

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST MARGARET ALL SAINTS

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ALL SAINTS | 01st November 2026

First reading

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

I, John, saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, 'Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.' And I heard the number of the sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel. After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?' I said to him, 'Sir, you know.' And he said to me, 'These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world, and those who dwell in it. It is he who set it on the seas; on the rivers he made it firm.

Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The clean of hands and pure of heart, whose soul is not set on vain things.

Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

Blessings from the Lord shall he receive, and right reward from the God who saves him. Such are the people who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

Second reading

1 John 3:1-3

Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Alleluia, alleluia. Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord, and I will give you rest.
Alleluia

Gospel Matthew 5:1-12a

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'

FEAST | MASS TIMES | INTENTIONS | EVENTS
Sunday Hymn Numbers 10am & 12pm Masses 372|371|375|451

Date & Feast	Time	Intention	Location	Parish Events in Parish Centre
Saturday, 31 st Feria	05.00 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	Sisters 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	
Monday, 02 nd Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed	9.30 am	Mary Rodrigues – RIP All Souls	Chapel in the Convent	10.30-12.00 PARISH FOOD BANK 17.30-18.30 PARISH SURGERY 19.00 Wedding Preparation Meeting
Tuesday, 03 rd St Martin De Porres, Rel	9.30 am	Mrs Lourdes Rodrigues – RIP	St Margaret's	18.30 ABC Meeting
Wednesday, 04 th St Charles Borromeo, Bp	09.30 am	John & Madeline Tan – RIP Lorenzo Martinez – RIP	St Margaret's	10.30 – 12.00 Parish Food Bank 19.00 – AA Meeting
Thursday 05 th Feria	10.30 am 7.00 pm 7.30 pm	Funeral Service – Eugenie Morille Winnie Lobo – RIP Frankin De Carvalho – RIP Confessions	Convent Chapel St Margaret's St Margaret's	18.30 - West Ham Sea Cadets
Friday, 06 th Feria	09.15 am	Carlos, Fabio, Rafael, Rosario – INT	Convent Chapel	
Saturday, 07 th St Willibrord, Bp	5.00 pm 6.30 pm	Confessions Osvalda Patricio Barbosa	St Margaret's St Margaret's	
Sunday, 08 th Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Remembrance Sunday	10.00 am 12.00 pm 6.00 pm	Jan Lasek – RIP Clift Springer – RIP Rosie Henderson – RIP Holy Souls	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

Every year the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relation, in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints. Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. We quickly note in this reading that none of those Jesus names as “blessed” or “happy” are expected . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

What does Jesus mean when he uses the word “blessed?” This word is sometimes translated as “happy” or “fortunate” or “favored.” In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, who mourn, who are persecuted. This might have been welcome and surprising news to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Because of this, it is natural that we proclaim this Gospel on the Feast of All Saints. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes as Jesus lived. On this day, we too are challenged to model our lives on the spirit and promises of the Beatitudes.

WEEKLY NOTICES

ABC (About Becoming Catholic) – If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, come along and join us on Tuesday 3rd November at 18.30 in the Parish Centre. Registration is still open for anyone to come along and join us. All are welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – For anyone who would still like their child to be registered for our First Holy Communion programme, please see Fr John at the parish priest's surgery.

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](#)

Catechist Training & Resources Day – Saturday 7th November 2026 - Join the BCYS at Brentwood Ursuline Convent School, 10am-3pm, for an inspiring day of faith, workshops and resources, with guest speaker Fr Matt Roche-Saunders. Free to attend, open to all catechists and leaders working with young people, including young leaders aged 16+. Register at bcys.net/events/catechists2026.

CATECHISTS' REFLECTION DAY. To prepare for this year's catechetical programmes and to be able to share their experience at the Catechists' Training Day at Brentwood on 7 November, we invite our parish catechists to come on 14 November, Saturday, at 11am in the Parish Centre for reflection and prayer. (Refreshments will be provided.)

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. Please bring a copy of the child's Baptismal and First Holy Communion certificates. 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, 4th November 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

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 £734.18 | Envelopes £638.80 | Digital Plates £665.00 | **Total £2037.98**

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 and they 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

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Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (CFR)

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