

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST MARGARET ALL SAINTS

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT | 21st DECEMBER 2025 |

First reading

Isaiah 7:10-14

In those days, The Lord spoke to Ahaz: 'Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.' But Ahaz said, 'I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.' And Isaiah said, 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel.'

Let the Lord enter; he is the king of glory.

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.

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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.

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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.

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Second reading

Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an Apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ. To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia, Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel - which means, God with us. **Alleluia.**

Gospel Matthew 1:18-24

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to send her away quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, 'Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 'Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel' — which means, God with us. When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife.

PLEASE SEE THE SEPARATE SHEET FOR THE MASS READINGS FOR
CHRISTMAS AND THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

FEAST | MASS TIMES | INTENTIONS | EVENTS

Sunday Hymn Numbers 10am & 12pm Masses 112|114|113|117

Date & Feast	Time	Intention	Location	Parish Events in Parish Centre
Saturday 20 th Weekday of Advent	5.00 pm 6.30 pm	Confessions Sebastian Ukegheson - RIP Souls in Purgatory	St Margaret's St Margaret's	
Sunday 21 st Fourth Sunday of Advent	10.00 am 12.00 pm 6.00 pm	Kevin Lobo - TG Anna-Maria - TG Carlos & Fabio Rosario - INT Pachal Hayden - RIP	Convent Chapel St Margaret's St Margaret's	
Monday 22 nd Weekday of Advent	9.30 am	Pedro Da Silva - TG	Convent Chapel	10.30 – 12.00 Parish Food Bank
Tuesday, 23 rd Weekday of Advent	9.30 am	Graca Hendes - TG	St Margarets	
Wednesday, 24 th Christmas Eve	11.00am 5.30 pm 10.30 pm 11.30 pm	Confessions Evelyn Wickens - RIP Pre Mass Carol Service People of the Parish	St Margaret's Convent Chapel St Margaret's St Margaret's	19.00 – AA Meeting
Thursday, 25 th CHRISTMAS DAY	10.00 am 12.00 pm 6.00 pm	John & Steven Rodrigues - RIP Ramos Family - TG Rafael & Osvalda Barbosa - INT Sylvian Bedier - RIP	Convent Chapel St Margaret's St Margaret's	
Friday, 26 th St Stephen, First Martyr	10.30 am	Holy Family Wagner Vaz - INT	St Margaret's	
Saturday, 27 th St John, Ap, Ev	5.00 pm 6.30 pm	Confessions Steven Rodrigues - RIP	St Margaret's St Margaret's	
Sunday, 28 th The Holy Family Jesus, Mary & Joseph	10.00 am 12.00 pm 6.00 pm	Jim Clarke - RIP Isabel De Sousa & Family - TG Ramos Family - TG Dwalyhito Taborda - INT Jeremiah During -	Convent Chapel St Margaret's St Margaret's	
Monday 29 th St Thomas of Canterbury	10.00 am	Douglas Horwood - RIP (F)	St Margaret's	
Tuesday 30 th Feria	10.00 am	Edward Brooman - RIP (F) Maria Filomena D'Souzo - RIP	St Margaret's	
Wednesday 31st New Years Eve	10.00 am 8.00 pm	Francesca Da Silva - RIP People of the Parish	St Margaret's	
Thursday 1 st January New Years Day Mary Mother of God	10.00 am	Peace to the World Irley Barreto - INT	St Margaret's	
Friday 2 nd St Basil	10.00am	Paddy & Kay Freeman - INT	St Margaret's	
Saturday 3 rd Feria	6.30.pm	The Harkin Family - INT	St Margaret's	
Sunday 4 th Second After the Nativity	10.00 am 12.00 pm 6.00 pm	Reyonlds Family - INT Hugh & Maureen O'Neill - INT People of the Parish Henry William Wood & Emily May Wood - 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

**ALL MASSES AFTER CHRISTMAS UNTIL SUNDAY 4TH JANUARY
WILL TAKE PLACE IN ST MARGARETS CHURCH**

WEEKLY NOTICES

**ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND THE SISTERS IN THE PARISH, WE WISH YOU
AND YOUR FAMILIES A BLESSED AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS.**

CONFESSIONS ON CHRISTMAS EVE 11.00 – 12.00 St Margaret's Church

THE CRIB COLLECTION The money placed in the donation Box in front of the Crib will go to the work of the Catholic Children's Brentwood

WATCH THE SURPRISE, a wonderful play by Catholic author GK Chesterton this Christmas. Monday 22nd December 3 pm online www.ewtn.co.uk or on Sky 586. For GK Chesterton Prayers see: www.CatholicGKChestertonSociety.co.uk

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION – Registration took place on Friday, 28th November. Thank you to those who attended. If you have not registered to join the Confirmation Group for 2026, please see Fr John after Mass or attend the Parish Surgery on a Monday evening.

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, 16th January, from 7 pm**. If you are new to the Parish, you would be very welcome to come along and meet some new local friends.

LECTIO DIVINA led by Sister Agnes (FMM) – The next meeting will take place in the new year dates to be confirmed.

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.





FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARISH GROUP SESSIONS – January sessions for the children who have registered to make their First Holy Communion are: Saturday, 10th January, 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, 11th January, in the Convent Chapel**.

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.

THE PARISH 50/50 DRAW RESULT NOVEMBER 2025 - The December 50/50 Draw is now Open. Remember, if you're not in it, you can't win it!!! Tickets £1 on sale after Mass. **NOVEMBER Update:** The total amount collected for November **was £1239! £619.50** will go toward the maintenance of the Churches, and £619.50 will be prize money, **2nd PRIZE TICKET NUMBER 02064 (White Ticket) 3rd PRIZE TICKET NUMBER 02031 (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!

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. **We have two people volunteering so far, we need a few more.**

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 £692.59 | Envelopes £677.32 | Digital Plates £441.94 | Total £1811.85

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 has now taken place anyone wishing to make their confirmation please see Fr John.
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.
CERTIFICATES	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

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

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St Angela's Girls School

Youth Representative

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