

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST MARGARET ALL SAINTS

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ALL SAINTS – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION | 02nd November 2025 |

First reading

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

I, John, saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, 'Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.' And I heard the number of the sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel. After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?' I said to him, 'Sir, you know.' And he said to me, 'These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world, and those who dwell in it. It is he who set it on the seas; on the rivers he made it firm.

Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The clean of hands and pure of heart, whose soul is not set on vain things.

Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

Blessings from the Lord shall he receive, and right reward from the God who saves him. Such are the people who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

Second reading

1 John 3:1-3

Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Alleluia, alleluia, Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord, and I will give you rest.
Alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 5:1-12a

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'

FEAST | MASS TIMES | INTENTIONS | EVENTS

Sunday Hymn Numbers 10am & 12pm Masses 372|378|377|376

Date & Feast	Time	Intention	Location	Parish Events in Parish Centre
Saturday 01st Feria	5.00 pm 6.30 pm	Confessions Mary Rodrigues – RIP Sebastian Ukegheson – RIP	St Margaret's St Margaret's	
Sunday, 02nd All Saints <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	10.00 am 12.00 pm 6.00 pm	Jan Lasek – RIP & Deceased Family All Souls Elvino Dias – RIP Paulo Guambe – RIP Rafael & Patricio Gomes Barbosa – INT	Convent Chapel St Margaret's St Margaret's	
Monday, 03rd All Souls Day	09:30 am	Lourdes Rodrigues – RIP	Chapel in Convent	10.30 – 12.00 Parish Food Bank 5.30-6.30 PARISH SURGERY
Tuesday, 04th St Charles Borromeo, Bp	9.30 am	Alfred Ellul – RIP Edwardo Dela Cruz – RIP	St Margarets	Nifty Fifties – 12 pm – 2 pm
Wednesday, 05th Feria	9.30 am	Winnie Lobo – RIP	St Margaret's	10.30 – 12.00 Parish Food Bank 19.00 – AA Meeting
Thursday, 06th Feria	1.00 7.00 pm 7.30-8.00	Requiem Mass - Godwin Eppiah Tina Rodrigues – RIP Confessions & Adoration	St Margaret's St Margaret's St Margaret's	18.00 – 21.00 West Ham Sea Cadets
Friday, 07th Feria	9.15 am	Wagner Kaz – INT Peggy McGing – INT	Convent Chapel	18.00 Legion of Mary 19.00 ARISE Young Adult Group
Saturday, 08th Feria	5.00 pm 6.30 pm	Confessions Annabella T Dela Cruz Pedro Melo Da Rosario – INT	St Margaret's St Margaret's	
Sunday, 09th Remembrance Sunday	10.00 am 12.00 pm 6.00 pm	Peggy Fehily – RIP Sebastian Ukegheson – RIP Maria De Passco Pina Araujo – INT	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

Every year the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relation, in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints. Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. We quickly note in this reading that none of those Jesus names as “blessed” or “happy” are expected. ..the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness. What does Jesus mean when he uses the word “blessed?” This word is sometimes translated as “happy” or “fortunate” or “favoured.” In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, who mourn, who are persecuted. This might have been welcome and surprising news to the crowds who heard Jesus that day. The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Because of this, it is natural that we proclaim this Gospel on the Feast of All Saints. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes as Jesus lived. On this day, we too are challenged to model our lives on the spirit and promises of the Beatitudes.

WEEKLY NOTICES

NOVEMBER: THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS Please take a Holy Souls Envelope and place in it the name of your family and friends who have died, they will be remembered at all the Mass during November.

NO ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AFTER TUESDAY 9.30 AM MASS FOR THE NEXT 3 WEEKS DUE TO REDECORATION WORKS STARTING IN ST MARGARET'S CHURCH

THE CHRISTMAS SENIOR CITIZENS DINNER - This is an advanced notice that our annual Christmas Dinner for our senior citizens will take place on **Saturday, 6th December, in St Helen's School**. Please put your name on the list at the back of the church.

REQUIEM MASS, Please pray for the repose of the soul of Godwin Eppiah RIP whose Requiem will take place on Thursday at 1pm

NEW HEATING SYSTEM IN THE CONVENT. The work has now started this week for the installation of the new heating system in the Convent. This will take a few weeks.

ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC If you, or someone you know, is considering becoming a Catholic, or wants to know what it might entail, the Parish Group meets each Tuesday at 6.30pm in the Parish Centre, all are welcome.

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARISH GROUP SESSION – The first session for children who have registered to make their First Holy Communion will take place on **Saturday 1st November in the parish hall from 10 am – 11.30 am**. This is only for the parish group, not for children at St Helens

LECTIO DIVINA led by Sister Agnes (FMM) – The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 12th November at 7.00 pm in the Convent

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, 7th November, from 7 pm.**

THE PARISH 50/50 DRAW RESULT OCTOBER 2025

The October 50/50 Draw is now Open. Remember, if you're not in it, you can't win it!!! Tickets £1 on sale after Mass
October Update The total amount collected for October **was £1223.00! £611.50** will go toward the maintenance of the Churches, and £611.50 will be prize money. **1st PRIZE TICKET NUMBER 01069 (White Ticket) 2nd PRIZE TICKET NUMBER 01735 (White Ticket) 3rd PRIZE TICKET NUMBER 00815 (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!

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

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 the future, if you wish to have a copy, there will be an administrative fee of £5.00

BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD, 14 - 17 NOVEMBER 2025 A three-day retreat led by Fr Roger Dawson, SJ, aiming to help participants find a greater attentiveness and disposition to God's presence in their lives through a disciplining of the mind and awareness of the present moment. <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/be-still-and-know-that-i-am-god>

“Celebrated biblical scholar and translator Fr Nicholas King SJ will be considering how the document on the Bible of the Second Vatican Council - entitled *Dei Verbum* - continues to help us to read, study and pray the Scriptures. The talks, arranged by the Catholic Biblical Association, will take place at Christ the High Priest Catholic Church, Gidea Park, Romford RM2 6DH, from 11 am on Saturday 22nd November 2025. Entrance is free. The talks will be livestreamed on www.whatgoodnews.org and a recording of the talks will be made available subsequently on the same website.

A DAY WITH MARY is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 8 November 2025 (9.45am to 5.00pm). Further information is available at <https://www adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/>

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 £892.93 | Envelopes £622.95 | Digital Plates £353.00 | Total £1868.88

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/ Meeting every Tuesday at 6.30pm
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.
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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