



# St Margaret of Cortona & All Saints Catholic Parish

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## Third Sunday of Easter (B) 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021

### Message of Pope Francis to Her Majesty the Queen on the death of Prince Philip

“Saddened to learn of the death of your husband Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, His Holiness Pope Francis offers heartfelt condolences to Your Majesty and the members of the royal family. Recalling Prince Philip’s devotion to his marriage and family, his distinguished record of public service and his commitment to the education and advancement of future generations, His Holiness commends him to the merciful love of Christ our redeemer, upon you and upon all who grieve his loss in the sure hope of the resurrection, the Holy Father invokes the Lord’s blessings of consolation and peace,”

### WHEN RECEIVING COMMUNION

**Please consume the Body of Christ in front of the Priest or Minister of Communion NOT in your seat.**

**What Next?** I think we can all agree that these are unprecedented times in which we are living. The question for us a parish is what do we see for the future of our Parish? We are blessed with the numbers and diversity of our Parish, St Margret’s is a vibrant community. We have been one of the few Christian Churches and communities that have remained open for public worship throughout lockdown, and with our wonderful Parish School, the Food Bank and so many acts of kindness and engagement in our community we have a sure foundation on which to build.

So, what do we want to see for our Parish for the future? In a new document on the Parish, Pope Francis poses a challenge for us *‘the current parish model no longer adequately corresponds to the many expectations of the faithful’* Parishes are reminded that *‘mere repetitive actions that fails to have an impact upon people’s concrete lives remains a sterile attempt at survival... parishes should exude that spiritual dynamic of evangelisation’*. The measure of the life of a Parish is measured by the willingness of its members to share their faith with others. This he calls the Pastoral conversion of the Parish Community. Between now and the Summer I would like to take this opportunity to help us pray and reflect on the future of this community. It must begin with prayer, and then we shall have a time to meet and discuss. More to follow!!!!!!

### DATES FOR BAPTISMS

The bookings for baptisms are filling up, so please contact the Parish Office [stmargaretsct@gmail.com](mailto:stmargaretsct@gmail.com) to arrange a time and date for your baptism (see next page for dates and times).

### PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH

Every Friday at 2pm in St Margaret’s, Mass followed by Silence Adoration & Prayers at the Divine Mercy Hour will be said for the priests and people of the Parish. You are most welcome to come along and join in.

### FORMED

FORMED | our catholic Netflix! Join in and sees an amazing range of films talks and books on the Catholic Faith. Let this be part of your Lenten journey. Go to [Formed.org](http://Formed.org), the to sign up, then choose our parish, St Margaret’s Canning Town, give you name, and email and you will be signed in. You only have to do this once.

## A big thank you for your generous offerings

### 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021

### Offering: Envelopes – £529.40; Loose Plate – £831.01

### Useful Information

#### Secretary

Maria Da Silva

#### General Enquiries

Contact the Parish Office

#### Parish Office:

Mon., Wed. and Fri.  
(10am to 2pm)

#### Convent Chapel:

Bethell Avenue, E16 4JU

#### St Helen’s School:

020 7476 1785

#### Hospitals Co-ordinator:

Rosa During

020 7476 4920

#### Parish Safeguarding:

Please contact the Parish office

#### Sister Barbara:

020 8525 4229

#### FMM Community:

020 7511 3463

#### SVP: Please contact the

Parish Office

#### Franciscan Friars of the

#### Renewal (CFR):

020 7474 0766

#### Repository: Mon. to Fri.

(10am to 12pm) and

Sun. (10am to 1pm)

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Communion and

Confirmation gifts,

cards and many other

Religious items. We

accept card payments

(including contactless),

for payments over £5.



*Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated in the main church on Thursdays 7:30 – 8:30pm,  
Saturdays 5 – 6pm and by appointment.*

*Marriages (6 months’ notice) and baptisms (2 months’ notice) are celebrated by appointment.*

*The Brentwood Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 234092*



**Priests' Surgery:** Please note the next surgery is on **Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> April** from **5:30 to 6.30pm**. Please call at the Presbytery.

**TELCO:** I have a very good meeting with Alistair Rooms the local organiser for TELCO (The East London Communities Organisation) I would very much to get the Parish in involved once again, in this most important work, so if you were involved or would like to be involved, we shall be arranging a meeting at some stage.

**If you need any help or assistance** at this time, please get in touch with the Parish Office or the Presbytery on 0207 476 4129.

**Visits to the Sick and Housebound:** Over the next few weeks I shall be visiting all of the sick and housebound in the Parish. Can I ask the Eucharistic Ministers who normally visit the sick and housebound with Holy Communion if you have restarted your visits.

**Weddings:** I am getting a lot of requests for weddings, please be aware that if you have to give notice both the Church and to the Civil Registrar. I am happy to reduce the notice time of six months, but a certain amount of paperwork has to be carried out, so if you are considering getting married in the near future, remember it takes some time to arrange!!

**Food Bank:** Hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from **10:30am to 1:00pm**. **Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May the Food Bank will be CLOSED.**

**Hospital Visits:** If you go into hospital or a member of your family, inform the Parish Office so that the priest can visit you in hospital.

