



# St Margaret of Cortona & All Saints Catholic Parish

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## ***Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)*** ***Sea Sunday – 11<sup>th</sup> July 2021***

### **World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly**

Dear Elderly Friends,

*"I am with you always"* (Mt 28:20): this is the promise the Lord made to his disciples before he ascended into heaven. They are the words that he repeats to you today, dear grandfathers and grandmothers, dear elderly friends. *"I am with you always"* are also the words that I, as Pope and an elderly person like yourselves, would like to address to you on this first World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. The whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone! I am well aware that this Message comes to you at a difficult time: the pandemic swept down on us like an unexpected and furious storm; it has been a time of trial for everyone, but especially for us elderly persons. Many of us fell ill, others died or experienced the death of spouses or loved ones, while others found themselves isolated and alone for long periods.

Even at the darkest moments, as in these months of pandemic, the Lord continues to send angels to console our loneliness and to remind us: *"I am with you always"*. He says this to you, and he says it to me. That is the meaning of this Day, which I wanted to celebrate for the first time in this particular year, as a long period of isolation ends, and social life slowly resumes. May every grandfather, every grandmother, every older person, especially those among us who are most alone, receive the visit of an angel! At times those angels will have the face of our grandchildren, at others, the face of family members, lifelong friends or those we have come to know during these trying times, when we have learned how important hugs and visits are for each of us. How sad it makes me that in some places these are still not possible! The Lord, however, also sends us messengers through his words, which are always at hand.

Let us try to read a page of the Gospel every day, to pray with the psalms, to read the prophets! We will be comforted by the Lord's faithfulness. The Scriptures will also help us to understand what the Lord is asking of our lives today. For at every hour of the day (cf. Mt 20:1-16) and in every season of life, he continues to send labourers into his vineyard. I was called to become the Bishop of Rome when I had reached, so to speak, retirement age and thought I would not be doing anything new. The Lord is always – always – close to us. He is close to us with new possibilities, new ideas, new consolations, but always close to us. You know that the Lord is eternal; he never, ever goes into retirement.

It makes no difference how old you are, whether you still work or not, whether you are alone or have a family, whether you became a grandmother or grandfather at a young age or later, whether you are still independent or need assistance. Because there is no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel and handing down traditions to your grandchildren. You just need to set out and undertake something new.

Given this, I want to tell you that you are needed in order to help build, in fraternity and social friendship, the world of tomorrow: the world in which we, together with our children and grandchildren, will live once the storm has subsided. All of us must "take an active part in renewing and supporting our troubled societies" (ibid., 77). Among the pillars that support this new edifice, there are three that you, better than anyone else, can help to set up. Those three pillars are dreams, memory and prayer. The Lord's closeness will grant to all, even the frailest among us, the strength needed to embark on a new journey along the path of dreams, memory and prayer.

Finally, prayer. As my predecessor, Pope Benedict, himself a saintly elderly person who continues to pray and work for the Church, once said: *"the prayer of the elderly can protect the world, helping it perhaps more effectively than the frenetic activity of many others."* I ask the Lord that, also through his example, all of us may open our hearts in sensitivity to the sufferings of the poor and intercede for their needs. May each of us learn to repeat to all, and especially to the young, the words of consolation we have heard spoken to us today: *"I am with you always"*! Keep moving forward! May the Lord grant you his blessing. *FRANCIS*

### **WHEN RECEIVING COMMUNION**

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

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

**27<sup>th</sup> June 2021: Offering: Envelopes – £499.29 Loose Plate – £1,165.79**

**Peter's Pence: – Envelopes – £125.13 Loose Plate – £78.91**

**04<sup>th</sup> July 2021: Offering: Envelopes – £615.51 Loose Plate – £918.98**

### **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)

Pop in for First Holy 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.*

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**Apostleship of the Sea | Second Collection:** The retiring collection this weekend is for the work of the Church among seafarers. This should be a collection very much dear to the heart of this Parish as the work for seafarers in the Port of London was organised from St Margaret's and the great testimony to that work is Anchor House, next door, which was built to care for seafarers. Times have changed but the need is just as great.

**Priests' Surgery:** The next surgery is on **Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> July from 5:00 to 6.00pm**. Please call at the Presbytery.

**Food Bank:** Monday, Wednesday and Friday from **10:30am to 1:00pm**.

**Living Simply Group:** Will have a Meeting at **19.00 this Tuesday** in the Parish Centre. All welcome

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Weddings:** I am getting many 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!

**Family Day Postponed:** The advice I am receiving is that it would be prudent to postpone the Family Day planned for the 1<sup>st</sup> August, also with the Guidance from the Prime Minister coming out on the 19<sup>th</sup> July this leaves us very little time to prepare. So, we shall look and see what alternatives we can consider in the future.

