

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST MARGARET ALL SAINTS

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 05th OCTOBER 2025 |

First reading

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you 'Violence!' and you will not save? Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. And the Lord answered me: 'Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it.

For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end – it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. 'Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.'

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

Come, let us ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come into his presence, giving thanks; let us hail him with a song of praise.

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

O come; let us bow and bend low. Let us kneel before the Lord who made us, for he is our God, and we the people, the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your forebears put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

*O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'*

Second reading

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Beloved: I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear, but of power and love and self-control. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God,

Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

Alleluia, alleluia, The word of the Lord remains for ever and this word is the good news that was preached to you. **Alleluia.**

Gospel Luke 17:5-10

At that time: The Apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' And the Lord said, 'If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you. 'Will any one of you who has a servant ploughing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, "Come at once and recline at table"? Will he not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterwards you will eat and drink"? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, "We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty."

FEAST | MASS TIMES | INTENTIONS | EVENTS

Sunday Hymn Numbers 10am & 12pm Masses 962|315|972|960

Date & Feast	Time	Intention	Location	Parish Events in Parish Centre
Saturday 4 th Oct St Francis of Assisi	5.00 pm 6.30 pm	Confessions Patrick Lukois - RIP	St Margaret's St Margaret's	
Sunday, 5 th Oct 27 TH Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00 am 12.00 pm 6.00 pm	Sylvester Latan - RIP Barbara Lipper - RIP Juliana Ramos - RIP Aida Adimin Mwakisyla - RIP	Convent Chapel St Margaret's St Margaret's	
Monday, 6th St Bruno	09:30 am	Alfred Ellul - RIP	Chapel in Convent	10.30 – 12.00 Parish Food Bank 5.30 – 6.30 pm – Parish Surgery
Tuesday, 7th O Lady of the Rosary	9.30 am 10-12	Benedict Ibe - RIP Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	St Margaret's St Margaret's	Nifty Fifty's – 12 pm – 2 pm
Wednesday, 8th St Osyth	9.30 am	Judith Philipa – INT	St Margaret's	10.30 – 12.00 Parish Food Bank 19.00 – AA Meeting
Thursday, 9th St John Henry Newman	7.00 pm 7.30-8.00	Caetano Jose Rodrigues Confessions & Adoration	St Margaret's St Margarets	18.00 – 21.00 West Ham Sea Cadets
Friday, 10th Feria	9.15 am	Vitold Yermalionak – INT	Convent Chapel	18.00 Legion of Mary
Saturday, 11th Feria	5.00 pm 6.30 pm	Confessions Sebastian Ukegheson - RIP	St Margaret's St Margaret's	
Sunday, 12 th Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00 am 12.00 pm 6.00 pm	Benedict Ibe - RIP Sanya Ramos – INT Shamsad Roussee – INT Holy Souls	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 today's Gospel we hear Jesus teach about faith and service to God. The context is a continuing dialogue between Jesus and his followers about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Jesus has just finished an instruction on sin and forgiveness. There are two related teachings that Jesus offers to his disciples when they cry out for an increase in faith. The first is the familiar reminder that faith, even just a little, will enable the followers of Jesus to do wondrous things. But this uplifting and inspiring teaching is quickly followed by the second teaching, a caution about knowing one's place in God's plans. The disciples of Jesus are to understand themselves as servants to God and his plans. Even when God works wonders through us, with our mustard seed-sized faith, we must not seek praise. Our participation in God's plans is God's grace to us—nothing more, nothing less. When we are graced enough to cooperate with God, the work we do is nothing more than our obligation to God as faithful stewards. And yet, our faith enables us to believe that what we have offered in service to God, as his servants, can be made to produce a hundredfold.

WEEKLY NOTICES

FEAST OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI This weekend, we celebrate the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. We are greatly blessed by the presence in our Parish of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, who have served our Parish for decades, building St Helen's School and building and donating the Convent Chapel to the Parish. The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal have been in the Parish for over 25 years at St Fidelis Friary and support the work of the Parish whilst carrying out their ministry across the country. We wish them all a Happy Feast Day.

HEATING - As we enter Winter, we are about to start work on a new heating system in the Convent Chapel. This work will begin in October, and this should start a new experience in the Convent Chapel a warm Church!!! The work will cost in the region of £50,000. We have also had to renew one of the boilers in the Parish centre, another £5,000, and have had to install fire alarms in the Parish Centre and the Presbytery, another £10,000! As you will be aware, the expenses for running the Parish come entirely from the donations of Parishioners, and I am very grateful for the generous support you give, in the weekly collection and the Monthly 50/50 Draw and for those paying Tax when you sign up for Gift Aid. It makes a big difference, but for the first time in four years, we now go into the Red in the Parish account, so please consider how much you give each week to support the work of the Parish. Thank you

SECOND PARISH 50/50 DRAW RESULT SEPTEMBER 2025

The total amount collected for September was **£1473.00!** Thank you so much for your generosity. **£736.00** will go toward the maintenance of the Churches, and £736.00 will be prize money. **1st PRIZE TICKET NUMBER 8161 (Blue Ticket) 2nd PRIZE TICKET NUMBER 00038 (White Ticket) 3rd PRIZE TICKET NUMBER 00378 (White Ticket).** 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!

FAMILY FAST DAY The collection for Family Fast Day will take place after all Masses today. We were asked to Fast on this day and to make an offering on the following Sunday.

PARISH FOOD BANK. The Food Bank runs each week on Monday and Wednesday Mornings. It is entirely run by volunteers. If you would be interested in helping, please see Father John. The volunteers come about 9. am and the Food Bank is closed by 12.00 noon.

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. We had a very good first meeting of those who wish to become Catholics last Tuesday. The next meeting will take place **on Tuesday 21st October at 6.30 pm in the Parish Centre.** All welcome

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** This will take the form of a short Retreat led by Father John. The last meeting led by Fr. Pascal was a wonderful event with over 50 turning up.

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

LECTIO DIVINA led by Sister Agnes (FMM) – The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 15th 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.

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 £632.61 | Envelopes £757.97 | Digital Plates £566.00 | Total £1956.58

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

Parish Secretary: Marie O’Hanlon

Franciscan Missionaries of Mary (FMM)

Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (CFR)

St Helen’s School

Parish Safeguarding Officer

Parish Sister:

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St Angela’s Girls School

Youth Representative

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