

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST MARGARET ALL SAINTS

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 23rd AUGUST 2026 |

First reading

Isaiah 22:15, 19-23

Thus says the Lord God of hosts, 'Come, go to this steward, to Shebna, who is over the household, and say to him: "I will thrust you from your office, and you will be pulled down from your station. In that day I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, and I will clothe him with your robe, and will bind your sash on him, and will commit your authority to his hand. And he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. And I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David. He shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. And I will fasten him like a peg in a secure place, and he will become a throne of honour to his father's house." '

O Lord, your merciful love is eternal; discard not the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart; you have heard the words of my mouth. In the presence of the angels I praise you. I bow down towards your holy Temple.

O Lord, your merciful love is eternal; discard not the work of your hands

I give thanks to your name for your merciful love and your faithfulness. On the day I called, you answered me; you increased the strength of my soul.

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The Lord is high, yet he looks on the lowly, and the haughty he knows from afar. O Lord, your merciful love is eternal; discard not the work of your hands.

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Second reading

Romans 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgements and how inscrutable his ways! 'For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counsellor?' 'Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?' For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory for ever. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia. You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. **Alleluia**

Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

At that time: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter replied, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.' Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

FEAST | MASS TIMES | INTENTIONS | EVENTS

Sunday Hymn Numbers 10am & 12pm Masses 883|873|830|466

Date & Feast	Time	Intention	Location	Parish Event
Saturday 22 nd Our Lady Mother & Queen	5.30 pm 6.30 pm	Confessions Lewis Odoeme – INT	STM STM	
Sunday 23 rd Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00 am 12.00 pm 6.00 pm	Stefano Rodrigues – Purificacion C Dungo – RIP Venangio Ferreira Da Almeida – RIP Vanda Carvalho – RIP	CC STM STM	
Monday 24 th St Bartholomew, Ap	9.30 am	Margery & Patrick Bedier -	CC	10 am-12 pm Parish Food Bank NO PARISH SURGERY
Tuesday 25 th Feria	9.30 am	Oscar Edward Lobo – TG	STM	
Wednesday 26 th BI Dominic of the Mother of God	9.30 am	Mr & Mrs F.A Onwbemene – RIP Jeffrey Scott – RIP	STM	10 am-12 pm Parish Food Bank 7.00 pm – AA Meeting
Thursday 27 th St Monica	7.00 pm 7.30 pm	Steven Rodrigues – RIP Confessions	STM STM	
Friday 28 th St Augustine, Bp, D	9.15 am	Intention od Devine Love	CC	
Saturday 29 th The Passion of St John the Baptist	5.00 pm 6.30 pm	Confessions Roseline Williams – RIP	STM STM	
Sunday 30 th Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00 am 12.00 pm 6.00 pm	Pawla Farrugia – RIP St Margarets Choir Members – INT Emma Ehikioya & Family – TG Souls in Purgatory	CC STM STM	
Other Sunday Masses	9.00 am 12.00 pm 5.00 pm	Romanian Mass (Latin Rite) Romanian Mass (Greek Catholic) Latin Mass (Extraordinary Rite)	STM CC CC	

WEEKLY NOTICES

PARISH PICNIC AND GAMES DAY CANCELLED – Due to unforeseen circumstances, the parish picnic has been cancelled on the 6th September. This will be rearranged in due course. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

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, 28th August 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, 26th August, at 7 pm in St Margaret's Convent. All welcome**

THE PARISH 50/50 JULY DRAW RESULT- 1st PRIZE TICKET NUMBER 07714, 2nd PRIZE TICKET NUMBER 07678, 3rd PRIZE TICKET NUMBER 07723. TICKETS FOR THE AUGUST DRAW ARE AVAILABLE AFTER MASS - The total amount raised in June was £418; £209 will be prize money, and £209 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!**

GIFT AID - A few issued boxes of envelopes for the 2026/27 financial year remain uncollected. If you no longer require the envelopes please let the Gift Aid organiser know as soon as possible. If you are a tax payer and not a member of the Gift Aid scheme, please consider joining as it is a valuable source of income for the parish at no extra cost to yourselves. Gift Aid Declaration forms are available at the back of the church. Thank you for your continued generosity.

The 26th August is the Last Wednesday. As usual, 2-4 at the parish centre, we enjoy ourselves, singing, dancing, reading poetry and eating strawberries.

TO MAKE A DONATION, PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE AND ENTER THE AMOUNT
YOU WISH TO DONATE



WEEKLY COLLECTION

Plate Collection £569.28 | Envelopes £450.51 | Digital Plates £618.00

Total £1637.79

Thank you for your generous support of the Parish

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