

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST MARGARET ALL SAINTS

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | 17th MAY 2026 |

First reading

Acts 1:12-14

After Jesus was taken up into heaven the Apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers and sisters.

I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread?

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There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of

my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord, to enquire at his temple.

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O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer me. Of you my heart has spoken, 'Seek his face.'

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Second reading

1 Peter 4:13-16

Beloved: Rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evildoer, or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

Alleluia, alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord. I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice. **Alleluia**

Gospel John 17:1-11a

At that time: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. 'I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.'

FEAST | MASS TIMES | INTENTIONS | EVENTS

Sunday Hymn Numbers 10am & 12pm Masses 769|289|762|290

Date & Feast	Time	Intention	Location	Parish Events in Parish Centre
Saturday, 16 th Saturday of the Sixth Week of Easter	5.30 pm 6.30 pm	Confessions Lepceis Elitao - INT	St Margaret's St Margaret's	12.00 - Baptisms
Sunday, 17 th Seventh Sunday of Easter	10.00 am 12.00 pm 6.00 pm	Edwardo De La Cruz - RIP Hilario Ramos - RIP Jeannette Mercieca - RIP	Convent Chapel St Margaret's St Margaret's	
Monday, 18 th Monday of the Seventh Week of Easter	9.30 am	Kit - INT Hammill Family - INT	Chapel in the Convent	10.30-12.00 Parish Food Bank <u>NO PARISH SURGERY</u>
Tuesday, 19 th St Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury	9.30 am	Lousia Mallo - INT	St Margaret's	12-00 - 2.00 - Nifty Fifties
Wednesday, 20 th St Bernadine of Siena	09.30 am	Theresa Keke Ainadawodu - RIP	St Margaret's	10.30 - 12.00 Parish Food Bank 19.00 - AA Meeting
Thursday, 21 st St Christopher of Magallanes and his Comps, Mm	7.00 pm 7.30 pm	People of the Parish Confessions	St Margaret's St Margaret's	
Friday, 22 nd St Rita of Cascia	09.15 am 11.00 am	?? Maxine Aldridge - INT Jubilee Mass for Sisters	Convent Chapel Convent Chapel	
Saturday, 23 rd Saturday of the Seventh Week of Easter	05.00 pm 06.30 pm	Confessions Servio Taborda & Family - INT	St Margaret's St Margaret's	7.00 am - Meet for Walsingham Pilgrimage
Sunday, 24 th PENTECOST	10.00 am 12.00 pm 6.00 pm	Vicky Malabanan - RIP Isabel & Sousa Family - RIP Lolita Bolcalan - INT	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's reading is a prayer, which appears at the conclusion of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. At the end of the prayer, Jesus is arrested in the garden. The prayer might be read as Jesus' final commendation of himself to the Father. In the prayer, Jesus also expresses care and concern for his disciples. Jesus' prayer reaffirms the complete union between Jesus and the Father. Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus has been presented as the Word, who pre-existed with the Father and was sent to do the Father's work on earth. In this prayer we learn that Jesus' life and ministry have been directed toward one purpose, revealing the Father. When this work is accomplished, Jesus is to return to the Father to be glorified. Regardless of what happens to Jesus, in John's Gospel, Jesus and the Father are in charge. Even in the description of Jesus' death, Jesus does not simply die but instead hands over his spirit. In today's Gospel we also note the distinction found in John's Gospel between the world and the disciples. The disciples are in the world, but they are separate from it because they have been given to Jesus. They are chosen from the world to be in service to the world for its salvation. This salvation has been accomplished in Jesus because Jesus has revealed the Father to the world, but the disciples will be sent by Jesus to make both the Father and Jesus known to the world. Jesus' prayer is for the disciples' work in the world.

WEEKLY NOTICES

A heartfelt thank you to all the parishioners who generously gave their time and energy to help clear the grounds at the Convent Chapel. Your hard work and spirit of service have made a wonderful difference, and your care for our parish community is deeply appreciated. May God bless you for your kindness and dedication.

