

# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST MARGARET ALL SAINTS

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EASTER SUNDAY | 05<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2026 |

## First reading

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: 'You yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and caused him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

*This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.*

Give praise to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever. Let the house of Israel say, 'His mercy endures for ever.'

*This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.*

The Lord's right hand is exalted. The Lord's right hand has done mighty deeds. I shall not die, I shall live and recount the deeds of the Lord.

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The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the Lord has this been done, a marvel in our eyes.

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## Second reading

Colossians 3:1-4

Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

**Alleluia, alleluia. Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed; let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord. Alleluia.**

## Gospel John 20:1-9

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on the head of Jesus, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

## FEAST | MASS TIMES | INTENTIONS | EVENTS

### Sunday Hymn Numbers 10am & 12pm Masses 268 | 272 | 283 | 287

Date & Feast	Time	Intention	Location	Parish Events in Parish Centre
Saturday, 04 <sup>th</sup> Holy Saturday	12.00 pm 07.00 pm	Confessions Ojefua & Odoeme Family - INT	St Margaret's Convent Chapel	THE EASTER VIGIL
Sunday, 05 <sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday	10.00 am 12.00 pm 6.00 pm	Evelyn Wickens - RIP Gregoria Dagum Da Silva Family - TG Maurice Mithcell Matteo Leone - RIP	Convent Chapel St Margaret's St Margaret's	
Monday, 06 <sup>th</sup> Easter Monday	9.30 am 10.30 am	Noreen Feeney - INT People of the Parish	Chapel in the Convent St Margaret's	NO Parish Food Bank NO PARISH SURGERY
Tuesday, 07 <sup>th</sup> Easter Tuesday	9.30 am	Annabella De La Cruz - RIP	St Margaret's	12.00 - 2.00 - Nifty Fifties
Wednesday, 08 <sup>th</sup> Easter Wednesday	09.30 am	Maurice Mitchell - RIP	St Margaret's	10.30 - 12.00 Parish Food Bank 19.00 - AA Meeting
Thursday, 09 <sup>th</sup> Easter Thursday	7.00 pm 7.30 pm	Ivone Goncalves - RIP Confessions	St Margaret's	18.00 - 21.00 West Ham Sea Cadets
Friday, 10 <sup>th</sup> Easter Friday	09.15 am	Theresa Zarafa - RIP John & Madaline Tan - RIP	Convent Chapel	
Saturday, 11 <sup>th</sup> Easter Saturday	05.00 pm 06.30 pm	Confessions Anthony Ojefua - RIP Olive Towse - RIP	St Margaret's St Margaret's	
Sunday, 12 <sup>th</sup> Second Sunday of Easter	10.00 am 12.00 pm 6.00 pm	Paddy & Kay Freeman - INT Da Silva Family - TG Peggy McGinn - INT Agostinho Lopes - 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) <sup>1</sup> Romanian Mass (Greek Catholic) Latin Mass (Extraordinary Rite)	St Margaret's Convent Chapel Convent Chapel	

### MEDITATION

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

## WEEKLY NOTICES

**THE EASTER COLLECTION** This collection is part of the priests' allowance along with the Christmas Collection and the Stipends given for a Mass. Thank you for your wonderful generosity during the year. It is much appreciated. Fr John

**CONFIRMATION 2026** The next Confirmation Group will meet on **Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> April at 18.30 in the Parish Centre.**

**GIFT AID NOTICE** - 47 boxes of Gift Aid envelopes for the 2026/27 financial year remain uncollected! Current members of the Gift Aid scheme should please pick up their envelopes after Masses at the weekend or from the Parish Office during office hours during the week. If you do not find yours, please leave your name and number for the Gift Aid organiser to get back to you. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP, SUMMER 2026.** Applications are now open for children currently in school year 5 - 7 (i.e. aged 9-12 in August 2026) to spend a week at camp. 25<sup>th</sup> July - 1<sup>st</sup> August or 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> August. Activities include archery, fishing, AquaPark visit, football, kayaking and much more. The camp is especially for children who may not otherwise have a summer holiday. Suggested donation £200, but full bursaries are available. All application details are at <https://boscocamp.co.uk>. Places are likely to go quickly - early applications are encouraged.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION** - The next meeting will be on **Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> April, in the Parish Centre at 6.30 pm.**

**LECTIO DIVINA:** The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> April, at 7 pm in St Margaret's Convent.**

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM - 23RD MAY 2026:** Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham. We will celebrate Mass at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House. If you would like to come, please contact the parish office.

**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, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026, from 7-9 pm** (arrive when you can) - You can join the WhatsApp group chat on the notice board at the back of the church via QR code or for more information speak with the priest. If you are new to the Parish, you would be very welcome to come along and meet some new local friends.

**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.



**St Helen's Catholic Primary School - 2 Year Old Provision (Preschool)**

If you have a child born between between 1st September 2023 and 31st August 2024, and would like to apply for a place at St Helen's Preschool, 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. We will be holding an Open Morning and Information Session on Thursday 23rd April at 9:30am or 5:00pm - come to the main entrance on Chargeable Lane.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARISH GROUP SESSIONS** - April sessions for the children who have registered to make their First Holy Communion are: Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> April, 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, 19<sup>th</sup> April, in the Convent Chapel at 10 am. THE NEXT PARENTS' MEETING FOR ALL PARENTS WILL TAKE PLACE SATURDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 10 AM IN THE PARISH HALL.**

**LAST WEDNESDAY CLUB** - Will unfortunately will not take place on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March, but will resume for St George's Day celebration on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April between 2pm-4pm.

**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 MARCH 26 - THE APRIL 50/50 DRAW IS NOW OPEN.**

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

**MARCH DRAW 1<sup>st</sup> PRIZE TICKET NUMBER 04573, 2<sup>nd</sup> PRIZE TICKET NUMBER 06485, 3<sup>rd</sup> PRIZE TICKET NUMBER 06786.** The total amount raised in March was £787.00, £393.50 will be prize money, and £393.50 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!

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 £1035.70 | Envelopes £619.56 | Digital Plates £717.00 | Total **£2372.26**

*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, <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. 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> 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 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 <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 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	<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

<b>PARISH CONTACTS</b>	
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