

St Margaret of Cortona & All Saints Catholic Parish

Canning Town | Plaistow | Silvertown

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A Parish of The Catholic Diocese of Brentwood, Registered Charity 234092

First Sunday of Lent (A)

Sunday 26th February 2023

LENTEN

The Lenten Retreat begins next **Friday the 3rd March at 7.00pm** in the Parish Centre it will be live streamed. Then on the 20th, 17th and 24th March All are welcome. Light refreshments will be laid on.

Sunday Film Night | The Chosen begins this Sunday we shall be showing this new film on the life of Jesus. This will take place **after the 6.00pm Mass on Sunday evenings**, the film is about 1 hour. Light refreshments will be laid on.

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday at 6.15 in St Margaret's led by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal.

Confessions: Every Saturday 5.00-6.00pm and Thursday 7.30 – 8.30pm

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

The work on renewing the roof of St Margaret's begins on Monday. You will see the scaffolding going up on the outside of the Presbytery. It is expected to take 10 weeks to complete the work. Pray for good weather over the next ten weeks!!

MASS INTENTIONS

Any Mass intention for special occasions should be booked in advance. Please note that Mass intentions for the month of March is now fully booked.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion Parents (both St Helen's & non-St Helen's) have a meeting on Saturday, 4th March, at 10am in the Parish Centre. St Helen's FHC children don't need to come, but non-St Helen's FHC children will have their session on the day upstairs.

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. Please pick up the New Form after Mass or from the Parish Office. If you were unable to come on the 20th February to see Mary West, please send an email and we shall arrange another time.

A DAY WITH MARY

Saturday 4 March 2023. St Mary Magdalen Athenaeum Rd, Whetstone, 09.45am Procession of Our Lady. Angelus. Crowning. Mass in honour of Our Lady. Fr Gladstone Liddle
12.00pm Lunch break
1.00pm Exposition, Procession, Rosary and reflections
3.15pm Tea break
4.00 Sermon on Our Lady by Fr Antonio Ritaccio Benediction

CAFOD TURKEY SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

The Parish donated £1,000 to the appeal for the victims of the Earthquake in Turkey and Syria.
Thank you for your generosity.

'THE PRIESTS' CHARITY CONCERT

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society are delighted to announce that the Northern Irish classical singing trio 'The Priests' have agreed to hold a second charity concert for us on **Friday 30th June 2023** at the Brentwood Cathedral at 7.30pm. All tickets can be purchased directly through Eventbrite and are £30 per person plus booking fee:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/528414691567>

Date	Time	Intention	Location
Saturday, 25 th After Ash Wednesday	5.00pm 6.30pm 6.00pm	Confessions Heard until 6.00pm People of the Parish Dave Kenyon, R.I.P.	St Margaret's St Margaret's Silvertown
Sunday, 26 th First Sunday of Lent	10.00am 12.00pm 6.00pm	Margaret Raynolds Intentions Mendes Family Intentions Veronica Fril & Family Intentions	Convent Chapel St Margaret's St Margaret's
Monday, 27 th Feria	9.30am	Steven Rodrigues R.I.P.	Convent Chapel
Tuesday, 28 th Feria	9.30am	Filipe, Paulo, Sergio and Cesaria, Thanksgiving	St Margaret's
Wednesday, 01 st St David	9.30am	John Fernandes R.I.P. (Ann)	St Margaret's
Thursday, 02 nd Feria	7.00pm 7.30pm	Victoria Getty, Intentions Confessions and Adoration until 8.30pm	St Margaret's St Margaret's
Friday, 03 rd Feria	9.00am	Rosie Gilchrist R.I.P.	Convent Chapel
Saturday, 04 ^h Feria	5.00pm 6.30pm 6.00pm	Confessions Heard until 6.00pm Betty Ramsey, R.I.P. People of the Parish	St Margaret's St Margaret's Silvertown
Sunday, 05 th Second Sunday of Lent	10.00am 12.00pm 6.00pm	Johnny & Josey Hayden, R.I.P. Rose Boteng & Maria de Fatima Lopes, R.I.P. All the Departed	Convent Chapel St Margaret's St Margaret's
Other Sunday Masses	9.00am 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

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL LENT LECTURE

"The pain, passion and privilege of supporting Christians who are suffering persecution" to be given by Baroness Caroline Cox at Brentwood Cathedral on **Wednesday 1st March at 7.00 p.m.** Free Entry. No need to book.
All Welcome

MEDIATION

Pope Francis reflects on the command that God the Father addresses to the disciples on Mount Tabor as they contemplate Jesus transfigured. The voice from the cloud says: 'Listen to him.'