**Baptism Dates:** I will be starting with those families who have already filled in the forms and handed them in. The dates for Baptism for the next two months are as follows: **24<sup>th</sup> April|8<sup>th</sup>|15<sup>th</sup>|22<sup>nd</sup> May**. Baptisms will be at **11.30am and 13.30**. Bookings will be taken on a first come first served basis. Each family will be able to bring with them 10 people, not including the baby! As we cannot hold, baptism classes parents are asked to watch this video in preparation: <https://watch.formed.org/reborn>.

**The Bible Timeline Course:** Understand the Bible from start to finish; the Old and New Testament, with this **Free of Charge**, world-wide-famous course delivered online LIVE by Mauro Iannicelli. Starts on **7<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 7pm** (Eight Wednesday evening sessions). Info & Registration: [www.comeandsee.org](http://www.comeandsee.org).

**Gift Aid:** The envelopes for the 2021/22 financial year are now available for collection after Masses at the weekend or from the Parish Centre during office hours. **To cut down on waste, they have initially been issued to those who collected theirs last year.** If you do not find your envelopes, please text or call Philip on 07944957708. While waiting for your envelopes to be issued you may use any envelope and write your Envelope number on it. Standing Order donors may use any envelope for Second Collections, indicating their numbers on it – if a S/O donor wants their envelopes, please let Philip know as above. Online donation via the parish website (three options) is still available – please indicate your envelope number in the reference if you are a member of the Gift Aid scheme. Thank you for your continued generosity. If you are a tax payer and not a member of the Gift Aid scheme, please consider joining as it enables the parish claim money back from the taxman!

**Mass intentions:** Please note that **Mass intentions** for the months of **April, May, June, July and August are now fully booked.** Thank you for your co-operation.

**Confirmation:** I will be inviting the young people who wish to be confirmed to a meeting that will take place in the Autumn. This will be the first part of our preparation for the confirmation that will take place in 2022. I shall be holding a retreat day and all who wish to be confirmed will be invited.

**Registration for Confirmation Programmes and Baptisms 2021:** Forms for Confirmation are available on the Parish Website ([www.smct.church](http://www.smct.church)). Please fill in the form, and if you are unable to submit it online, post it through the door of the Presbytery 79 Barking Rd (with a copy of the Baptismal Certificate, where applicable).

**Funerals:** Because of the Pandemic we have had over 40 funerals since Christmas. I want to mention a few points; many families want to have Livestreaming, and just to remind you that this is freely available in the Church, so you do not have to pay for someone to come in to do the Livestreaming. Also note that there is great pressure on the undertakers and Cemeteries and Crematoriums and time is limited. So please note that **only ONE eulogy** may be given in Church, and further tributes may be read in crematorium or the around the grave. I have written a new set of Guideline for Funerals, and these will be available on our Website.

**R.I.P.: Please pray for the repose of the Soul of John Mulholland, who requiem Mass will be this week. John served as School Caretaker at St Helens. May he rest in peace of Christ and may all who mourn find consolation Amen.**

<b>Third Sunday of Easter (B)</b>		
Sat. 17	6:30pm	Mass – Geraldine McCarthy, R.I.P. – St Margaret's
Sun. 18	10:00am	Mass – Maureen Lyons, R.I.P. – Convent Chapel
	10:00am	Mass – Romanian Mass of the Latin Rite – St Margaret's
	12.00pm	Mass – Gwen Denin, R.I.P` . – St Margaret's
	12.00pm	Mass – Romanian Mass Greek Catholic Rite – Convent Chapel
	6.00pm	Mass – Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) – Convent Chapel
	6.00pm	Mass – People of the Parish – St Margaret's
Mon. 19	9:30am	Mass – John Mcvicker, R.I.P. – Convent Chapel
Tues. 20	9:30am	Mass – Eileen Loudon, R.I.P. – St Margaret's
Thurs. 22	7:00pm	Mass – Billy Phelan (Ann), R.I.P. – St Margaret's <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession</b>
Fri. 23 NATIONAL SOLEMNITY OF ST GEORGE	9:00am	Mass – Edwardo De la Cruz (Ann), R.I.P. – Convent Chapel
	2:00pm	Mass – Deanery Priests – St Margaret's <b>Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm.</b>
Sat. 24	5-6pm	Confessions
	6:30pm	Mass – People of the Parish – St Margaret's
Sun. 25	10:00am	Mass – John Hicks & Innocent Hudson, R.I.P. – Convent Chapel
	10:00am	Mass – Romanian Mass of the Latin Rite – St Margaret's
	12.00pm	Mass – Gregorio Lopes Da Silva, R.I.P. – St Margaret's
	12.00pm	Mass – Romanian Mass Greek Catholic Rite – Convent Chapel
	6.00pm	Mass – Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) – Convent Chapel
	6.00pm	Mass – Paul Kudahe, R.I.P. – St Margaret's

<b>Readings</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>Acts 3:13-15.17-19</b>	<b>1 John 2:1-5</b>	<b>Luke 24:35-48</b>
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*Resp. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.*