

St Margaret of Cortona & All Saints Catholic Parish

Canning Town | Plaistow | Silvertown

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Second Sunday of Advent (A)

Sunday 04th December 2022

NOON MASS ON SUNDAY

It is great to see so many people at Mass especially the 12.00 Noon Mass on Sunday, but we do from time to time have a problem with overcrowding. We **MUST** have all the exit doors clear so that in the event of any emergency we can evacuate the Church quickly. To ensure that this can happen the following arrangements will be put in place:

- The area by the door at the back of the Church that leads directly onto the street, will be closed, and only opened at the end of Mass for people to leave the Church. Please do not sit or bring chairs into this area.
- We shall open the upstairs room in the Parish Centre, as we did in the Lockdown, for people to attend Mass via the live stream. Holy Communion will be brought to the people upstairs.
- I ask parents with prams, if possible, to leave their prams downstairs in the Parish Centre, where they will be safe. This is a health and safety issue and I hope you will understand, the safety of all at Mass is of the first importance.

ST MARY & ST EDWARDS | SILVERTOWN MASS

We now have a regular Mass in Silvertown ant St Johns Church at **6pm on Saturday Evening**. Please let your family and friends who live in North Woolwich and Silvertown known about this new Mass time. There will be a trial period of Six months.

GOOD NEWS!

The **Live streaming is now running for St Margaret's** we have a little more work to be done on the Convent.

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND CRIBS

on sale at all the Masses today. All proceeds go to the work of the Catholic Children's Society for children and families in need.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

We shall be holding an Advent Carol Service in the **Convent Chapel at 3pm on Sunday 18th December**. Come along to what will be beautiful way to prepare for Christmas. Mulled wine and light refreshment after the service.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

The next Baptism Preparation is on **Saturday 10th December at 10.00am**. In The Parish Centre. It will last one hour. To confirm the date of the Baptism you must attend this Course. Come along to the Parish Surgery to book the date of the Baptism.

GIFT AID

Thank you for your continued generosity. Please note that if you set up a Standing Order and want it Gift Aided, you have to fill out a Gift Aid Declaration - without this, we cannot claim back any money from the Taxman. You will not be issued a box of envelopes (unless you want one) but will be assigned a number that will enable us get the refunds. A few Standing Orders currently in place are not being Gift Aided - if you are not sure about yours, please send an email to the Parish - Attention Philip - and I will clarify.

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

All Parishioners who work with children and vulnerable adults in the Parish must have a DBS Certificate. It is time for us to update all certificates so in the next few weeks we shall organise a when you will be able to meet with Mary West Our Safeguarding Co-Ordinator in order to update you DBS Certificates.

THE CHRISTMAS DINNER

A big thank you to all the people who worked so hard to make our annual Dinner for our Senior Citizens such a success. Especially the staff at the school and all the volunteers

Date	Time	Intention	Location
Saturday, 03 rd St Francis Xavier	5.00pm 6.30pm 6.30pm	Confessions Heard until 6.00pm Elizabeth Barros R.I.P. People of the Parish	St Margaret's St Margaret's Silvertown
Sunday, 04 th Second Sunday of Advent	10.00am 12.00pm 6.00pm	Mike Lobo (Ann) R.I.P. Ibe Family Thanksgiving Aurea Cardena Thanksgiving	Convent Chapel St Margaret's St Margaret's
Monday, 05 th Feria	9.30am	Mary A Ellul R.I.P.	Convent Chapel
Tuesday, 06 th Feria	9.30am	Billy Phelan R.I.P.	St Margaret's
Wednesday, 07 th St Ambrose	9.30am	Lorenza and Valentin Tabula R.I.P.	St Margaret's
Thursday, 08 th The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7.00pm 7.30pm	Mark Solomons R.I.P Confessions and Adoration until 8.30pm	St Margaret's St Margaret's
Friday, 9 th Feria	9.00am	Paddy Tighe R.I.P.	Convent Chapel
Saturday, 10 th Feria	5.00pm 6.30pm 6.30pm	Confessions Heard until 6.00pm April Jen Abella Thanksgiving Francisca Lopes Da Silva R.I.P.	St Margaret's St Margaret's Silvertown
Sunday, 11 th Third Sunday of Advent	10.00am 12.00pm 6.00pm	Elisabeth Ntoukam Latani (Ann) R.I.P. Maureen Fitzpatrick Intentions People of the Parish and Betty Ong Intentions	Convent Chapel St Margaret's St Margaret's
Other Sunday Masses	9.00 am 12.00pm 6.00pm	Romanian Mass of the Latin Rite Romanian Mass Greek Catholic Rite Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form)	St Margaret's Convent Chapel Convent Chapel

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST

Thank you for your Mass stipends for the November Dead List. We shall be saying Masses for the Holy Souls over the course of the year which will be for the intentions of your loved ones.