The first proposal, then, is very clear: We need to listen to Jesus. Lent is a time of grace to the extent that we listen to him as he speaks to us.

During this liturgical season, the Lord takes us with him to a place apart. While our ordinary commitments compel us to remain in our usual places and our often repetitive and sometimes boring routines, during Lent we are invited to ascend 'a high mountain' in the company of Jesus and to live a particular experience of spiritual discipline as God's holy people.

One of the ways Jesus speaks to us is through the Word of God, which we can hear at Mass.

But if one cannot attend Mass during the week, it is a good idea to still read the daily readings of the liturgy.

In addition to the Scriptures, the Lord speaks to us through our brothers and sisters, especially in the faces and the stories of those who are in need.

Pope Francis' invites us to confront the difficulties of ordinary life, facing its reality and daily struggles, its hardships and contradictions," remembering that Lent is a period that leads to Easter.

The light that Jesus shows the disciples is an anticipation of Easter glory, and that must be the goal of our own journey, as we follow 'him alone,'" he said. "Lent leads to Easter: the 'retreat' is not an end in itself, but a means of preparing us to experience the Lord's passion and cross with faith, hope, and love, and thus to arrive at the resurrection.

Pope Francis compared the journey of Lent and the Church's ongoing Synod on Synodality to a "strenuous mountain trek."

While we hike up the mountain, we must keep our eyes on the path before us, but at the top, we are rewarded by the beautiful panorama that confronts us.

First Reading

Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

Now the serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death."' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

Response to the Psalm

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

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 Susan O'Neill, Dennis Grant (Fr. Tony's brother), Gertrudes Dominica Rangel who died recently. May she rest in Peace Amen!

The next Baptism Preparation is on Saturday 11th March at 10.00am in the Parish Centre.	To book a Baptism come along to the Parish Surgery to book the date of the Baptism. To confirm the date of the Baptism you must attend the Baptism Preparation
Parish Surgery General Enquiries	Every Monday 5.30 – 6.30 Parish Centre
The next Confirmation Session is on Monday 27th February at 18.30 in the Parish Centre.	Work on the roof. starts on 27 th February. The scaffolding will be up.
Planning to get Married?	Speak to one of the Priests at the Priest's Surgery. You must give 6-month notice.
Do you want to become a Catholic?	Speak to one of the Priests at the Priest's Surgery

Parish Finances 19th February

Cash: £531.20

Envelopes: £800.30

Total: £1,331.50 *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** or by Card machine at the back of the Churches

NURSERY 2023

If you have a child born between 1/9/19 and 31/8/20 application forms are available at the school office from 1 February 2023. Closing date is 3 March 2023. Nursery places are part time (15 hours per week) however you may be eligible for a full time place (30 hours per week) subject to eligibility criteria. Please call the school on 0207 476 1785 for more details.

THE UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY NEWSPAPER

Order your Digital 2 weeks FREE introductory offer by calling Michelle on 0743 661 7650 or email:

michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk

Below is the link to the latest edition of the Universe Catholic Weekly:-

<https://universecatholicweekly.co.uk/univers-e-weekly-newsletters/february-2023/UNIVERSE-03-FEB-2023.pdf>

SEA CADETS

Over the next few months, we shall be hosting the local Sea Cadet Unit in the Parish Centre on a Thursday evening, while their new centre is being prepared. The Cadets do excellent work with young people and if you want to know more joining come along on a Thursday evening between 7 and 8.30pm in the Parish Centre

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DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

24th – 29th July. Cost £875

The Parish will be going on Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes led by the Bishop.

Please sign the list at the back of the Churches if you are interested.

Call Tangey Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online:

Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours (tangney-tours.com)