

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST MARGARET ALL SAINTS

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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 18th OCTOBER 2026

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

First reading

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: 'For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other.'

Ascribe to the Lord glory and power.

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory, and his wonders among all the peoples.

Ascribe to the Lord glory and power.

For the Lord is great and highly to be praised, to be feared above all gods. For the gods of the nations are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens.

Ascribe to the Lord glory and power.

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and power; ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts.

Ascribe to the Lord glory and power.

Worship the Lord in holy splendour. O tremble before him, all the earth. Say to the nations, 'The Lord is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness.

Ascribe to the Lord glory and power.

Second reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.

Alleluia, alleluia. Shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life. **Alleluia**

Gospel Matthew 22:15-21

At that time: The Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle Jesus in his words. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, 'Whose likeness and inscription is this?' They said, 'Caesar's.' Then he said to them, 'Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.'

FEAST | MASS TIMES | INTENTIONS | EVENTS
Sunday Hymn Numbers 10am & 12pm Masses 466|744|714|945

Date & Feast	Time	Intention	Location	Parish Events in Parish Centre
Saturday, 17 ^h St Ignatius of Antioch Bp, M	05.00 pm 6.30 pm	Confessions Annabella T De La Cruz – RIP	St Margaret's St Margaret's	
Sunday, 18 th Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time World Mission Sunday	10.00 am 12.00 pm 6.00 pm	Sr. Barbara & Companion Celebration Diamond Jubilee Alice & Joao – RIP Nicanor Atienza – RIP	Convent Chapel St Margaret's St Margaret's	
Monday, 19 th Feria	9.30 am	Veronica – INT John & Emmaly – INT	Chapel in the Convent	10.30-12.00 PARISH FOOD BANK 17.30-18.30 PARISH SURGERY
Tuesday, 20 th Feria	9.30 am	Severo & Josefa Jaramillo – RIP	St Margaret's	
Wednesday, 21 st Feria	09.30 am	Jennifer Abella – TG Jaryn Go – INT	St Margaret's	10.30 – 12.00 Parish Food Bank 19.00 – AA Meeting
Thursday 22 nd St John Paul II, P	7.00 pm 7.30 pm	Sr Anne Miller FMM – RIP Augustine Vu Huu – RIP Confessions	St Margaret's St Margaret's	18.30 - West Ham Sea Cadets
Friday, 23 rd St John of Capistrano, Pr	09.15 am	Ruben Gregoria Epistola – RIP	Convent Chapel	
Saturday, 24 th St Antony Mary Claret, Bp	5.00 pm 6.30 pm	Confessions Cipriana & Magdalena Tabula – RIP Maria Isabel Abad Agar – RIP	St Margaret's St Margaret's	
Sunday, 25 th Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00 am 12.00 pm 6.00 pm	Omome Umukord – RIP Clift Springer – RIP Joseph Sonny Williams – RIP Noreen Feeney – Get Well	Convent Chapel St Margaret's St Margaret's	
Other Sunday Masses	09.00 am 12.00 pm 5.00 pm	Romanian Mass (Latin Rite) Romanian Mass (Greek Catholic) Latin Mass (Extraordinary Rite)	St Margaret's Convent Chapel Convent Chapel	

MEDITATION

In today's Gospel Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem continue their tense exchange of questions and challenges. At this point the disciples of the Pharisees, together with the Herodians, try to entrap Jesus by their question about the payment of taxes.

Matthew sets up an unusual partnership between the Pharisees and the Herodians. The Herodians were supporters of Herod Antipas, a Jewish political leader who collaborated with the Romans. Such collaboration would have required a compromised observance of the Mosaic Law. The Pharisees, on the other hand, taught scrupulous observance of the Mosaic Law and opposed Roman occupation. Herodians favored the payment of taxes; the Pharisees opposed it. The Herodians and the Pharisees approach Jesus, asking that he take sides in their dispute. If Jesus answers with the Pharisees, he shows himself to be an enemy of Rome. If he answers with the Herodians, he offends popular Jewish religious sensibilities.

Jesus' response to this attempt to trap him exposes the guile of his questioners. From his first words to them, Jesus shows that he is very much aware of what they are trying to do. He asks to see a Roman coin, which is readily provided to him. It may have come from the hand of a Herodian, but the Pharisees show themselves to be quite willing to accept this compromise. Jesus has already exposed the Pharisees as hypocrites.

