



# St Margaret of Cortona & All Saints Catholic Parish

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## **Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)** **2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021**

### **MAY THE MONTH OUR LADY: POPE FRANCIS – AN INVITATION**

Pope Francis has announced a rosary initiative dedicating the month of May to prayer for an end to the coronavirus pandemic. It is the *“deep desire of the Holy Father, that the month of May be dedicated to a prayer marathon with the theme that the ‘Prayer to God went up incessantly from the whole Church’”*.

This will be led by the world’s Catholic shrines, and it begins on the 1<sup>st</sup> May at Walsingham. The Shrines will be involved in a special way as promoters of the rosary among Catholic individuals, families, and communities. Thirty of the shrines will take turns leading a daily live-streamed rosary at 12pm. Eastern time, the council said. The Catholic Church dedicates the month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pope Francis will open the month of prayer on May 1, asking for Mary’s intercession. It will be broadcast across Vatican Media’s platforms.

The COVID-19 pandemic *“has demanded enormous sacrifices from each nation and its citizens,”* Pope Francis reflected. The crisis has called on *“the entire international community to commit, united, with a spirit of responsibility and fraternity, to face the many challenges already in action, and those which will come.”*

The Holy Father said that he had prayed for the millions of people who have died from COVID-19 or who are suffering from the illness, as well as their families. *“The pandemic has made no distinctions and has hit people of all cultures, creeds, social and economic strata,”* he said. He emphasized the importance of considering anti-COVID vaccination as a *“universal common good.”*

He said: *“In this area, initiatives that seek to create new forms of solidarity at the international level are particularly welcome, with mechanisms aimed at guaranteeing an equitable distribution of vaccines, not based on purely economic criteria, but taking into account the needs of all, especially those of the most vulnerable and needy.”*

*“It is urgent to consider a recovery model capable of generating new, more inclusive and sustainable solutions, aimed at the universal common good, fulfilling God’s promise for all men,”* Pope Francis said. He added that, in responding to the coronavirus, attention should be paid to reforming the international debt structure and allowing access to external financing to promote economic development *“so that everyone can get out of the current situation with the best chance of recovery.”*

*“None of this will be possible without a strong political will that has the courage to decide to change things, mainly priorities, so that it is not the poor who pay the highest cost for these tragedies that are hitting our human family,”*

On way you can join in with the Rosary is to take part in the Rosary Stronghold with the Family. The Rosary will be said each night in May at 8pm from Shrines and Parishes around the UK. St Margaret’s will take part, and the Rosary will be said every Thursday evening at 8pm. Join through the Parish livestream. If you go to [www.walsingham.org.uk/2021/04/26/may-2021-rosary-mission](http://www.walsingham.org.uk/2021/04/26/may-2021-rosary-mission) it will give you the full programme

### **WHEN RECEIVING COMMUNION**

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

### **PARISH UPDATES**

We will be able soon to meet again inside as a group sometime in May. Therefore, I would like to suggest that, as a provisional date, we look to meet for an open meeting in the Parish Centre in the second half of May to discuss a number of proposals. I will publish these proposals in the near future for consultation in the Parish.

**Parish Office** – Please note the Office open days changed to **Monday (10am to 2pm), Tuesday (10am to 1pm) and Thursday 10am to 2pm**. Please only call during these days and hours unless urgent to talk to the Priest.

### **FORMED**

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## **A big thank you for your generous offerings**

**25<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

**Offering: Envelopes – £561.85; Loose Plate – £753.81**

**Promotion of Vocations: Envelopes – £169.85; Loose Plate – £160.86**

### **Useful Information**

#### **Secretary**

Maria Da Silva

#### **General Enquiries**

Contact the Parish Office

#### **Parish Office:**

Mon., Tues. and Thurs.  
(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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*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 there is **NO** surgery this **Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May**. The next surgery will be on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

**Dates for Baptisms:** If you want to book a baptism date for your child then please attend the weekly Parish Surgery.

**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.

**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.

**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!!

**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.

**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.

**Simply Living Group:** For I do not seek to understand that I may believe, but I believe in order to understand. For this also I believe: that unless I believed I should not understand. P54 "God makes the Rivers To Flow"

**Food Bank:** This **Monday the Food Bank is CLOSED**, we will resume on Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of May. Hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday **from 10:30am to 1:00pm**.