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

**The Gospel of Mark:** On most Sundays of 2021, we shall be reading from the Gospel according to Mark. In two new video presentations Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, demonstrates the skill with which Mark put his gospel together, and how Mark's material was used by later evangelists. The talks are accessible free of charge from the home page of [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) and also on the page entitled 'Faith Talks'.

**Lourdes Mass with the Bishop 28th July Convent Chapel at 11 am:** If you would like to come along and receive the Sacrament of the Sick at this Lourdes Mass, please put your name on the list at the back of the Church. If you are unable to get to the Church without transport, then please let us know. We urgently need drivers to help us bring people to Mass. If you are free, please sign up on the list.

**Baptism Preparation:** If you have booked in for a Baptism, you are asked to take part in a Baptism Preparation Course. This will be online via the FORMED Catholic Channel where the course can be followed. Go to Formed.org – go to sign up – then go to sign up as a parishioner – sign in with St Margaret's Canning Town. Give your name and email address and you are signed in. Look For Sacraments and then go to "REBORN" which is about Baptism. To then book a baptism date for your child, please attend the weekly Parish Surgery.

**Gift Aid:** A number of issued Gift Aid envelopes remain uncollected. Please call into the parish office to pick up yours and discard the old ones. Anyone new to the parish who is a tax payer and wishes to join the Gift Aid scheme should ask for a Declaration form – you will be notified as soon as the envelopes are ready. Please do not use envelopes from other parishes. For every £ you put in the offertory we are able to claim back 25p from the tax man at no cost to yourselves. This is a valuable source of income for our parish. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society** is inviting parishioners across the Diocese to join in with their '**Relay 100**' summer community event. This initiative is an opportunity to recommit ourselves to our work following the pandemic, to remind our community about the work we do, to reach families who may need our support and to raise some funds through sponsored walks, runs or cycles. We are looking for 100 individuals (or families within bubbles) to complete a 'leg' of our relay around the diocese; we have routes of varying distances so there is something to suit all abilities. Can you help us? To find out more, please contact Damian Dillon: [ddillon@bccs.org.uk](mailto:ddillon@bccs.org.uk)/07912 308000 or visit <https://www.bccs.org.uk/fundraising-and-events/all-events/relay-100> to read more about this event.

**Our Legs are:** St Margaret's to St Anne's and then St Anne's to St Johns in Silvertown and then St Marks to St Michaels East Ham. I shall be doing the walk between St Margaret to St Anne's and then on to St Johns Silvertown and this will take place on the Monday 19th July starting at 6pm starting from St Margaret's. If anyone wants to join in, please come along. Any volunteers for St Marks Beckton to St Michaels East Ham

**R.I.P.: Julie Ruocco (Dellamura) from Silvertown whose requiem Mass will take place this on Monday at St Margaret's at 2pm. May she rest in peace of Christ and may all who mourn find consolation Amen.**

### **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

Sat. 10	6:30pm	Mass – Holy Souls – St Margaret's
Sun. 11	10:00am 10:00am 12.00pm 12.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm	Mass – Theresa Miranda, Thanksgiving – Convent Chapel Mass – Romanian Mass of the Latin Rite – St Margaret's Mass – Maduekeh Family, Thanksgiving – St Margaret's Mass – Romanian Mass Greek Catholic Rite – Convent Chapel Mass – Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) – Convent Chapel Mass – People of the Parish – St Margaret's
Mon. 12	9:30am	Mass – Sean Clarke, R.I.P. – Convent Chapel
Tues. 13	9:30am	Mass – Pachal Hayden, R.I.P. – St Margaret's
Wed. 14		Mass – Ekhorungue Usunde (Ann), R.I.P. – Private
Thurs. 15	7:00pm	Mass – Annie Marie Williams, R.I.P. – St Margaret's <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession</b>
Fri. 16	9:00am 2:00pm	Mass – Frederick Sheppard, R.I.P. (F) – Convent Chapel Mass – Salih Erdem & Kathleen Farrugia, R.I.P. – St Margaret's <b>Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm.</b>
Sat. 17	5-6pm 6:30pm	Confessions Mass – People of the Parish – St Margaret's
Sun. 18 <b>SIXTEENTH SUNDAY</b>	10:00am 10:00am 12.00pm 12.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm	Mass – Adolph Lobo, R.I.P. – Convent Chapel Mass – Romanian Mass of the Latin Rite – St Margaret's Mass – Ivone Goncalves, R.I.P. – St Margaret's Mass – Romanian Mass Greek Catholic Rite – Convent Chapel Mass – Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) – Convent Chapel Mass – Ram Ramsey, R.I.P. – St Margaret's

**Readings**

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Amos 7: 12-15**

**Ephesians 1:3-14**

**Mark 6: 7-13**

*Resp. Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.*