



St Margaret of Cortona & All Saints Catholic Parish

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Second Sunday of Advent (C)

5th December 2021

Taking Part in the Worldwide Synod

The Synod as explained in last week's Pastoral letter by Bishop Alan invited us to take part in the worldwide Synod of the Church, which will be led by Pope Francis in 2023. We are asked to meet as a Parish to reflect on how we as a Parish community can best serve the community in which we live. To do this we need to understand the community in which we live. Jesus calls this "Reading the Signs of the Times". To start this process we shall hold an open **meeting on Friday 17th December** to draw up a list of ten points highlighting the issues that face us today in order that we may understand how best to serve our community. It will begin at 19.00 and take place in St Margaret's Parish Centre. All are welcome. Please pray the Synod Prayer below:

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor bias influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Masses for the Immaculate Conception will take place at 9.30 am 7.00 pm at St Margaret's this Wednesday 8th December.

Confirmation Retreat

The retreat for those who enrolled for Confirmation in 2022 will take place **next Saturday starting at 13.00** in the Parish Centre. All who have enrolled are asked to attend. This is the last opportunity to enrol in the 2022 Confirmation Programme. Please be sure to arrive ready to start at 13.00.

Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner

A big thank you to all who worked so hard to make the Dinner such a success, especially the wonderful staff at St Helen's School. Hopefully this will become an annual fixture!

Anchor House Carol Concert

The Carol Concert for Anchor House planned for Friday 10th December has had to be **cancelled**.

Food Bank Support this Christmas



Morrisons in Canning Town has created **The Local Community Giving Tree in Support of St Margaret's Food Bank**. If you would like to contribute and support our Food Bank this Christmas, you have the opportunity to do so when you shop in Morrisons. Thank you to Morrisons for the initiative and to all who will support us.

Christmas Rathbone Market Event Canning Town 8th December 4.00pm – 6.30pm. There will be a variety of market stalls for you to do your Christmas shopping while supporting local traders. Also there will be plenty of live music with performances by Newham Music's Senior Orchestra, Star Primary School Glee Choir, Rokeby Secondary School Band, St Helen's Catholic Primary School and local artists Nisha Amanie and May, amongst others.



What's on this week

Mon.	Parish Priest's Surgery – 5.30 – 6.30pm, Parish Centre SVP , 7.00 – 8.00pm, Parish Centre
Tues.	Nifty 50+ Group , 1.00 – 3.00pm, Parish Hall St Margaret's Choir , 7.30 – 8.30pm, St Margaret's Church

A big thank you for your generous offerings

28th November 2021

Figures will be available next week.

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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Useful Information

Secretary

Maria Da Silva

General Enquiries

Contact the Parish Office

Parish Office:

Mon., Tues. and Thurs.
(10am to 2pm)

Convent Chapel:

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020 7476 1785

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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.

Mass intentions: Any Mass intention for special occasions should be booked in advance. Please note that Mass intentions for the month of December are now fully booked. Thank you for your co-operation.

Baptism Preparation: The next Baptism Preparation is on **Saturday 11th 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.

Baptisms: These take place on the first and the third Saturdays of the month at St Margaret's at 12 Noon. To book a Baptism please attend the Parish Surgery, which is open every Monday between 5.30 and 6.30 in the Parish Centre. A provisional date will be fixed, you will be given the Application Form to take away and complete. You should then attend one of the Baptism Preparation Courses, which takes place on the Second Saturday of each Month at 10.00 in the Parish Centre. Attendance at the Course is the confirmation of the date of the Baptism.

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Parish Office Hours: The Parish Office is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday between **10.00am and 2.00pm**. If you want to contact the Parish Office for certificates, Mass bookings and general enquires then please either send an email any time or use the phone during these times. Most details about the life of the Parish are given on the website. **After these hours the Parish number should only be used for emergency calls**, or if you wish to talk to one of the priests. **All routine enquiries contact the Parish Office by email or phone within office hours.** Thank you

Baptism Certificates: If you lose your baptism certificate, please send an email to the parish email with the details. **Please do not leave a message on the Phone.**

The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, led by Bishop Alan, will take place from Sunday 24 – Friday 29 in Lourdes. It will be the first time in three years that the diocese has returned to Lourdes. Brochures for the pilgrimage, which will include costs, will be available soon. If you would like further information now, please contact Cathy O'Connor, the Administrative Director: cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org or 07813 710070.