Jesus takes his response one step further. He asks that his questioners examine the coin. Agreeing that it is Caesar's image on the coin, Jesus tells them that it must belong to Caesar. Avoiding the question of lawfulness altogether, Jesus answers their question with simple logic. Then, going further still, Jesus tells them that their obligation is to pay to God that which belongs to God.

Jesus' response to the Herodians and Pharisees suggests the ethic that Christians ought to adopt. It reminds us of the importance of keeping things in their proper perspective. Do we attach ourselves to worldly things at the expense of the love and honor that we owe to God?

WEEKLY NOTICES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REGISTRATION – Registration for children in Year 3 and above who wish to receive their First Holy Communion next year will take place on Saturday 24th October 26 at 10 am in the Parish Centre.

ABC (About Becoming Catholic) – If you are interested in becoming a Catholic come along and join us on Tuesday 27th October at 18.30 in the Parish Centre It is still open for anyone to come along and join us. All are welcome.

RELAUNCH FOR OUR NIFTY FIFTIES GROUP We are looking forward to relaunching our Nifty Fifty Group for our Senior Citizens. If you are interested in finding out more or helping in running the group, please see Father John or send an email to the Parish address.

TEENAGE CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION: This will take place at **6.30 on Friday 30th October** in the Parish Centre. A group for adults who have not been confirmed will meet early in 2027

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, 23rd 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. Father John will be giving the talk.

ST HELEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL – RECEPTION & NURSERY 2027 ADMISSIONS. St Helen's will be holding open day Tours, daily from Monday 5th October until Friday 23rd October at 9.15am and 2.15pm. 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, 29th October at 7 pm in St Margaret's Convent.** All welcome

THE PARISH 50/50 SEPTEMBER DRAW RESULT- 1st PRIZE TICKET NUMBER 08597, 2nd PRIZE TICKET NUMBER 08372, 3rd PRIZE TICKET NUMBER 08599. TICKETS FOR THE **SEPTEMBER DRAW** ARE AVAILABLE AFTER MASS – The total amount raised in September was £356; £178 will be prize money, and £178 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!**

CAR PARK – Parking is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis to those who have the code access. Once all bays are full, please do not block cars already in the bays but find suitable alternative parking on the nearby roads. This is to ensure clear access in case of the priest is called to the hospital for a Sick Call, and to allow other vehicles to leave safely. Thank you for your understanding. Remember, local street parking is free on a Sunday.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE - The BCYS offers retreats, events and pilgrimages for young people throughout the Diocese of Brentwood. If you'd like to get involved, you can find out more at www.bcys.net or follow @BrentwoodCYS on social media.

DONATIONS BY CARD: Sometimes our Card Machines don't work, so you can use the QR Code which is also next to the card machines or on the notice boards.

OUR NEW 150th Anniversary Bell for St Margaret's. Work has begun on getting access to the Tower, and there is now a new stairway up to the bell chamber built this week. Next week the bell will be installed. The final step is to install a remote system to ring the bell

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



WEEKLY COLLECTION

Plate Collection £797.59 | Envelopes £493.39 | Digital Plates £253.00 | **Total £1543.98**

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/ . Please speak to Fr John or Deacon Jonathan if you wish to join our About Being Catholic Group	
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 will take place on Saturday 24th October 2026 at 10.00 In the Parish Centre	
CONFIRMATON	REGISTRATION. This will take place at 6.30 on Friday 30 th October in the Parish Centre	
MARRIAGE	Couples who wish to get married must give at least SIX MONTHS' notice. This is especially 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		Monday – Friday 9am – 1pm 020 7476 4129
Franciscan Missionaries of Mary (FMM)		Sister Agnes, St Margaret’s Convent Bethell Avenue, E16 4JU 020 7511 3463
Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (CFR)		Father Charles, St Fidelis Friary Killip Close E16 1LX 020 7474 0766
St Helen’s School		Headteacher: Claire Doherty Chargeable Lane, E13 8DW 020 7476 1785
Parish Safeguarding Officer		Mary West 0207 476 4129 – canningtown@brcdt.org
Parish Sister:		Sister Barbara 020 8525 4229/07591016649
St Bonaventure’s Boys School		Headteacher: Chris McCormack Boleyn Rd, Forest Gate, E7 9QD 0208472 2749
St Angela’s Girls School		Headteacher: Mark Johnson, St George’s Rd, Forest Gate E7 8HX 020 8472
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