

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST MARGARET ALL SAINTS

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 21ST September 2025 |

Evangelii Guadium Sunday

First reading

Numbers 21:4b-9

Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, saying, 'When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, that we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and sell the chaff of the wheat?' The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: 'Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.'

Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blest both now and for evermore!

Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God, who dwells on

high, who lowers himself to look down upon heaven and earth?

Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the ash heap he raises the poor, to set them in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people.

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Second reading

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Beloved: First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. For this, I was appointed a preacher and an Apostle — I am telling the truth, I am not lying — a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarrelling.

Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus Christ, though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. **Alleluia.**

Gospel Luke 16:1-13

At that time: Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. And he called him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager." And the manager said to himself, "What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses." So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, "How much do you owe my master?" He said, "A hundred measures of oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty." Then he said to another, "And how much do you owe?" He said, "A hundred measures of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and write eighty." The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.' And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails, they may receive you into the eternal dwellings. 'One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful with the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.'

FEAST | MASS TIMES | INTENTIONS | EVENTS

Sunday Hymn Numbers 10am & 12pm Masses 844|872|803|801

Date & Feast	Time	Intention	Location	Parish Events in Parish Centre
Saturday, 20 th St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Hasang & Companions, Mm	5.00 pm 6.30 pm	Confessions Carmenu Zerafa – RIP	St Margaret's St Margaret's	
Sunday, 21 st Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00 am 12.00 pm 6.00 pm	John Rodrigues – RIP Joseph Reginald Thevarajah – RIP Mr & Mrs A Molokwu – RIP Holy Souls	Convent Chapel St Margaret's St Margaret's	
Monday, 22 nd Feria	09:30 am	John Day – RIP	Chapel in Convent	10.30 – 12.00 Parish Food Bank 5.30 – 6.30 pm – Parish Surgery
Tuesday, 23 rd St Pius Of Pietrelcina, Pr	9.30 am 10-12	Maria Rosetta Williams – RIP Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	St Margaret's St Margaret's	NO NIFTY 50'S
Wednesday, 24 th Our Lady of Walsingham	9.30 am	Eddie Brown – RIP	St Margaret's	10.30 – 12.00 Parish Food Bank 19.00 – AA Meeting
Thursday, 25 th Feria	7.00 pm 7.30-8.00	Joseph Sonny Williams – RIP Confessions & Adoration	St Margaret's St Margarets	11- 1 Coffee Morning 18.00 – 21.00 West Ham Sea Cadets
Friday, 26 th Ss Cosmos & Damian, Mm	9.15 am	Gricelia Diogo – INT	Convent Chapel	18.00 Legion of Mary
Saturday, 27 th St Vincent De Paul, Pr	5.00 pm 6.30 pm	Confessions Steve Rodrigues – RIP	St Margaret's St Margaret's	
Sunday, 28 th Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00 am 12.00 pm 6.00 pm	Sergia & Isidra Varamillo – RIP Alfred Ellul – RIP Emmanuella Ebosele-Park Victor Latan – 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

Today's Gospel sounds puzzling to contemporary readers, but it can be made less so by considering the economic system which stands behind the parable. A steward is dismissed because he is squandering his master's property. He is called dishonest because he is not serving the interests of the rich man, his employer. In response the steward, in an attempt to ensure favor for himself among the rich man's debtors, brokers repayment of the rich man's loans by foregoing the interest and fees that had been levied to line the steward's pockets. It is this action, in which the steward puts aside his greed and takes the longer perspective in order to enhance his security, which is commended by the rich man.

The passage concludes with three morals for the listeners. The first exhorts the listener to be prudent about the use of wealth. Like the steward in the parable, those who would follow Jesus must put transitory affairs in proper perspective. Christians should handle the affairs of temporal life with an eye toward eternal life.

The second concerns trustworthiness. Those who can be trusted in small things can also be trusted in great things. If Christians handle money and other passing things responsibly, then they can also be trusted with the affairs of the Kingdom of God.

Finally, Jesus tells his listeners that no one can serve two masters simultaneously. God must be put ahead of money.

WEEKLY NOTICES

BRENTWOOD DIOCESE PRIESTS CONFERENCE The priest of the Diocese will be meeting with the Bishop this week for their annual conference. This will begin on Tuesday and end on Thursday. So, Fr. John will be away, and the Friars will cover the Masses.

ST HELEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - RECEPTION 2026 ADMISSIONS - If you have a child born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022, please come along to our Reception Applications Meeting on Wednesday 1st October at 6pm. Please arrive at the main entrance, where you will be shown to the meeting. If you would like to look around the school and see our grounds and provisions, please come along on Wednesday, 8th October or Wednesday, 15th October at either 9:30 am or 2 pm. Arrive at the main entrance to be collected and taken on a tour. Tours on other dates can also be booked by calling the school office 02074761785

BECOMING A CATHOLIC If you, or someone you know, is considering becoming a Catholic, or wants to know what it might entail, please come along to a meeting in the Parish Centre on Tuesday, 30th September at 18.30 to meet with Fr. John to discuss.

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

MARRIAGE 2026 If you are planning to get married in 2026, you must give SIX MONTHS NOTICE, ESPECIALLY IF YOU ARE GETTING MARRIED ABROAD.

SECOND PARISH 50/50 DRAW RESULT AUGUST 2025

The total amount collected for August was £1388.00! Thank you so much for your generosity. £694.00 will go toward the maintenance of the Churches, and £694.00 will be prize money. 3rd Prize £173.50 - Ticket Number 6679

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 discuss payment options. Congratulations to the winners! The prize money for September Week Two was £266.00. Tickets will be available after Mass.

LECTIO DIVINA led by Sister Agnes (FMM) – The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 01st October at 7.00 pm in the Convent

PARENTS MEETING AND REGISTRATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026 will take place on Saturday, 4th October 2025 at 10 am, in the parish centre.

ARISE | THE PARISH GROUP FOR YOUNG ADULTS. 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, 26th September, from 7 pm**

BAPTISMAL AND CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES. The Parish issues these certificates 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.

SILENT WEEKEND RETREAT "BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY" AT SION CATHOLIC COMMUNITY, BRENTWOOD.

Dates: Friday 10th - Sunday 12th October 2025. Our theme focuses on the universal call to holiness. We are ALL called to be saints whatever rank or status. We may assume that this is a vocation reserved to the chosen few without understanding that each and every one of us is called to be holy and live a life of holiness. But what does living a life of holiness mean? How can we embrace this call and learn to live it as a reality? Our guest speaker for the weekend is Fr Emmanuel Mansford, CFR (Franciscan Friars of the Renewal). This silent weekend retreat offers us the opportunity to spend time with the Lord in quiet prayer and reflection. 40-HOURS of CONTINUOUS Adoration, guidance & ministry included. For more information or to book, visit <https://sioncommunity.org.uk/adults/#SilentRetreat> or email admin@sioncommunity.org.uk

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 £736.40 | Envelopes £443.40 | Digital Plates £417.00 | Total £1596.80

Thank you for your generous support of the Parish

THIS WEEKS SPECIAL COLLECTION

Evangelii Gaudium Day

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 takes 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 takes place in October each year. The next First Communion registration will take place on 4 th October 2025 at 10 am for both groups in the parish hall. The minimum age is 7 years old.
CONFIRMATON	REGISTRATION FRIDAY 28 TH NOVEMBER 6.30 PM PARISH HALL
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

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Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (CFR)

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