

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST MARGARET ALL SAINTS

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Eleventh Sunday on Ordinary Time | 14th June 2026 |

First reading

Exodus 19:2-6a

In those days: The people of Israel came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, while Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him out of the mountain, saying, 'Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: "You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." '

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy.

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Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us; we belong to him. We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

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Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age.

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Second reading

Romans 5:6-11

Brothers and Sisters: While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die – but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Alleluia, alleluia. The kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel. **Alleluia**

Gospel Matthew 9:36-10:8

At that time: When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.' And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. The names of the twelve Apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And proclaim as you go, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.'

FEAST | MASS TIMES | INTENTIONS | EVENTS

Sunday Hymn Numbers 10am & 12pm Masses 466 | 828 | 469 | 869

Date & Feast	Time	Intention	Location	Parish Events in Parish Centre
Saturday, 13 th The Immaculate Heart of Mary	11.00 am 02.00 pm 5.30 pm 6.30 pm	First Holy Communion Mass-School Group 1 First Holy Communion Mass- School Group 2 Confessions Geri Kumbur - TG Tony Sevilla - TG	Convent Chapel St Margaret's St Margaret's	
Sunday, 14 th Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time	10.00 am 12.00 pm 6.00 pm	Maria Fernandes - RIP Joao Isidro - TG Osvalda Barbosa - INT Joao Semedo - RIP	Convent Chapel St Margaret's St Margaret's	3.00 pm - Corpus Christi Procession - St Helens School to the Convent Chapel
Monday, 15 th Feria	9.30 am	Modesto Burbos - RIP Celestino Magtultol - RIP	Chapel in the Convent	10.30-12.00 PARISH FOOD BANK 17.30-18.30 PARISH SURGERY 19.00 - 150 th Committee Meeting
Tuesday, 16 th St Richard of Chichester, Bp	9.30 am	Irlye, Wagner, Dwaly, Ito Barrotu - INT	St Margaret's	12.00 - 2.00 - Nifty Fifties
Wednesday, 17 th Feria	09.30 am	Jo-Anne Linelhace - RIP Pacita Carino - RIP	St Margaret's	10.30 - 12.00 Parish Food Bank 19.00 - AA Meeting
Thursday, 18 th Feria	7.00 pm 7.30 pm	Maria Da Silva - TG Confessions	St Margaret's St Margaret's	
Friday, 19 th St Romuald, Ab	09.15 am	Maria Thevarajah - TG	Convent Chapel	19.00 Arise Young Adults Group
Saturday, 20 th Feria	05.00 pm 06.30 pm	Confessions Rosa Maria Silva - RIP Francesca Martes - RIP	St Margaret's St Margaret's	12.00 Baptisms
Sunday, 21 st Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00 am 12.00 pm 6.00 pm	Jennifer Catherine Gates - RIP Alfred Carmenu Carmelo & Family - RIP Maribel Diogo - 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

In today's Gospel, Jesus shares his mission to proclaim the kingdom of heaven with his disciples. The signs of the kingdom's presence consist of the work that Jesus has already been doing: the sick are cured, lepers are cleansed, demons are driven out, and the dead are raised to life. The disciples are sent to continue doing the work that Jesus has begun. This is a moment of transition in Matthew's Gospel. The focus has shifted from the ministry of Jesus to the work of the community that he has inaugurated. More than any other Gospel, Matthew's Gospel elaborates on the work of the Church, which is to continue after Jesus' death and resurrection.

The Gospel reports that Jesus commissions twelve disciples. Many scholars believe that the twelve disciples symbolize the twelve tribes of Israel. It designates, therefore, continuity between Israel and the Church.

Matthew lists the names of the twelve disciples, as do Mark and Luke. Matthew also uses the word *apostle* when referring to the Twelve. The word *apostle* means "one who is sent." In this context, Matthew is calling attention to the mission that the twelve disciples are being given. They are sent by Jesus to proclaim the kingdom of heaven in word and deed. As Jesus sent his disciples to continue his work and mission, so too the Church is sent by Jesus. The Church is his continuing presence on earth. Every member of the Church is sent by Jesus to contribute to this mission

WEEKLY NOTICES

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION SUNDAY AFTERNOON, leaving at 15.00 from the back entrance of St Helens. All Children who have made their First Holy Communion this year to be at the school by 2.45 please to form up the procession. All Parishioners who will be walking in the procession please be ready to move off at 15.00. Please make a special effort to come along for this first celebration of our 150 Years. Please come along to support our children in this wonderful public witness of our belief in the Real presence of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Children from St Helens School who made their First Holy Communion yesterday. A big thank you to the teachers at St Helen's for preparing the Children for this Special day

150TH CELEBRATION PLANNING GROUP. This will take place on Monday, 15th June at 19.00 in the Parish Centre

ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC (ABC Group) At the moment, we have 15 people who have enquired about becoming a Catholic, so 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. If you are not a Catholic but have been attending Mass with us, you would be most welcome to attend. If you know someone who asks you about your faith, invite them to come along and come with them. The first **About Becoming Catholic** group will meet, for an initial meeting, on **Monday, 22nd June** in the Parish Centre for an hour for people making enquiries about the Catholic faith. The formal preparation leading to baptism or reception into the Church will start in October this year. **We look forward to welcoming you all.**

LECTIO DIVINA: Lectio Divina is a prayerful practice of reading, meditation, and reflection on Holy Scripture, aimed at deepening our relationship with God. The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, 17th June, at 7 pm in St Margaret's Convent. All welcome**

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, 19th June 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.

150TH ANIVERSARY CELEBRATION. The Bishop 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.**

SEA CADET FARE IN THE PARISH HALL - Saturday 27th June 2026, 12pm - 4pm. Stalls, games, tombola, raffle, refreshments
Stalls available to hire for people to sell crafts £10each (please contact in advance, by email 1stlieutenant@westhamseacadets.org
If there are any musicians, bands, singers who would like to entertain us and are available please email the address above.

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

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.

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.

THE HOLY LAND: GIFT OR ENTITLEMENT? - TALK AT GIDEA PARK - For decades the struggle over the Land has led to conflict in the Middle East. How should believers interpret the biblical texts related to the Land?
Our renowned speaker, Fr John Deehan, is a Scripture scholar, who taught for many years at Allen Hall Seminary. Fr John will speak on Saturday 4th July from 11 am until 1 pm, with break for lunch, at Christ the Eternal High Priest Catholic Church, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. Admission free. Coffee from 10.30. The event will also be available via live stream on www.whatgoodnews.org

ST BONAVENTURE'S SCHOOL IS LOOKING FOR A SCHOOL RECEPTIONIST AND ADMIN ASSISTANT. Full details and application via the TES website, from this link on St Bon's website: <https://www.stbons.org/workwithus/>

THE PARISH 50/50 MAY DRAW RESULT- 1st PRIZE TICKET NUMBER 07004, 2nd PRIZE TICKET NUMBER 07485, 3rd PRIZE TICKET NUMBER 07951. TICKETS FOR THE JUNE DRAW ARE AVAILABLE AFTER MASS - The total amount raised in May was £528.00, £264 will be prize money, and £264 will go towards the maintenance of the churches. Thank you for your support. If you have a winning ticket, please contact the parish office. **REMEMBER 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 £1199.53 | Envelopes £476.65 | Digital Plates £444.00 | **Total £2120.18**

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 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	
Parish Secretary: Marie O'Hanlon	Monday – Friday 9am – 1pm 020 7476 4129
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