New Catechists: We need some new people to help us with the various programmes. We have to teach our children and young people our Faith. We are looking for people who have worked with children or parents who might be able to help. See Fr John or Fr Tony.

The Thresholds of Hope Question: *What are the unique insights of Catholic Social Teaching?* takes place by Zoom on Sundays 28th and 5th December 4.00 – 5.00 p.m. Fr Dominic Howarth, Episcopal Vicar for Youth Ministry and Pastoral Care, will lead the input and discussion. To join this meeting go to Events at www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk. All Welcome

The Thresholds of Hope Theologian: Trevor Lopez is training to be a doctor but he has also just begun a course in theology. To find out why he has decided to deepen his Catholic Faith by studying theology go to https://youtu.be/QPhjz-oY_bY or video resources on www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk.

Gift Aid: We are halfway through the financial year and the following issued envelopes have still not been collected (this includes people who recently filled in a Gift Aid Declaration): **7, 21, 43, 44, 56, 60, 65, 75, 85, 107, 152, 179, 184, 229.** **Please contact the Parish Office to arrange collection.** Any tax payer not a member of the Gift Aid scheme should consider joining as it allows the Parish to claim 25p for every £ you put in the offertory back from the taxman. Please ask for a Declaration form at Mass or from the Parish Office and you will be contacted once the envelopes are ready for collection. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Five Bible Studies on The Advent Sunday Gospels: Mauro Iannicelli will break-open the forthcoming Advent Sunday Gospels with in-depth teaching and stimulating questions. As a result, you will experience Sunday Mass in a new way! Five Wednesdays: 8 Dec | 15 Dec | 22 Dec (7-8pm UK Time). Free of Charge | LIVE sessions on YouTube. Info & Registration: <https://comeandsee.org/advent>.

Faith Talk on the Christmas Gospels: As Christmas draws closer we shall be reading the sections of the gospels commonly known as 'infancy narratives' with their stories of the births of John the Baptist and of Jesus. The three parts of this talk consider Matthew chapters 1-2, Luke chapters 1-2 and John chapter 1. The videos are available free of charge on www.whatgoodnews.org. They are given by Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest, Scripture scholar and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission.

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Sat. 04	6:30pm	Mass – Mary A. Ellul, R.I.P. – St Margaret's
Sun. 05	10:00am	Mass – People of the Parish – Convent Chapel
	12.00pm	Mass – Holy Souls – St Margaret's
	3:00pm	Mass – Romanian Mass of the Latin Rite – St Margaret's
	12.00pm	Mass – Romanian Mass Greek Catholic Rite – Convent Chapel
	6.00pm	Mass – Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) – Convent Chapel
	6.00pm	Mass – Lorenza & Valentina Tabula, R.I.P. – St Margaret's
Mon. 06	9:30am	Mass – Marjowell Castellano, R.I.P. – Convent Chapel
Tues. 07 ST AMBROSE	9:30am	Mass – Maria Manuela De Lima, R.I.P. – St Margaret's Exposition of the Blessed
Wed. 08 THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	9:30am	Mass – David Buskell, R.I.P. – St Margaret's
	7.00pm	Mass – Carlos Cardoso, R.I.P. – St Margaret's
Thurs. 09	7:00pm	Mass – Mary Tay, Thanksgiving – St Margaret's Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession
Fri. 10	9:00am	Mass – April Jen Abella, Thanksgiving – Convent Chapel
Sat. 11	5-6pm	Confessions
	6:30pm	Mass – Elibokun Enabulele, R.I.P. – St Margaret's
Sun. 12 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	10:00am	Mass – Ibe Family, Thanksgiving – Convent Chapel
	12.00pm	Mass – Ivone Goncalves, R.I.P. – St Margaret's
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Readings

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Baruch 5:1-9

Philippians 1:4-6; 8-11

Luke 3:1-6

Resp. What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.