

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST MARGARET ALL SAINTS

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 27th SEPTEMBER 2026

First reading

Ezekiel 18:25-28

Thus says the Lord: 'You say, "The way of the Lord is not just." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die.'

Remember your compassion, O Lord.

O Lord, make me know your ways. Teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth, and teach me; for you are the God of my salvation.

Remember your compassion, O Lord.

Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my

transgressions. In your merciful love remember me,

because of your goodness, O Lord.

Remember your compassion, O Lord.

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he shows the way to sinners. He guides the humble in right judgement; to the humble he teaches his way.

Remember your compassion, O Lord.

Second reading

Philippians 2:1-11

Brothers and Sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy; complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Alleluia, alleluia. My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord, and I know them, and they follow me. **Alleluia**

Gospel Matthew 21:28-32

At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." And he answered, "I will not", but afterwards he changed his mind and went. And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, "I go, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterwards change your minds and believe him.'

FEAST | MASS TIMES | INTENTIONS | EVENTS
Sunday Hymn Numbers 10am & 12pm Masses 831|749|935|846

Date & Feast	Time	Intention	Location	Parish Events in Parish Centre
Saturday, 26 th Feria	12.00 pm	People of the Parish <u>NO CONFESSIONS</u>	St Margaret's	12.00 pm 150 th Anniversary Mass St Helens
	6.30 pm	Greg Dagum – RIP	St Margaret's	
Sunday, 27 th Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00 am	Steven Rodrigues – RIP	Convent Chapel	
	12.00 pm	Brian John Poulton – RIP Romeo Arriesgado – RIP	St Margaret's	
	6.00 pm	Aidani Adimin – RIP Letia Lukosi – RIP	St Margaret's	
Monday, 28 th Feria	9.30 am	Dieza Arriesgado & Chris Buhler – Wedding Anniversary Intentions	Chapel in the Convent	10.30-12.00 PARISH FOOD BANK 17.30-18.30 PARISH SURGERY
Tuesday, 29 th SS Michael, Gabriel & Rapheal, Archangels	9.30 am	Alfred Ellul – RIP Caetano Jose Da Souza – RIP	St Margaret's	
Wednesday, 30 th St Jerome, Pr, D	09.30 am	Intention of Devine Love	St Margaret's	10.30 – 12.00 Parish Food Bank 19.00 – AA Meeting
Thursday 1 st St Therese of the Child Jesus, V, D	7.00 pm	Judith Ntombela – RIP George & Mary Phelps – RIP (F)	St Margaret's St Margaret's	
	7.30 pm	Confessions		
Friday, 2 nd The Holy Guardian Angels	09.15 am	Gaitano Vincent Rodrigues – RIP	Convent Chapel	
Saturday, 3 rd Feria	5.00 pm	Confessions	St Margaret's	
	06.30 pm	McDonagh Family Intentions	St Margaret's	
Sunday, 4 th Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00 am	Phillipa – INT	Convent Chapel	
	12.00 pm	Francesco Carluzzo – RIP Larissa Pavlidi – RIP	St Margaret's	
	6.00 pm	People of the Parish	St Margaret's	
Other Sunday Masses	09.00 am	Romanian Mass (Latin Rite)1	St Margaret's	
	12.00 pm	Romanian Mass (Greek Catholic)	Convent Chapel	
	5.00 pm	Latin Mass (Extraordinary Rite)	Convent Chapel	

MEDITATION

The context for today’s Gospel is the mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders. Jesus has entered Jerusalem and overturned the money changers’ tables in the Temple. Jesus has caught the attention of the religious authorities; the chief priests and elders question Jesus about the source of his authority. Jesus refuses to name for these religious leaders the source of his authority. Instead, he questions the priests and elders through the parable we hear in today’s Gospel. The answer given by the religious leaders is correct, but it convicts them for their failure to heed the call of John the Baptist and for their inability to recognize the Kingdom of God.

The situation Jesus poses is rather straightforward. Given the same task by their father, one son asserts his disobedience in words, but then obeys in his actions; the second son obeys with his words, but disobeys in his actions. The question that Jesus poses is pointed and direct: Which son did what the father wanted? All would agree that “actions speak louder than words” and that even if his words were disobedient, the son who did the work as ordered did the father’s will.

Jesus’ conclusion is also direct. The chief priests and elders, the ones who speak most often about God, did not act accordingly. They did not respond to the message of repentance announced by John the Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John’s message was heeded by those one would not expect to repent—tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. Because of their actions, these sinners will enter the Kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders.

Jesus could ask us the same question. Do our words indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do our actions? God desires a full conversion of heart, that our actions (and our words as well) will give evidence of our love for God.

WEEKLY NOTICES

150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. Thank you for being part of our celebration on Saturday. It was a wonderful occasion and so many people turned up, with a good number having travelled a long distance to be with us. I am very grateful for those who worked so hard to bring it all together; so many visitors reflected on the warmth and joy of the occasion. Thank You!

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.

We pray for Michael and Divya, who will be married in St Margaret's on Monday. May God's blessing be on them on this wonderful day.

ARISE | THE PARISH GROUP FOR YOUNG ADULTS. The 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, 9th October 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.

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.



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, 7th October at 7 pm in St Margaret's Convent. All welcome**

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!**

LAST WEDNESDAY CLUB – Will be in the parish centre on Wednesday 30th September, between 2pm-4 pm. Live music, guest singers, poets, chats and lots of fun. All welcome

West ham Sea Cadets are pleased to invite you to the West Ham AGM (details below). West Ham Sea Cadets AGM 18:00 Thursday 26 November. Venue: WHSC Unit 79A Barking Road, E16 4HB.

St Bonaventure's School is holding its Open Evening for parents with students in Years 5 and 6 on Thursday 1 October at 6 pm.

The school recently celebrated impressive GCSE results, with over a third of all grades awarded at 7 or above across all subjects. Also, it has been rated Outstanding in all areas by the Catholic Schools Inspectorate and was recognised as one of the happiest schools in Newham by The Sunday Times 2025 report. If you are considering St Bonaventure's for your child, this is a great opportunity to visit the school, meet staff and find out more about life at the school. To register, please complete the form here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1DR4EUEu->

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



WEEKLY COLLECTION

Plate Collection £803.80 | Envelopes £562.30 | Digital Plates £635.00 | **Total £2001.10**

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 9 am until 1 pm. All normal enquiries can be made by phone 0207 476 4129 or email, canningtown@brcdt.org . All enquiries made after 1 pm 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/ . A meeting a registration will take place on Tuesday 6 th October at 6.30 pm
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.
CONFIRMATON	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

Franciscan Missionaries of Mary (FMM)

Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (CFR)

St Helen’s School

Parish Safeguarding Officer

Parish Sister:

St Bonaventure’s Boys School;

St Angela’s Girls School

Youth Representative

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