

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST MARGARET ALL SAINTS

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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 21st June 2026 |

First reading

Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah said: I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! 'Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' say all my close friends, watching for my fall. 'Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him.' But the Lord is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten. O Lord of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause. Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

In your great mercy, answer me, O Lord.

It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame has covered my face. To my own kin I have become an outcast, a stranger to the children of my mother. Zeal for your house consumes me, and taunts against you fall on me.

In your great mercy, answer me, O Lord.

But I pray to you, O Lord, at an acceptable time. In your great mercy, answer me, O God, with your faithful salvation. Lord, answer, for your mercy is kind; in your great compassion, turn towards me.

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The poor when they see it will be glad, and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord attends to the needy and does not spurn his own in their chains. Let the heavens and the earth give him praise, the seas and everything that moves in them.

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Second reading

Romans 5:12-15

Brothers and Sisters: Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned – for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for many.

Alleluia, alleluia. The Spirit of truth will bear witness about me, says the Lord, and you also will bear witness
Alleluia

Gospel Matthew 10:26-33

At that time: Jesus instructed his Apostles: 'Have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father knowing. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.'

FEAST | MASS TIMES | INTENTIONS | EVENTS

Sunday Hymn Numbers 10am & 12pm Masses 883|872|953|721

Date & Feast	Time	Intention	Location	Parish Events in Parish Centre
Saturday, 20 th Feria	5.30 pm 6.30 pm	Confessions Rosa Maria Silva - RIP Francesca Martes - RIP	St Margaret's St Margaret's	12.00 pm Baptism
Sunday, 21 st Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00 am 12.00 pm 6.00 pm	Jennifer Gates - RIP Alfred Carmenu Carmelo & Family - RIP Maribel Diogo - INT	Convent Chapel St Margaret's St Margaret's	
Monday, 22 nd SS John Fisher & Thomas More, Mm	9.30 am	Souls in Purgatory	Chapel in the Convent	10.30-12.00 PARISH FOOD BANK 17.30-18.30 PARISH SURGERY
Tuesday, 23 rd Feria	9.30 am	Marina Lopes - INT	St Margaret's	12.00 - 2.00 - Nifty Fifties
Wednesday, 24 th Nativity of St John the Baptist	09.30 am	Intentions of Divine Love	St Margaret's	10.30 - 12.00 Parish Food Bank 14.00 - Last Wednesday Club 19.00 - AA Meeting
Thursday, 25 th Feria	7.00 pm 7.30 pm	Alanna Rose Abella - TG Confessions	St Margaret's St Margaret's	
Friday, 26 th Feria	10.15 am 10.15 am	Ronald Corpuz - TG Requiem Mass Victor Osemwengie	Convent Chapel Convent Chapel	
Saturday, 27 th Feria	05.00 pm 06.30 pm	Confessions Steven Rodrigues - RIP John Ellul - RIP	St Margaret's St Margaret's	12 pm - 4 pm Sea Cadet Summer Fair
Sunday, 28 th SS Peter and Paul, App HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION	10.00 am 12.00 pm 6.00 pm	Evelyn Wickens - RIP Louisa Mallo - TG Eugene Bolbeau - RIP Jose Antonio Silva - 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	

MEDITATION

We read today's Gospel in the context of last week's Gospel in which Jesus sent the twelve disciples to proclaim the kingdom of heaven. In between last week's reading and today's reading, Jesus has predicted that the disciples will face difficulties in their mission. Many people will not receive them well, even within the land of Israel. Even family members will turn away from the disciples because of the disciples' commitment to Jesus and the kingdom. Today's Gospel offers the disciples consolation against this difficult truth.

This section of Matthew's Gospel should be read in the context of Matthew's intended audience, a Jewish-Christian community. The Gospel alludes to the dangers and persecutions that this community has most likely already faced and will continue to face. To reassure this community, Matthew recalls for them the encouraging words of Jesus that we read today. In this Gospel passage, Jesus might be understood as putting suffering in perspective. The disciples of Jesus are called upon to keep their focus on God. Those who can harm the body do not have ultimate power; God does. Still persecution and suffering can not be avoided or prevented. But Jesus reassures his disciples that God knows and cares about what happens to his children.

We might not face the same type of persecution, but we do experience difficulties as we endeavour to live a Christian life. Sometimes we let the opinions of others prevent us from doing what we know to be right. We need the reminder that what God thinks about us is more important. We are reassured by the promise that God cares for us and protects us.

WEEKLY NOTICES

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 at 7pm** 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.**

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION – A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make our Corpus Christi Procession on Sunday such a tremendous success. We are deeply grateful to all who participated, including those who organised, prepared, carried banners and canopies, served in various ministries, ensured safety along the route, and all who joined us in prayerful witness. It was a beautiful celebration of our faith and a powerful public expression of our devotion to the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Over 400 people turned out, prayerful atmosphere, and spirit of unity demonstrated the strength and vitality of our parish community

DAY FOR LIFE 2026 – On Sunday, 21 June, we mark the Day for Life under the theme “The Wonder of the Child in the Womb.” The theme also recognises the loss of children who died before birth and the grief of their parents. The bishops’ message and prayers can be found on the Day for Life website: www.dayforlife.org. The second collection will go towards the Day for Life Fund, which distributes grants to organisations that promote respect for life from conception until natural death. You can also donate online via the Day for Life website.

NEWHAM DEANERY YOUTH MASS - All young people are warmly invited to the Newham Deanery Youth Mass on Sunday 21st June at 7pm, Our Lady of Compassion, 555 Green Street, Upton Park, London, E13 9BF. This Mass is aimed primarily at secondary school-age young people through to young adults, although Year 5 and Year 6 pupils are also warmly welcome. Join us for an evening of prayer, worship, music, fellowship and community with young people from across the deanery. There will also be food, music and opportunities to connect after Mass and, weather permitting, a barbecue. Confirmation candidates, youth groups and families are especially encouraged to attend.

THERE WILL BE NO MORNING SCHOOL MASS ON FRIDAY, 26th JUNE, due to a Requiem Mass for Victor Osemwengie RIP at 10.15in the Convent Chapel

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.

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, 3rd July 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: 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, 1st July, at 7 pm in St Margaret’s Convent. All welcome**

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.**

PARISH PICNIC AND GAMES DAY On Sunday, 6th of September, we shall be holding our first Parish Picnic and Games Day at a local Park. It will start at 2pm Bring your own food, and games will be organised. All welcome. One of our 150th Celebrations

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 PARISH 50/50 APRIL 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 £1111.27 | Envelopes £535.17 | Digital Plates £495.00 | **Total £2141.44**

Thank you for your generous support of the Parish

THIS WEEKS SPECIAL COLLECTION

DAY FOR LIFE

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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