

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST MARGARET ALL SAINTS

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 12th September 2026 |

First reading

Sirach 27:30-28:7

Anger and wrath, these are abominations, and the sinful man will hold them fast. The one who seeks vengeance will be paid vengeance from the Lord, and he who keeps a record will have his own sins recorded. Forgive your neighbour the wrong he has done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray. Does one person harbour anger against another and yet seek for healing from the Lord? Does he have no mercy towards someone like himself and yet pray concerning his own sins? If he himself, being flesh, maintains wrath, who will make atonement for his sins? Remember the end of your life and cease from enmity; remember destruction and death and be true to the commandments. Remember the commandments and do not be angry with your neighbour; remember the covenant of the Most High and overlook error.

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

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It is the Lord who forgives all your sins, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with mercy and compassion.

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He will not always find fault; nor persist in his anger for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our faults.

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For as the heavens are high above the earth, so strong his mercy for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far from us does he remove our transgressions.

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Second reading

Romans 14:7-9

Brothers and Sisters: None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Alleluia, alleluia. A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. **Alleluia**

Gospel Matthew 18:21-35 - At that time: Peter came up and said to Jesus, 'Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, "Pay what you owe." So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, "You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.'

FEAST | MASS TIMES | INTENTIONS | EVENTS
Sunday Hymn Numbers 10am & 12pm Masses 807|803|927|849

Date & Feast	Time	Intention	Location	Parish Event
Saturday 12 th	5.30 pm	Confessions	STM	10.00 Baptism
Feria	6.30 pm	Mongan Family Intentions	STM	Preparation
Sunday 13 th	10.00 am	Kevin Downer - INT	CC	
Twenty-Fourth	12.00 pm	Jose Luis & Luis Emmanuel - TG	STM	
Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00 pm	Maria Da Piedade Menezes Dalva - RIP	STM	
Monday 14 th	9.30 am	Mary Reen - RIP	CC	10 am-12 pm Parish Food Bank PARISH SURGERY 5.30 pm-6.30 pm
Tuesday 15 th	9.30 am	Melania & Rafael Gomes Da Matg - RIP	STM	
	11.00 am	Requiem Mass - Ifeoma Machie	CC	
Wednesday 16 th	9.30 am	Kay Kelleger - 80 th Birthday Intentions	STM	10 am-12 pm Parish Food Bank 7.00 pm - AA Meeting
Thursday 17 th	7.00 pm	Theresa Bedier - RIP	STM	
	7.30 pm	Confessions	STM	
Friday 18 th	9.15 am	Martin Stanley - Special Intentions	CC	
Saturday 19 th	5.00 pm	Confessions	STM	12.00 Baptisms
	6.30 pm	Patricio Gomes Barbosa - RIP Francisca Margues - RIP	STM	
Sunday 20 th	10.00 am	Emma McKinnon - Get Well Int	CC	
	12.00 pm	The Persecuted Nigerian Christians	STM	
	6.00 pm	Carmenu Zerafa - RIP Mary Reem - RIP	STM	
Other Sunday Masses	9.00 am	Romanian Mass (Latin Rite)	STM	
	12.00 pm	Romanian Mass (Greek Catholic)	CC	
	5.00 pm	Latin Mass (Extraordinary Rite)	CC	

WEEKLY NOTICES

ABC (About Becoming Catholic) – Tuesday 6th October at 6.30pm, we shall meet for our first gathering of those people who have asked to become members of the church, or those who are interested in knowing more about the church. All are welcome. Registration will also take place on this day.

Seating tickets for Mass are available after Mass today for the elderly and disabled. Everyone else, please bring your own chairs or a blanket!

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, 25th September 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, 23rd September, at 7 pm in St Margaret's Convent. All welcome**

150TH ANNIVERSARY 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.**

THE PARISH 50/50 AUGUST DRAW RESULT- 1st PRIZE TICKET NUMBER **07616**, 2nd PRIZE TICKET NUMBER **08408**, 3rd PRIZE TICKET NUMBER **09237**. TICKETS FOR THE AUGUST DRAW ARE AVAILABLE AFTER MASS – The total amount raised in August was £457; £228.50 will be prize money, and £228.50 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!**

ST HELEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - RECEPTION 2027 ADMISSIONS

If you have a child born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023, please come along to our Reception Applications Meeting on Monday 5th Oct at 2:15pm or 6pm. Open Days and Tours, taking place Monday 5th October, Monday 12th October & Monday 19th October. Please arrive at the main entrance, where you will be collected to look around the school and see our grounds and provisions. You may contact the school office for more information on 0207 476 1785.



Maranatha at Upminster 17 September 2026 Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus! All are warmly invited to an evening of prayer, praise and worship, including Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, where we come together to encounter the Holy Spirit and share fellowship in a Catholic context. At St Joseph's Catholic Church, Upminster RM14 2SY on Thursday 17 September 2026 7:00pm to 9:00pm, with refreshments afterwards. Come and join us!

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



WEEKLY COLLECTION

Plate Collection £882.70 | Envelopes £471.69 | Digital Plates £727.00

Total £2081.39

Thank you for your generous support of the Parish

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