt.org">canningtown@brcdt.org</a>
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	<a href="mailto:smctyouthcouncil@gmail.com">smctyouthcouncil@gmail.com</a>