

# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST MARGARET ALL SAINTS

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 5<sup>th</sup> JULY 2026 |

## First reading

## Zechariah 9:9-10

Thus says the Lord: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Sion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

*I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.*

I will extol you, my God and king, and bless your name for ever and ever. I will bless you day after day, and praise your name for ever and ever.

*I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.*

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in mercy. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.

*I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.*

All your works shall thank you, O Lord, and all your faithful ones bless you. They shall speak of the glory of your reign, and declare your mighty deeds.

*I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.*

The Lord is faithful in all his words, and holy in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall, and raises up all who are bowed down.

*I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.*

## Second reading

## Romans 8:9, 11-13

Brothers and Sisters: You are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

**Alleluia, alleluia.** I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children. **Alleluia**

## Gospel Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus declared, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

## FEAST | MASS TIMES | INTENTIONS | EVENTS

### Sunday Hymn Numbers 10am & 12pm Masses 702|908|967|863

Date & Feast	Time	Intention	Location	Parish Events in Parish Centre
Saturday, 4 <sup>th</sup> St Elizabeth of Portugal	5.30 pm 6.30 pm	Confessions Sean Reilly - RIP Mary Ann Ellul - RIP	St Margaret's St Margaret's	
Sunday, 5 <sup>th</sup> Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00 am 12.00 pm 6.00 pm	Holy Souls Juiliana Ramos - INT Maria, Leomtimo, Francisca Fernandes - RIP	Convent Chapel St Margaret's St Margaret's	
Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> St Maria Goretti, V,M	9.30 am	Maria Evans - Get Well	Chapel in the Convent	10.30-12.00 PARISH FOOD BANK 17.30-18.30 PARISH SURGERY
Tuesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> Feria	9.30 am	Kathleen Farrugia - RIP	St Margaret's	12.00 - 2.00 - Nifty Fifties
Wednesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> Feria	09.30 am	Bruno Fernandes - INT		10.30 - 12.00 Parish Food Bank 19.00 - AA Meeting
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> Feria	7.00 pm 7.30 pm	Luiz, Manuel, Louro, Trigo Malheiro - RIP James Michael Stanley - RIP Confessions	St Margaret's St Margaret's	
Friday, 10 <sup>th</sup> Feria	09.15 am	Thanksgiving	Convent Chapel	
Saturday, 11 <sup>th</sup> St Benedict, Ap	05.00 pm 06.30 pm	Confessions Francesca Ojefua - INT	St Margaret's St Margaret's	
Sunday, 12 <sup>th</sup> Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time Sea Sunday	10.00 am 12.00 pm 6.00 pm	Nina Go - TG Editha Floerndo - RIP Holy Souls	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 from Matthew's Gospel comes after a discourse in which Jesus reproaches people who have witnessed his mighty deeds yet still lack belief. In this context, today's Gospel explains the reason for this unbelief and reveals what is necessary for faith. Today's Gospel also continues to enhance our understanding of discipleship as last week's Gospel did.

Jesus first prays in thanksgiving to God who has made himself known to Jesus' disciples. He praises God who has made himself known to the "little ones" and not to the wise and learned. As in other recent readings from Matthew's Gospel, a contrast is made here between the unbelieving Pharisees, who are wise and learned, and the faithful disciples, tax collectors, and sinners with whom Jesus keeps company.

The second part of this reading calls to our attention the unity between the Father and the Son. God has made himself known through Jesus, and in knowing Jesus, we come to know the Father. In Jesus' life and in his person, God reveals himself to us.

In the concluding sentences of today's Gospel, Jesus' teaching is again contrasted to the teaching of the Pharisees. This common theme of Matthew's Gospel probably reflects tension that existed between Jesus and the Pharisees and between the Pharisees and the community of Christians for whom Matthew wrote. Pharisaic Judaism became the predominant form of Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem about 70 A.D. Here that tension is expressed as alternative paths of holiness. The careful observance of the Mosaic law taught by the Pharisees could be experienced by some as difficult and burdensome. In contrast, Jesus' way of holiness is presented as uncomplicated and even restful

# WEEKLY NOTICES

**GREAT NEWS!!** The Bishop has appointed Rev Jonathan Burden to the Parish. He was ordained a Deacon in Westminster last month and will be ordained a priest later in the year. He trained at Allen Hall Seminary in Chelsea. He is from the Diocese, having been brought up in Harold Wood. Please pray for him, and for Fr Andrei who will be ordained a Priest this Saturday in Brentwood Cathedral. Let us pray for Vocations to the priesthood from our Diocese and especially from our Parish.

**THE ANNUAL PARISH BAR B Q Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July.** Our annual Parish Barbeque will take place after the 12.00 noon Mass and ends at 5pm. All are welcome, music, dancing and a great atmosphere. All are welcome. I am grateful for the hospitality of the Afro - Caribbean Group for their hard work in setting this up and running the occasion.

**SUPPORTING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS** - The establishment of the Catholic school system is one of the greatest achievements of the past 150 years. Before there was a Church in Canning Town, there was a Catholic school. St Margaret's was built on the foundations of the original school. We have been blessed with two wonderful Catholic schools, St. Margaret's, which was destroyed by bombing in 1941, and St Helens. **Great sacrifices were made by** the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, parishioners and the priests over the years to give us the legacy of Catholic education in our Parish. We are fortunate that we have very good numbers in the school, this is not the case across the Borough. So please always consider sending your child to a Catholic school if that is possible.

**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, 17<sup>th</sup> 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, 15<sup>th</sup> July, at 7 pm in St Margaret's Convent.** All welcome

**150<sup>TH</sup> ANIVERSARY CELEBRATION.** The Bishop will be able to join us for Mass on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 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, 6<sup>th</sup> 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 150<sup>th</sup> Celebrations

**GIFT AID:** The Gift Aid Year-End Donation Statements for the year ended 5th April 2026 have been sent out. For those who have provided email addresses, please check your junk folder if you have not received it. All others have been sent by post. If you have not received your statement by next weekend, please contact Philip, the Parish Gift Aid organiser by the parish email address. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**A Day With Mary is hosting an International Symposium** from 29 July to 31 July 2026 at St Mary's Catholic Church, West Croydon. Further information is available at [www adaywithmary.org/symposium](http://www adaywithmary.org/symposium)

**THE PARISH 50/50 JUNE DRAW RESULT-** 1<sup>st</sup> PRIZE TICKET NUMBER 07107, 2<sup>nd</sup> PRIZE TICKET NUMBER 08225, 3<sup>rd</sup> PRIZE TICKET NUMBER 08111. TICKETS FOR THE JULY DRAW ARE AVAILABLE AFTER MASS - The total amount raised in June was £468; £234 will be prize money, and £234 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 £598.06 | Envelopes £342.08 | Digital Plates £447.00 | Total £1387.14

*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 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

<b>PARISH CONTACTS</b>	
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