

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST MARGARET ALL SAINTS

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 16th November 2025 |

First reading

Malachi 4:1-2a

Behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings.

The Lord comes to judge the peoples with fairness.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of song. With trumpets and the sound of the horn, raise a shout before the King, the Lord.

The Lord comes to judge the peoples with fairness.

Let the sea and all within it thunder; the world, and those who dwell in it. Let the rivers clap their hands.

The Lord comes to judge the peoples with fairness.

The hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord, for he comes. He comes to judge the earth.

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He will judge the world with justice, and the peoples with fairness.

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Second reading

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Brothers and Sisters: You know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labour we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

Alleluia, alleluia, Straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. **Alleluia.**

Gospel Luke 21:5-19

At that time: While some were speaking of the Temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.' And they asked him, 'Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?' And he said, 'See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, "I am he!" and, "The time is at hand!" Do not go after them. And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. This will be your opportunity to bear witness. Settle it, therefore in your minds, not to meditate beforehand how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and sisters, and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. You will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.'

FEAST | MASS TIMES | INTENTIONS | EVENTS

Sunday Hymn Numbers 10am & 12pm Masses 804|608|639|644

Date & Feast	Time	Intention	Location	Parish Events in Parish Centre
Saturday 15 th St Albert the Great, Bp, D	5.00 pm 6.30 pm	Confessions Emily & Patrick McGahern – RIP Doreen & Alma Clunn – RIP	St Margaret's St Margaret's	
Sunday 16 th Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00 am 12.00 pm 6.00 pm	Vania Raquel Jose – TG George & Magdalen Stokes – RIP (F) Eunice Correia D'Almeida – RIP Kamala Peter & Shanthi Alphonse – TG 75 th Birthday	Convent Chapel St Margaret's St Margaret's	
Monday, 17 th Feria	09:30 am	Sister Mary Theresa McGinley – FMM – RIP	Chapel in Convent	10.30 – 12.00 Parish Food Bank 5.30-6.30 PARISH SURGERY
Tuesday, 18 th Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul, App	9.30 am 11.00 am	Joseph Reginold Thedarajah – RIP Eddie Moran – RIP Requiem Mass – Gillian McEvoy	St Margarets Convent Chapel	Nifty Fifties – 12 pm – 2 pm
Wednesday, 19 th Feria	9.30 am	Avril Tighe – Get Well St Joseph – INT	St Margaret's	10.30 – 12.00 Parish Food Bank 19.00 – AA Meeting
Thursday, 20 th Feria	7.00 pm 7.30-8.00	Maria Angelina Rodrigues – RIP Desmond Stanley – RIP Confessions & Adoration	St Margaret's St Margaret's	18.00 – 21.00 West Ham Sea Cadets
Friday, 21 st The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.15 am	Lewis Odoeme – TG Howard & Emma Dudfield	Convent Chapel	18.00 Legion of Mary
Saturday, 22 nd St Cecilia, V.M	5.00 pm 6.30 pm	Confessions Sebastian Ukegheson – RIP	St Margaret's St Margaret's	
Sunday, 23 rd Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Youth Sunday	10.00 am 12.00 pm 6.00 pm	Eddie Rodrigues – RIP Anthony Fernandes – RIP Sarah Ramos – INT Joseph Reginold Thedarajah Latani Family Deceased – RIP Marissa Velasco – 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

In the context of Luke, today's Gospel appears near the end of Jesus' teaching in Jerusalem, just prior to the events that will lead to his crucifixion. His warnings and predictions are ominous but can be read in many ways. To those who first heard Luke's Gospel, those may have been words of encouragement. The destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem by the Romans was history (70 A.D.); Luke's Gospel, Catholic scholars propose, was written between 80 and 90 A.D. His audience was probably Gentile Christians. Luke here tries to interpret the fall of Jerusalem for them and to locate it in God's plans for humankind (salvation history). At the same time, Luke is suggesting to his audience that there will be a considerable elapse of time before Jesus' final coming. Luke's listeners have likely seen much upheaval and are anxious to know if these are the signs of Jesus' coming. Luke is urging greater patience. In the second part of today's Gospel, Jesus warns that his followers will face persecution for their beliefs. Luke presents persecution as an opportunity for the followers of Jesus for “It will lead to your giving testimony” (Luke 21:13). In persecution God's wisdom and power will be shown in the example of followers of Jesus. Perseverance in the face of persecution will lead to their salvation. Here Jesus is assuring his followers that God is present to all believers, even in times of trouble. Ultimately, Jesus will witness to this with his own death. As disciples of Jesus, we try to follow his example, trusting in God's mercy and protection, even when we are facing difficulties.

WEEKLY NOTICES

IGNITE DEANERY YOUTH CELEBRATION NEXT SATURDAY, 22nd November AT ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH.

10.00am – 4.00pm. Newham Deanery & Partnerships Coordination & Council are delighted to invite you to IGNITE 2025 – Newham's Catholic youth event, bringing together young people to celebrate faith, joy, and community. Deanery. All Welcome. Please confirm your attendance by completing the registration form at the link below: [IGNITE 2025 Registration Form](#) ☎ 07946 092467.

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 2026 Open Day and Tour on the following dates: **20 Nov 2025, 27 Nov 2025 and 11 Dec 2025**. There are two slots available for you to choose from: 9.00am or 2pm. Please arrive at the main entrance, where you will be collected to look around the school and see our grounds and provisions. You may contact the school office for more information on 0207 476 1785.

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.

SUNG REQUIEM MASS will take place on Friday, 21st November 10.30am St Patrick's Cemetery Chapel, Langthorne Road, London E11 4HL

POPPY APPEAL 2025 Thank you for all those who supported this year's **Poppy Appeal** and those who went out collecting.

“FAMOUS 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.

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, 21st November, from 7 pm.**

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 Masses during November.

REQUIEM MASS THIS WEEK: Mrs Gillian MvEvoy 11.00 Tuesday 18th November in the Convent Chapel.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARISH GROUP SESSIONS – November sessions for the children who have registered to make their First Holy Communion are: Saturday 15th November and Saturday 29th November in the parish centre. (This is only for the parish group, not the children in St Helens. The mass for all children registered will take place on Sunday, 30th November, in the Convent Chapel.

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

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. **LECTIO DIVINA** led by Sister Agnes (FMM) – The next meeting will take place **on Wednesday, 26th November at 7.00 pm** in the Convent

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, **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!

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

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 £626.50 | Envelopes £523.30 | Digital Plates £371.00 | Total £1520.80

Thank you for your generous support of the Parish

Next Weeks Special Collection

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY

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.
CONFIRMATION	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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