

# St Margaret of Cortona & All Saints Catholic Parish

## Canning Town | Plaistow | Silvertown

St Margaret's Church, Barking Road | St Margaret's Convent Chapel, Bethel Avenue

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## 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

### OUTSTANDING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS!

We are greatly blessed in our Parish and Deanery to have such wonderful Catholic Schools. Here are a few comments from the Government OFSTED Inspectors.

#### St Helens Primary School | Our Parish School

The school is alive with learning opportunities. Pupils are excited by the wealth of experiences they have here. Leaders have high expectations of every pupil. Teachers recognise the efforts pupils make to go above and beyond what is expected of them. The well-planned curriculum ensures that pupils excel. Leaders have created an exceptional learning environment with rich opportunities for all pupils. Behaviour is very positive throughout all areas of the school. Pupils enjoy warm and respectful working relationships with adults. Pupils are safe and know that adults will support them if they have any concerns.

#### St Bonaventure's Secondary Boys School | Our Deanery Catholic Boys School

Pupils thrive in every way here. They succeed academically and are exceptionally well prepared for their next steps. Leaders expect pupils to make a strong, positive contribution to their local community. For example, all pupils are involved in charitable work to support local food banks. Pupils are safe, happy, and cared for at this school. There is a climate of respect and compassion for all. Pupils are protected from bullying, which is not tolerated. Pupils said that the school values everyone equally and that it celebrates diversity, for example through culture days. Pupils' behaviour is exemplary. The school's values of tolerance, consideration of others and love are encouraged through all aspects of school life. Pupils are considerate, respectful and support one another. For example, sixth-form students help younger pupils with reading.

#### St Angelas Ursuline Secondary Girls School | Our Deanery Catholic Girls School

Pupils' behaviour reflects the high expectations of leaders, as well as the respect that pupils have for staff and for each other. Pupils and their parents reported that bullying seldom occurs. Leaders are swift to address any issues between pupils when they do arise. As a result, pupils are happy and safe. Leaders are determined that all pupils will succeed academically. All pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), study a broad and ambitious curriculum. Pupils are committed learners. They do not waste valuable learning time in class. Pupils listen attentively to their teachers and take pride in their work.

This week Staff from both St Bonaventure's and St Angela's will be visiting Year 5 students in St Helen's to tell them about our secondary schools, and to tell them about the transition to secondary school more generally.

This has been running for a few years now and has been well received by students and their schools. If you want to know more about our Catholics schools in the Deanery have a look at the Parish website which gives full details. The visits are taking place next week and the week after. Staff from both St Bonaventure's and St Angela's will be visiting Year 5 students in our deanery schools to tell them about our secondary schools, but about the transition to secondary school more generally.

| Date   | Time                         | Intention   | Location  |
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| Saturday, 10 <sup>th</sup><br>Feria                        | 5.00pm<br>6.00pm<br>6.30pm   | Confessions   Heard until 6.00pm<br>Joan Myles Walshe, Intentions<br>Mrs P. Ibieibor & Mrs Monye, R.I.P | St Margaret's<br>Silvertown<br>St Margaret's      |
| Sunday, 11 <sup>th</sup><br><b>Corpus Christi</b>          | 10.00am<br>12.00pm<br>6.00pm | Patsy Boyle, R.I.P<br>Joao Semedo, R.I.P<br>People of the Parish  | Convent Chapel<br>St Margaret's<br>St Margaret's  |
| Monday, 12 <sup>th</sup><br>Feria                          | 9.30am                       | Joao Isidro Thanksgiving<br>Winnies, Intentions   | Convent Chapel                                    |
| Tuesday, 13 <sup>th</sup><br>St Antony of Padua            | 9.30am                       | Mary Joe & Johnny O'Connell, R.I.P<br>Sheila Morton, R.I.P.   | St Margaret's                                     |
| Wednesday, 14 <sup>th</sup><br>Feria                       | 9.30am                       | Suzanne Hayes Ne O'Conner, R.I.P  | St Margaret's                                     |
| Thursday, 15 <sup>th</sup><br>Feria                        | 7.00pm<br>7.30pm             | Kearns Family, Alister Kim, for conversion<br>Confessions and Adoration until 8.30pm                    | St Margaret's<br>St Margaret's                    |
| Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup><br>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus | 9.00am                       | John & Josie Hayden, R.I.P.   | Convent Chapel                                    |
| Saturday, 17 <sup>th</sup><br>Feria                        | 5.00pm<br>6.00pm<br>6.30pm   | Confessions   Heard until 6.00pm<br>Otilia Fonsecalann, R.I.P<br>People of the Parish                   | St Margaret's<br>Silvertown<br>St Margaret's      |
| Sunday, 18 <sup>th</sup><br><b>Corpus Christi</b>          | 10.00am<br>12.00pm<br>6.00pm | Marie Celine Popo & Jerome Philip, R.I.P<br>Maria da Silva, Thanksgiving<br>Carmenu Zerafa, R.I.P       | Convent Chapel<br>St Margaret's<br>St Margaret's  |
| <b>Other Sunday Masses</b>                                 | 9.00am<br>12.00pm<br>6.00pm  | Romanian Mass of the Latin Rite<br>Romanian Mass Greek Catholic Rite<br>Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) | St Margaret's<br>Convent Chapel<br>Convent Chapel |

### MEDITATION

In today's Gospel, Jesus calls a tax collector named Matthew to be his disciple. Jesus' invitation to Matthew, "Follow me," is similar to Jesus' invitation to the first disciples: Peter, Andrew, James, and John. Like the first disciples, Matthew rises immediately and follows Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, discipleship calls one to a new life, a new vocation. The fishermen leave their nets; the tax collector leaves his customs post.

