

# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST MARGARET ALL SAINTS

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SECOND OF LENT | 01<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2026 |

## First reading

## Genesis 12:1-4a

In those days: The Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonours you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the Lord had told him.

*May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.*

The word of the Lord is upright, and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right, and his merciful love fills the earth.

*May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.*

Yes, the Lord's eyes are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their soul from death, to keep them alive in famine.

*May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.*

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. He is our help and our shield. May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.

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## Second reading

## 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Beloved: We share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling not because of our works, but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

**Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father. From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my beloved Son, listen to him'. Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.**

## Gospel Matthew 17:1-9

At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.' When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Rise, and have no fear.' And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one, but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, 'Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.'

## FEAST | MASS TIMES | INTENTIONS | EVENTS

### Sunday Hymn Numbers 10am & 12pm Masses 208|209|221|212

| Date & Feast  | Time                            | Intention  | Location  | Parish Events in Parish Centre  |
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| Saturday, 28 <sup>th</sup><br>Saturday of the first week of Lent    | 5.00 pm<br>6.30 pm              | Confessions<br>Rafeal & Patricko Gomes Barbosa - RIP   | St Margaret's<br>St Margaret's                    |   |
| Sunday 01 <sup>st</sup><br>Second Sunday of Lent                    | 10.00 am<br>12.00 pm<br>6.00 pm | Vanda Carvalio - RIP<br>Cipriana & Magdelina Tabula - RIP<br>Howard Dudfield - RIP<br>Vivien Finch - RIP | Convent Chapel<br>St Margaret's<br>St Margaret's  |   |
| Monday 02 <sup>nd</sup><br>Monday of the Second Week of Lent        | 9.30 am                         | Aniceta Monteiro - RIP   | Chapel in the Convent                             | 10.30 - 12.00 Parish Food Bank<br>5.30 - 6.30 Parish Priest Surgery             |
| Tuesday 03 <sup>rd</sup><br>Tuesday of the Second Week of Lent      | 9.30 am                         | Anita Rodrigo - RIP  | St Margaret's                                     | 12.00 - 2.00 - Nifty Fifties<br>18.30 RCIA Class                                |
| Wednesday, 04 <sup>th</sup><br>Wednesday of the Second Week of Lent | 9.30 am                         | Pedro Montoute (Pepe) - RIP  | St Margaret's<br>St Margaret's                    | 10.30 - 12.00 Parish Food Bank<br>19.00 - AA Meeting                            |
| Thursday 05 <sup>th</sup><br>Thursday of the Second Week of Lent    | 7.00 pm<br>7.30-8.30            | Angela Leitao & Family - INT<br>Confessions & Adoration  | Convent Chapel<br>St Margaret's                   | 18.00 - 21.00 West Ham Sea Cadets   |
| Friday 06 <sup>th</sup><br>Friday of the Second Week of Lent        | 9.15 am                         | John & Madeline Tan - RIP  | Convent Chapel<br>St Margarets                    | 18.00 Legion of Mary<br>18.30 Confirmation Group<br>19.00 STATIONS OF THE CROSS |
| Saturday, 07 <sup>th</sup><br>Saturday of the Second Week of Lent   | 5.00 pm<br>6.30 pm              | Confessions<br>Sebastian Ukegheson - RIP   | St Margaret's<br>St Margaret's                    | 12.00 Baptism   |
| Sunday, 08 <sup>th</sup><br>Third Sunday of Lent                    | 10.00 am<br>12.00 pm<br>6.00 pm | Alan Anthony Abella - INT<br>Paulo & Filipe - TG<br>Howard Dudfield - RIP<br>Folarins - INT              | Convent Chapel<br>St Margaret's<br>St Margaret's  | APPEAL FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND   |
| Other Sunday Masses   | 09.00 am<br>12.00 pm<br>5.00 pm | Romanian Mass (Latin Rite)1<br>Romanian Mass (Greek Catholic)<br>Latin Mass (Extraordinary Rite)         | St Margaret's<br>Convent Chapel<br>Convent Chapel |   |

### MEDITATION

For the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert to his Transfiguration. Each year on the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday of Lent each year, we hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The story of Jesus' Transfiguration is told in the three Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In each of those Gospels, the Transfiguration follows Jesus' first prediction of his death and his teaching about the costs of discipleship. Jesus' Transfiguration is a promise of Jesus' glory, his Resurrection.

