

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST MARGARET ALL SAINTS

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 28th SEPTEMBER 2025 |

First reading

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts: 'Woe to those who are at ease in Sion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria. 'Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and, like David invent for themselves instruments of music, who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore, they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.'

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

It is the Lord who preserves fidelity for ever, who does justice to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord who sets prisoners free.

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

The Lord who opens the eyes of the blind, the Lord who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord who protects the stranger.

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

The Lord upholds the orphan and the widow but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, your God, O Sion, from age to age.

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Second reading

1 Timothy 6:11-16

O man of God, pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time – he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

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 16:19-31

At that time: Jesus said to the Pharisees, 'There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not do so, and none may cross from there to us." And he said, "Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house – for I have five brothers – so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment." But Abraham said, "They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them." And he said, "No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead." '

FEAST | MASS TIMES | INTENTIONS | EVENTS

Sunday Hymn Numbers 10am & 12pm Masses 935|971|799|973

Date & Feast	Time	Intention	Location	Parish Events in Parish Centre
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	
Monday, 29 th St Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels	09:30 am	George & Mary Phelps - RIP - F Caetano Jose De Souza - RIP	Chapel in Convent	10.30 - 12.00 Parish Food Bank 5.30 - 6.30 pm - Parish Surgery
Tuesday, 30 th St Jerome, Pr, D	9.30 am 10-12	Goza Adeline Tay - RIP Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	St Margaret's St Margaret's	Nifty Fifty's - 12pm - 2pm
Wednesday, 1 st St Therese of the Child Jesus, V,D	9.30 am	Judith Ntombela - RIP Marie Pegnam - RIP	St Margaret's	10.30 - 12.00 Parish Food Bank 19.00 - AA Meeting
Thursday, 2 nd The Holy Guardian Angels	7.00 pm 7.30-8.00	Caitano Vincente Rodrigues - RIP Confessions & Adoration	St Margaret's St Margarets	18.00 - 21.00 West Ham Sea Cadets
Friday, 3rd Feria	9.15 am	Felister Lukosi & Family - INT	Convent Chapel	18.00 Legion of Mary
Saturday, 4 th St Francis of Assisi	5.00 pm 6.30 pm	Confessions Patrick Lukosi - RIP	St Margaret's St Margaret's	
Sunday, 5 th Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00 am 12.00 pm 6.00 pm	Sylvester Latan - RIP Juliana Ramos - RIP Aida Aoimin Mwakisyla - 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

A major theme in the Gospel of Luke is the importance of the care of the poor in the life of discipleship. In the parable found in today's Gospel, Jesus contrasts the life of a rich man and the poor man, Lazarus, who lives in the shadow of the rich man and his wealth. Both die. Lazarus finds himself in heaven; the rich man in the netherworld. The rich man asks for assistance from Lazarus in his torment. But Abraham reminds the rich man of the good things he had in his life and describes the current situation as a reversal of fortunes. The rich man then asks that Lazarus be sent to warn his family, but this is denied with the reminder that Moses and the prophets have warned of judgment for those who neglect the care of the poor.

In the context of Luke's Gospel, this parable, delivered in the presence of a crowd of listeners, is part of Jesus' response to some Pharisees. These Pharisees are described in Luke's Gospel as “loving money.” (Note: The Pharisees were followers of a sect of Judaism active before, during, and after Jesus' lifetime. They taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for popular Jewish piety. They put less emphasis on Temple worship and more on applying the law to everyday life.

Though they are often portrayed negatively in the Gospels, they shared many of Jesus' and the early Church's concerns about the law.) Jesus observed that the actions of some Pharisees betrayed misplaced priorities: they spoke one way but acted in another. The story of the rich man and Lazarus demonstrates the importance of the care of the poor and is a reminder to those who would follow Jesus of the unimportance of wealth in the eyes of God.

WEEKLY NOTICES

FAMILY FAST DAY will take place on **Friday, 3rd October**. We are asked to Fast on this day and to make an offering on the following Sunday, 5th October. Please take a CAFOD envelope after Mass for your offering.

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

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

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING If your child would like to become an altar server, please attend the parents' meeting on **Saturday, 4th October 2025 at 10.30am** in the parish hall. The dates for the training sessions will be given at the meeting.

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.

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, 10th October, from 7 pm**

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. **This is the Last Sunday of September Draw.** 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 Four was £430.00. 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

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

CELEBRATING SIXTY YEARS OF THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL

An edited recording of the study day entitled 'Vatican II and its Popes', marking sixty years since the closure of the Council, is now available from the home page of www.whatgoodnews.org The day was given by Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park on September 20th. Unfortunately, the second study day, planned for Saturday 11th October, 'From Vatican II to a Synodal Church', has had to be cancelled due to the sickness of the speaker, Dr Peter de Mey, Vice-Dean for International Relations at Leuven.

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

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

Plate Collection £904.62 | Envelopes £497.50 | Digital Plates £524.00 | Total £1926.12

Thank you for your generous support of the Parish

NEXT WEEKS SPECIAL COLLECTION | FAMILY FAST 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/ Meeting on Tuesday, 30 th September at 18.30
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 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

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Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (CFR)

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