CRIBBS CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Annual Christmas Memorial Service organised by T Cribb and Sons for all the people whose funeral they have arranged over the past years will take place at the offices in Beckton on Monday 19th December at 18.00. Fr John will be taking part in the service. More details from Cribbs 0207 476 1855

POPE FRANCIS ON ADVENT

It is good to remember that God is present to us even in the small, everyday events of our lives, Pope Francis said on the first Sunday of Advent.

“Let us bear this in mind: God is hidden in our life, he is always there – he is concealed in the commonest and most ordinary situations in our life.” God, he continued, *“does not come in extraordinary events, but in everyday things.”* *“He is there, in our daily work, in a chance encounter, in the face of someone in need, even when we face days that seem grey and monotonous, it is right there that we find the Lord, who calls to us, speaks to us and inspires our actions,”* he said.

“How can we recognize and welcome the Lord?” It is important, he said, that we are *“awake, alert, vigilant.”*

The pope also quoted from a sermon of St. Augustine, who said, *“I fear the Lord who passes by.”* *“That is, I fear that he will pass by and I will not recognize him,”* Francis explained.

He pointed out the warning Jesus gave his disciples in the day's Gospel reading from St. Matthew: Jesus said people in the time of Noah *“ate and drank ‘and they did not know until the flood came and swept them all away.’”* *The people, were absorbed in their own things and did not realize that the flood was about to come.”*

“In this time of Advent, let us be shaken out of our torpor and let us awaken from our slumber,” he said. *“Let's try to ask ourselves: am I aware of what I am living, am I alert, am I awake? Do I try to recognize God is present in daily situations, or am I distracted and a little overwhelmed by things?”*

“If we are unaware of his coming today, we will also be unprepared when he arrives at the end of times. Therefore, brothers and sisters, let us remain vigilant.”

First Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots:

on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.)

He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.

His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked.

Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion feed together, with a little boy to lead them.

The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together.

The lion eats straw like the ox.

The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand.

They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples.

It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

Response to the Psalm

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till moon fails.

Second Reading

Romans 15:4-9

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: *For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing to your name.*

The Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

Grace Iloanya | Gertie Duffy | Mary Tooley | Joseph Perrine | Rosalinda Ragasa | Gloria Charles | Therese Ainadawoeu | Rose and Eddie Moran | Jenny Ekila | Lilly Casey | Sonia Reamy | Anne Criminale | Doreen Bannister | Liz Wiles | Don and June Story | Maureen Fitzpatrick | Eva Hadley | Peggy McGinn | Stephen Smith | Prosper Remy | May Gordon | Mary Gilmore | Phillip Baptist | Rosalee Guill | Rose Eugene | Toren Nelson | Marian Poole | Beatie Phelan | Terry Hessian.

In the event of sickness and hospitalisation, please contact one of the priests. If you require the priest in an emergency when in hospital, please ask the ward to contact the duty Catholic priest.

Recently Deceased Please pray for the repose of the Souls of Anne Stewart and Margaret Lock formerly of this Parish Anne's Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 6th December in the Convent Chapel at 9.00am. Margaret Lock Funeral Service will be on Monday 5th December. **May they rest in peace. Amen**

Parish Office Opening Times	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10.am - 2pm
Parish Priests' Surgery General Enquiries	Every Monday 5.30 - 6.30 Parish Centre
Booking A Baptism for Your Child	Please go to the Parish Surgery to book a baptism
SVP	Meeting on Monday 5 th December, 2022 at the Parish Centre. Time 7pm and all members are expected to attend. We will go through the Basic Safeguarding Awareness Workbook, a requirement for each member.
Confirmation Registration 2023	Speak to one of the Priests at the weekly Priest's Surgery
Planning to get Married?	Speak to one of the Priests at the weekly Priest's Surgery
Do you want to become a Catholic?	Come along on Tuesday evening at 6.30pm

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Parish Finances 27th November

Cash: £507.35
Envelopes: £1055.40
Total: £1562.75 **THANK YOU**

Gift Aid Notice

The Gift Aid scheme is a valuable source of income for our parish at no extra cost to yourself! Please consider joining if you are a taxpayer and not a member.

Donate Now

You can donate to our parish and our various funds on our website at smct.church/donations

THE READINGS FOR ADVENT = PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

Father Adrian Graffy the noted Scripture Scholar will be leading a commentary on the weekly Sunday reading of Advent. the Mass readings for Advent with commentary by Fr Adrian Graffy is now available.

www.whatgoodnews.org.

Music Sunday Masses 10.00am & 12.00pm

Entrance hymn: 000 |
Offertory: 000 |
Communion: 000 |
Recessional: 000 |

Choir Practice Tuesday Evening at 19.00 at St Margaret's

HIRE OF THE PARISH CENTRE

Please note that ALL enquires about the use of the Parish Centre must be done through the Hall Booking link on the Website. The Hall may only be used for events that take place in the parish, weddings, funerals etc. This is because the hall is used on a regular basis for various parish activities.

FORMED: Catholic Films and Video's
Go to **formed.org** and log in with St Margaret's Canning Town