After Matthew decides to follow Jesus as a disciple, he joins Jesus at a table with other tax collectors and sinners. The Pharisees observe this group of people and criticize Jesus for his choice of dinner companions. The Pharisees were known for their scrupulous observance of Jewish law, which stipulated that Jews who shared table fellowship with people who were ritually unclean would themselves be made unclean. Tax collectors were considered ritually unclean because their job required them to handle pagan coins. The Pharisees required that the unclean first become ritually pure before sharing table fellowship. Jesus, however, disobeys these strict purity rules by communing with tax collectors and sinners through the sharing of food.

The Pharisees question Jesus' followers, but it is Jesus who responds. In his response, Jesus first explains his actions by making an analogy—the healthy do not need a physician. Jesus' fellowship with the ritually unclean creates the messianic community and makes it present. Jesus then quotes the words of the Prophet Hosea by saying that he desires mercy rather than sacrifice.

This seemingly simple message that God loves us first, not because of what we do but simply because we are God's children, can be a difficult one for us to internalize. We seem to want to make things more difficult by trying to prove our worth to God. Yet Jesus calls us even while we are sinners and welcomes us into the community of disciples.

**First Reading.****Hosea 6:3-6**

Let us set ourselves to know the Lord;  
that he will come is as certain as the dawn  
his judgement will rise like the light,  
he will come to us as showers come,  
like spring rains watering the earth.  
What am I to do with you, Ephraim?  
What am I to do with you, Judah?  
This love of yours is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that quickly disappears.  
This is why I have torn them to pieces by the prophets,  
slaughtered them with the words from my mouth,  
what I want is love, not sacrifice;  
knowledge of God, not holocausts.

**Response to the Psalm****O praise the Lord, Jerusalem****Second Reading****Romans 4:18-25**

Though it seemed Abraham's hope could not be fulfilled, he hoped and he believed, and through doing so he did become the father of many nations exactly as he had been promised: Your descendants will be as many as the stars. Even the thought that his body was past fatherhood – he was about a hundred years old – and Sarah too old to become a mother, did not shake his belief. Since God had promised it, Abraham refused either to deny it or even to doubt it, but drew strength from faith and gave glory to God, convinced that God had power to do what he had promised. This is the faith that was 'considered as justifying him.' Scripture however does not refer only to him but to us as well when it says that his faith was thus 'considered'; our faith too will be 'considered' if we believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, Jesus who was put to death for our sins and raised to life to justify us.

**Gospel****Matthew 9:9-13**

As Jesus was walking on, he saw a man named Matthew sitting by the customs house, and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

While he was at dinner in the house it happened that a number of tax collectors and sinners came to sit at the table with Jesus and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your master eat with tax collectors and sinners?' When he heard this he replied, 'It is not the healthy who need the doctor, but the sick. Go and learn the meaning of the words: What I want is mercy, not sacrifice. And indeed I did not come to call the virtuous, but sinners.'

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. Joan Plant

**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.**

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| <b>The next Baptism Preparation is on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June in the Parish Centre.</b> | To book a Baptism come along to the <b>Parish Surgery</b> to book the date of the Baptism.<br>To confirm the date of the Baptism you must attend the Baptism Preparation |
| <b>Parish Surgery   General Enquiries</b>   | Every Monday 5.30 – 6.30   |
| <b>Planning to get Married?</b>   | Speak to one of the Priests at the Priest's Surgery.<br>You must give 6-month notice.  |
| <b>Do you want to become a Catholic?</b>  | Speak to one of the Priests at the Priest's Surgery  |

### ***Parish Finances***

Cash: £803.98

Envelopes: £655.66

**Total: £1,459.64 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 [www.smct.church/donations](http://www.smct.church/donations) or by Card machine at the back of the Churches.

### **INTERESTED IN ROSARY MAKING?**

We are a fledgling group learning to make Rosaries with a few experienced women to teach us. We have a purpose every time we meet for either a Mission or a Project. This month on Sunday 18th June we will meet in the upper hall in St Margaret's parish centre for a Rwandan Mission and Prison Ministry here in UK. Please come along at 2pm (until 6pm) there may be a fraternal time after until 9pm. We will provide the resources.

### **UNIFORM FOR ST BONAVENTURE'S**

We are looking for any unused school uniform to give to current students. If you have any of the following items in good condition, they would be much appreciated. Black or brown school blazers, black or brown v neck jumpers, white shirts, black school trousers, school shoes, ties, or school PE kit - these should be for boys aged 11 to 16. These can be dropped at the school reception on Boleyn Road or to the parish office. Thank you in advance.

### **DEANERY FORMATION DAYS**

The Deanery of Newham have organised two Formation Days of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June **from 10am to 4pm** at St Francis in Stratford and for Readers (Lectors) on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June at St Annes. Custom House **from 10am to 4pm**.

### **MASS IN THANKSGIVING FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE**

Bishop Alan will be celebrating the annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life in Brentwood Cathedral at 3pm on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July. We have 3 invitations. If you are celebrating significant wedding anniversary, recently married, or preparing for marriage, please speak to the priest after the Mass.

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## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

**First Holy Communion Masses Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Convent Chapel at 11 am. The rehearsal will take place at 6.30 pm on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June.**