On a mountain in today's reading, a voice affirms that Jesus is God's Son in words reminiscent of the voice at Jesus' baptism. In addition, the appearance of Moses and Elijah on the mountain connects this story with God's relationship to the people of Israel. Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets, respectively. Together with Jesus, they represent God's complete Word.

The Transfiguration occurs in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples: Peter, James, and John. In Matthew's Gospel, those disciples are among the first whom Jesus calls. The three men are identified as an "inner circle" among Jesus' disciples when Jesus asks them to accompany him to the Garden of Gethsemane just before his arrest.

# WEEKLY NOTICES

**READERS:** If you would like to be considered to read at the Easter Triduum, please see the notice in the sacristy at the church or at the notice at the back of the chapel.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION** Adults who have not been confirmed and would like to be confirmed should come to a meeting on **Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> March** in the Parish Centre at 6.30 pm.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS** of Howard Dudfield, Davidson Burke, Theresa Keke Ainadawodu, Fr Peter Leeming RIP

**LECTIO DIVINA** By Sr Agnes Will resume on **Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March** at 7 pm in St Margaret's Convent.

**ST HELENS SCHOOL | HEALTHY SCHOOL ZONE TIMES** Please be aware of the new traffic arrangements around St Helens School in Chargeable Lane, Falcon St and Bethel Avenue. **NO ACCESS BY CAR** is allowed between 8.15 and 9.15. and 2.45 and 4.00 pm Monday to Friday during Term Times. **THIS WILL COME INTO ACTION ON 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2026.** Does not apply at weekends and holidays.

**ARISE | THE PARISH GROUP FOR YOUNG ADULTS.** The next meeting will take place on **Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026, from 7 pm**, In the Parish Centre If you are new to the Parish, you would be very welcome to come along and meet some new local friends.

**SERIES OF FOUR LENTEN LECTURES 2026:** Will take place at Brentwood Cathedral Parish Hall commencing **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026** at 7.30 pm The theme this year is: "What does it truly mean to be Catholic?"

This invitation is to the whole Diocese of Brentwood. All Welcome!

Talk 2. **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March.** Rev Msgr Kevin W Hale, VG. Being Catholic and the call to holiness as seen in the lives of some recently canonised saints. 7.30 pm

Talk 3. **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March.** Mr Mauro Iannicelli. Prayer as the Foundation of our Catholic Life. 7.30 pm

Talk 4. **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March.** Rev Mgr John Armitage. The uniqueness of Catholicism for British Society. 7.30 pm

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARISH GROUP SESSIONS – March Classes** will be on **Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> March.** The mass for **ALL** children registered will take place on **Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> March, in the Convent Chapel at 10 am.** The next **Parents' meeting for all parents will take Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> April, 10 am in the Parish Hall.**

**FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND.** On 7/8 March, Brendan Metcalfe of Friends of the Holy Land, will visit our parish and speak about the work of the Friends and the difference it makes to the small Christian population in Israel, the West Bank, Gaza (Palestine) and Jordan. There will be a retiring collection and he will bring some leaflets/newsletters about the work of FHL. For more information, visit [www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk)

**CONFIRMATION 2026** The Confirmation Group will meet on **Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March at 18.30 in the Parish Centre.** The Bishop will be visiting the Parish for Confirmation on **Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> May**

## THE BOOK OF GENESIS – LENTEN TALK

On **Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> March** at 7 p.m. in the hall at Christ the Eternal High Priest Catholic Church, 410 Brentwood Road, in Gidea Park (RM2 6DH) Fr Adrian Graffy will be giving a talk on the Book of Genesis, a book which in different ways figures prominently during Lent. The talk will be preceded by light refreshments from 6.30 p.m. This free, in-person event is also available via live stream at [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org)

**REPOSITORY SHOP** We now have a Repository Shop in both Churches. The shops sell rosaries, statues, cards, medals, and candles and many other religious items. The Shop at St Margaret's is open daily from after Mass until 12. Noon, and the shop at the Convent is open after Mass

## THE PARISH 50/50 DRAW RESULT FEBRUARY 25 - THE MARCH 50/50 DRAW IS NOW OPEN.

Remember, if you're not in it, you can't win it!!! Tickets £1 on sale after Mass.