BISHOP'S VISITATION The Bishop will be coming to the Parish for his Visitation and Confirmation on Sunday, 31st May. He will celebrate the Confirmation Mass at 10.00 in the Convent Chapel and then the 12.00 Noon Mass at St Margaret's Church.

THE NEXT CONFIRMATION GROUP will meet on Friday, 22nd May at 18.30 in the Parish Centre. The rehearsal for the Mass will take place on Saturday, 30th May at 10.00 in the Convent Chapel.

ADULT CONFIRMATION – The next Adult Confirmation Group will be on Tuesday, 26th May at 6.30 in the Parish Centre. The rehearsal for the Mass will take place on Saturday, 30th May at 10.00 in the Convent Chapel

ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC (ABC Group) We shall be starting a new group in the Parish to welcome and support the increasing number of people who are asking to join the Catholic Church. Already, we have seven people who have asked to join the Church in this coming Year. The ABC will run during the year, meeting with people making enquiries about the faith and welcoming them into our community. The formal preparation leading to baptism or reception into the Church starts in October each year.

SISTERS JUBILEE MASS Friday this week, there will be Mass in the Convent chapel at 11.00 am to celebrate the Jubilee of three of our sisters from the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary. You would be most welcome to come along to what will be a memorable celebration. St Helens School will be leading the singing.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE. 23rd May. The coach will leave on Saturday at exactly 7.30 from St Margaret's Church. Please arrive at 7 am so that the Coach can leave on time. There are a few tickets available, which will be available this Sunday for sale. Please see Solomon for details.

150TH ANIVERSARY CELEBRATION. The Bishop has confirmed that he will be able to join us for Mass on Saturday 26th September in the grounds of St Helens School. The Mass will be at 12.00 Noon followed by refreshments. **The Mass will be open to all, but there will be limited seats of 400. Tickets will be reserved for those who need to sit down. You may bring your own chair.**

CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – We need volunteers to help clean the Convent Chapel on Saturday mornings from 9.30 am. If you can spare some time, please see Vida at the Convent Chapel after mass or email the Parish Secretary.

ARISE | THE PARISH GROUP FOR YOUNG ADULTS. This group is for young adults between the ages of 18 and 35. It meets every other week on a Friday night upstairs in the Parish Centre. The next meeting will take place on **Friday, 22nd May 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.

LECTIO DIVINA: The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 20th May, at 7 pm in St Margaret's Convent.

LAST WEDNESDAY CLUB – Will run every last Wednesday of the month in the Parish Hall.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION Rehearsal for the Parish Group will be Friday, 5th June 6pm in the Convent Chapel, and rehearsal for the school group will be Friday 12th June 6pm in the Convent Chapel. This year we will have our Corpus Christi Procession, which will be on Sunday, 14th June, starting at St Helens School grounds at 3pm, processing through Hermit Road Park, then into the Convent Chapel for Benediction

GIFT AID: The new financial year has begun. Please discard all old envelopes and pick up your new ones if you have not done so already. Over 20 boxes of issued envelopes remain uncollected! If you do not find yours, please leave your name and envelope number, and the Gift Aid organiser will get back to you as soon as possible. Please note that some numbers have been reallocated, so it is important to only use envelopes marked for the 2026/27 financial year. Thank you very much for your continued generosity.

PARISH MARCH DRAW 1st PRIZE TICKET NUMBER 04573, 2nd PRIZE TICKET NUMBER 06485, 3rd PRIZE TICKET NUMBER 06786. TICKETS FOR THE MAY DRAW WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM SATURDAY, 2ND MAY – YOU'VE GOT TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!

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 £855.77 | Envelopes £556.21 | Digital Plates £398.50 | Total £1810.48

Thank you for your generous support of the Parish

THIS WEEKS SPECIAL COLLECTION

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS

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 on Tuesdays 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 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

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