**Mass intentions:** Please note that all **Mass intentions are now fully booked until the End of the Year**. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Gift Aid: A number of envelopes for the 2021/22 financial year remain uncollected.** Please collect yours after Masses at the weekend or from the parish centre during office hours. If you are a taxpayer and not a member of the Gift Aid scheme, please consider joining as it is a valuable source of income for our parish – we get back 25p for every pound you put in the offertory. Please ask for a declaration form after Mass or from the parish office during office hours - once this is processed, Philip will contact you. Any money back from the tax man can only be a good thing!

**Vacancy:** Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy Trust (based in Newham) has a vacancy for a management accountant. Please see <http://www.ourladyofgraceacademy.org.uk/careers-opportunities/>. The closing date for applications is noon on 17 May.

**Catholic Grandparents Association:** This is a wonderful organisation that supports grandparents as they support their family in practicing their Catholic Faith. If there are a few Grandparents in the Parish who would like to set up a Chapter, then I would be delighted to support them. They have monthly On-Line events called the Faith Café, I shall be speaking at the next event on the 11<sup>th</sup> May. You can register to take part by emailing [info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.com](mailto:info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.com). It starts at 7.30pm.

**Mission Appeal Next Sunday by the Verona Fathers:** Next weekend we shall have an Appeal by the Verona Fathers (Comboni Missionaries) in aid of their work. The annual Mission Appeal give the faithful an opportunity to hear about "the work of the Church in the mission field". Please see their posters in the Church. We will welcome one the Missionary Priests who will be speaking at all of the Masses.

**R.I.P.: Please pray for the repose of the Soul of Mrs Pat Archer one of our oldest parishioners. May she rest in peace of Christ and may all who mourn find consolation Amen.**

### ***Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)***

Sat. 01	6:30pm	Mass – Michael Williams, Intentions – St Margaret's
Sun. 02	10:00am 10:00am 12.00pm 12.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm	Mass – People of the Parish – Convent Chapel Mass – Romanian Mass of the Latin Rite – St Margaret's Mass – Isabel Isidro, Wed Anniversary – St Margaret's Mass – Romanian Mass Greek Catholic Rite – Convent Chapel Mass – Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) – Convent Chapel Mass – Juliana TeleMacque, R.I.P. – St Margaret's
Mon. 03	9:30am	Mass – Tony Daily, R.I.P. – Convent Chapel
Tues. 04	9:30am	Mass – Douglas Bedier, R.I.P. – St Margaret's
Thurs. 06	7:00pm	Mass – Kathleen Roper (F), R.I.P. – St Margaret's <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession</b>
Fri. 07	9:00am 2:00pm	Mass – Maureen Lyons, R.I.P. – Convent Chapel Mass – Aborted Babies and Maria Manuela De Lima, R.I.P. – St Margaret's <b>Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm.</b>
Sat. 08	5-6pm 6:30pm	Confessions Mass – Carmenu & Theresa Zerafa, R.I.P. – St Margaret's
Sun. 09 SIX SUNDAY OF EASTER	10:00am 10:00am 12.00pm 12.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm	Mass – Geraldine McCarthy, R.I.P. – Convent Chapel Mass – Romanian Mass of the Latin Rite – St Margaret's Mass – People of the Parish – St Margaret's Mass – Romanian Mass Greek Catholic Rite – Convent Chapel Mass – Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) – Convent Chapel Mass – Maldonado Recinos, Thanksgiving – St Margaret's

**Readings**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Acts 9:26-31**

**1 John 3:18-24**

**John 15:1-8**

*Resp. You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.*