**FEBRUARY DRAW 1<sup>st</sup> PRIZE TICKET NUMBER 05857, 2<sup>nd</sup> PRIZE TICKET NUMBER 06232, 3<sup>rd</sup> PRIZE TICKET NUMBER 05246** The total amount raised in February was £844.00, £422.00 will be prize money, and £422.00 go towards the maintenance of the churches. 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!

**ST MARGARETS' 150<sup>TH</sup> JUBILEE** To arrange for our forthcoming 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. I would like to get a few people together as an organising committee. This will be to oversee the work and organise the events. If you would be willing to help, please let Fr John know by emailing the Parish email. The proposed events are Corpus Christi Procession, 150<sup>th</sup> Mass, Restoration of the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, Parish Census, Formal Parish Dinner, installation of a new Bell for St Margaret's, and restoration of the Lady Chapel and Sacred Heart Chapel.

**A DAY WITH MARY** is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on **Saturday 14 March 2026 (9.45am to 5.00pm).** Further information is available at <https://www.adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/>

## ST HELEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - NURSERY APPLICATIONS

If you have a child born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023, and would like to apply for a place at St Helen's Nursery, please visit our [website here](#) for application forms and more information or visit the school office. Posters with a QR Code are also displayed at the back of the Church. If you would like to visit the Nursery for a tour, please come along on a **Wednesday** at either 9am or 2:30pm.



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   |
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WEEKLY COLLECTION

Plate Collection £843.33 | Envelopes £501.28 | Digital Plates £450.00 | Total £1794.72

*Thank you for your generous support of the Parish*

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| 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 most Mondays between 5.30 and 6.30 in the Parish Centre.<br><b>CHECK WITH NEWSLETTER</b>  |
| PARISH OFFICE                              | <b>THE PARISH OFFICE</b> is open 5 days a week from 9am until 1pm. All normal enquiries can be made by phone 0207 476 4129 or email, <a href="mailto:canningtown@brcdt.org">canningtown@brcdt.org</a> . 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. The next group will start after the Summer<br>You may like to go online and have a look at the following websites. <a href="http://www.catholic.com/tract/how-to-become-a-catholic">www.catholic.com/tract/how-to-become-a-catholic</a>   <a href="https://mycatholic.life/rcia/">https://mycatholic.life/rcia/</a>     |
| REPOSITORY                                 | The <b>Repository Shop</b> 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                                    | <b>Baptisms</b> are celebrated on the First and Third Saturday of the month at 12.00, apart from August.<br><b>Registration for Baptism</b> can be made at the <b>Parish Surgery</b> between 5.30 and 6.30 pm in the Parish Centre behind St Margaret's Church. (Check with Newsletter)<br><b>Baptism Preparation</b> 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 <b>First Confession</b> and <b>First Holy Communion</b> takes place each year. There are two Groups: <b>St Helens Group</b> , for children attending the Parish School, and the <b>Parish Group</b> , for children attending Catholic schools outside of the Parish and children attending Non-Catholic Schools. The Registration for the next group in 2027 will take place in <b>September 2026</b>                   |
| CONFIRMATION                               | REGISTRATION has now taken place. Anyone wishing to make their confirmation, please see Fr John.  |
| MARRIAGE                                   | Couples who wish to get <b>married</b> must give at least <b>SIX MONTHS'</b> 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 <b>Sacrament of the Sick</b> , 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                               | <b>BAPTISMAL AND CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES.</b> 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

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