

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST MARGARET ALL SAINTS

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE | 23rd November 2025 |

Youth Sunday

First reading

2 Samuel 5:1-3

In those days: All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, 'Behold, we are your bone and flesh. In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was you who led out and brought in Israel. And the Lord said to you, "You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be prince over Israel." ' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel.

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.' And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.
As it is decreed for Israel,

to give thanks to the name of the Lord. There were set the thrones for judgement, the thrones of the house of David.

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Second reading

Colossians 1:12-20

Brothers and Sisters: Let us give thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the Church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Alleluia, alleluia, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! **Alleluia.**

Gospel Luke 23:35-43

At that time: The rulers scoffed at Jesus, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there railed at Jesus, saying, 'Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.' And he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' And he said to him, 'Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.'

FEAST | MASS TIMES | INTENTIONS | EVENTS

Sunday Hymn Numbers 10am & 12pm Masses 319|320|323|322

Date & Feast	Time	Intention	Location	Parish Events in Parish Centre
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	
Monday, 24 th St Andrew Dung-Lac, Pr & Comps, MmMemorial	09:30 am	Gillian McEvoy - RIP Tracy Flynn - RIP	Chapel in Convent	10.30 - 12.00 Parish Food Bank 5.30-6.30 PARISH SURGERY
Tuesday, 25 th Feria	9.30 am	Carmenu Zerafa - RIP Catalino Emiliana Tabula - RIP	St Margarets	Nifty Fifties - 12 pm - 2 pm
Wednesday, 26 th Feria	9.30 am	Francesca Ofefua - TG Vasna Steel - INT	St Margaret's	10.30 - 12.00 Parish Food Bank 19.00 - AA Meeting
Thursday, 27 th Feria	7.00 pm 7.30-8.00	Steven Rodrigues - RIP Patricia Alice Beck - RIP Confessions & Adoration	St Margaret's St Margaret's	18.00 - 21.00 West Ham Sea Cadets
Friday, 28 th Feria	9.15 am	Adolph Lobo - RIP June & Don Storrie - RIP	Convent Chapel	18.00 Legion of Mary
Saturday, 29 th Feria	5.00 pm 6.30 pm	Confessions Sebastian Ukegheson - RIP Tracy Flynn - RIP	St Margaret's St Margaret's	
Sunday, 30 th First Sunday of Advent	10.00 am 12.00 pm 6.00 pm	Judy Lobo - TG Les Fehily - RIP Gillian McEvoy - RIP Patricia Alice Beck - RIP Annabella Franra De La Cruz - 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 as a Church, we conclude our liturgical year and celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The Gospel we proclaim shows the great mystery of our faith: In the moment of his crucifixion, Jesus is shown to be King and Savior of all. Luke's Gospel has been loaded with surprises: the poor are rich, sinners find salvation, the Kingdom of God is found in our midst. Here we see the greatest surprise of all. We are confronted with the crucified Jesus, whom faith tells us is King and Savior of all. The irony is that the inscription placed on the cross, perhaps in mockery, contains the profoundest of truth. As the leaders jeer, the thief crucified by his side recognizes Jesus as Messiah and King, and finds salvation. Jesus is King, but not the kind of king we might have imagined or expected. His kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries, but those who had the eyes of faith were able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we, too, struggle at times to recognize Jesus as King. Today's Gospel invites us to make our own judgment. With eyes of faith, we, too, recognize that Jesus, the crucified One, is indeed King and Savior of all.

WEEKLY NOTICES

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION – Registration will take place on Friday, 28th November at 6.30 pm in the parish centre. Children should be 14 years of age at registration and 15 years old on the day of confirmation.

DBS – Can all catechists, eucharistic ministers who make home visits and anyone who works with children and vulnerable adults within the parish please confirm with the parish office that your DBS is up to date and supply the up-to-date DBS numbers and date of issue at your earliest convenience.

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.

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, 5th December, 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.

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 6.30 pm 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, 10th December 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

FIRE MARSHAL TRAINING – We need a few people who attend Mass regularly to act as a fire marshal if ever needed. The training is supplied by a short video online. If this is something you could help us with, please see Fr. John or email the parish office.

CHRISTMAS FAIR AT ST HELEN'S SCHOOL - entrance via Falcon St E13 8DD Saturday 20th Dec 12:00-3:00 pm - £2 entry per person (under 2's free) cash & cards accepted - Tokens on sale for activities Visit Santa's grotto - Meet Fr Christmas & receive a Gift Hot & cold drinks, snacks & hot dogs on sale Music, arts & crafts, games, activities, bouncy castle & much more All money raised goes to Charity - HCPT Group 84 Registered Charity England & Wales (281074)

LOURDES WITH OUR DIOCESE: Join Bishop Alan and pilgrims from across our diocese in Lourdes next summer: Friday 17th - Friday 24th July 2026. Booking details will be available in the new 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 £671.05 | Envelopes £928.23 | Digital Plates £337.00 | Total £1936.28

Thank you for your generous support of the Parish

Next Weeks Special Collection

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

Franciscan Missionaries of Mary (FMM)

Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (CFR)

St Helen's School

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Youth Representative

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