

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST MARGARET ALL SAINTS

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 25th OCTOBER 2026

First reading

Exodus 22:21-27

Thus says the Lord: 'You shall not wrong a sojourner or oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. You shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child. If you do mistreat them, and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry, and my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless. If you lend money to any of my people with you who is poor, you shall not be like a money-lender to him, and you shall not exact interest from him. If ever you take your neighbour's cloak in pledge, you shall return it to him before the sun goes down, for that is his only covering, and it is his cloak for his body; in what else shall he sleep? And if he cries to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate.'

I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength; O Lord, my rock, my fortress, my saviour.

I love you, Lord, my strength.

My God, my rock where I take refuge; my shield, my saving strength, my stronghold. I cry out, 'O praised be the Lord!' and see, I am saved from my foes.

I love you, Lord, my strength.

The Lord lives, and blest be my Rock!

May the God of my salvation be exalted. The Lord gives great victories to his king and shows merciful love for his anointed.

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second reading

1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Brothers and Sisters: You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Alleluia, alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him. **Alleluia**

Gospel Matthew 22:34-40

At that time: When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?' And he said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.'

FEAST | MASS TIMES | INTENTIONS | EVENTS
Sunday Hymn Numbers 10am & 12pm Masses 962|965|886|960

Date & Feast	Time	Intention	Location	Parish Events in Parish Centre
Saturday, 24 th St Antony Mary Claret, Bp	05.00 pm 6.30 pm	Confessions Cipriana & Magdalena Tabula – RIP Maria Isabel Abad Agar – RIP	St Margaret's St Margaret's	10.00 am First Holy Communion Registration
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	
Monday, 26 th SS Cedd & Chad, Bpp	9.30 am	Edna Lucy Roots – RIP	Chapel in the Convent	10.30-12.00 PARISH FOOD BANK 17.30-18.30 PARISH SURGERY
Tuesday, 27 th Feria	9.30 am	Maggie Saville – RIP (F) Roque Antonio De Souza – RIP	St Margaret's	18.30 ABC Meeting
Wednesday, 28 th SS Simon & Jude, App	09.30 am	Intentions of Divine Love	St Margaret's	10.30 – 12.00 Parish Food Bank 19.00 – AA Meeting
Thursday 29 th Feria	7.00 pm 7.30 pm	Steven Rodrigues – RIP Irley Barreto Family Intention Confessions	St Margaret's St Margaret's	18.30 - West Ham Sea Cadets
Friday, 30 th Feria	09.15 am	Dennis Tully – RIP (F) Clift Springer – RIP	Convent Chapel	18.30 Confirmation Registration (Teenagers)
Saturday, 31 st Feria	5.00 pm 6.30 pm	Confessions Sebastian Ukegheson – RIP	St Margaret's St Margaret's	
Sunday, 01 st All Saints	10.00 am 12.00 pm 6.00 pm	Sister of Holy Infant Jesus -INT Ngkim, Swee, Yiphong & Andrew – INT All Saints Anthony Ojefua – RIP Dr Valentine Chidi Ibekwe – RIP	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

This week's Gospel follows close behind the Gospel read [last Sunday](#). It is the last of three questions put to Jesus by Jewish religious leaders who are trying to trick him into saying something that might get him arrested. This reminds us that the context for today's reading is the mounting tension between Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem.

The Herodians and the Pharisees asked the first question, which was about taxes. The Sadducees asked the second question, which was about the Resurrection (see [Matthew 22:22-33](#)). The third question, considered in today's Gospel, is asked by a Pharisee who asks Jesus about the greatest of the commandments.

The question requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional rules, numbering over six hundred. Adherence to the Mosaic Law, for a devout Jew, is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of the Commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus answers the Pharisees' question with a two-fold summary. Jesus says that all of the commandments can be summarized in two commandments: love God and love your neighbor. Both of these were central elements of the religious tradition Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed these continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbour.

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. Registration 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 to run the group, please see Father John or send an email to the Parish address.

EMPOWERING VULNERABLE CHILDREN (EVC) Uganda Appeal 31 October / 1 November: This Charity provides a future, through education, for some of the poorest children in the world. Roger Nicklen, a Patron of EVC, will give a brief talk at all the Masses about their work. For further information about the Charity, please go to their website at [Home | EVC Uganda](#)

PRAMS AND BUGGIES IN CHURCH: Due to Fire Regulations, we must keep the aisles clear in Church, so parents are welcome to park the prams and buggies at the 10.00 Mass in the Flanagan Room and at the 12 Noon Mass in the Parish Centre.

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, 6th November 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, 29th October at 7 pm in St Margaret's Convent. All welcome**

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.

SACRED HEART OF MARY 6TH FORM OPEN EVENING - Join us at Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School 6th Form Open Evening on **Thursday, 12 November 2026, from 6-8pm**. Discover the exciting opportunities available, explore our courses and facilities, and find out what makes our Sixth Form a fantastic place to learn, grow and plan for the future. We look forward to welcoming prospective students and their families!

READING THE BIBLE THROUGH ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS - Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, has just published *Reading the Bible through Advent and Christmas*. This new book includes commentary on all the Scripture readings for Mass throughout these two seasons. Full information about the book can be found on the homepage of the website www.whatgoodnews.org

LAST WEDNESDAY CLUB – Will be in the parish centre on Wednesday 28th October, between 2pm-4 pm. Live music, guest singers, poets, chats and lots of fun. 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!**

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



WEEKLY COLLECTION

Plate Collection £734.08 | Envelopes £638.80 | Digital Plates £671.00 | **Total £2043.88**

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
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