

# 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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## Second Sunday of Lent (A)

Sunday 05<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### LENTEN

**The Lenten Retreat** began on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre.

Then on the 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March. All are welcome. Light refreshments will be laid on.

**Sunday Film Night** | The Chosen began last Sunday we shall be showing this new film on the life of Jesus every Sunday during Lenten **after the 6.00pm Mass on Sunday evenings**, the film is about 1 hour.

Light refreshments will be laid on.

Early Mass at 7.00am Tuesday in St Margarets.

**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

### FR JOHN'S ANNUAL RETREAT

Fr John Will be on his annual retreat this coming week, from Monday to Thursday.

### 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.

Thank you for your co-operation.

### BERNARD ALLEN

We welcome Bernard Allen to the Parish. Bernard is the Artistic Director for the Mosaics in St Margarets. He is in the process of drawing up the design for the Mosaics. He will be based in the Convent Chapels upstairs in the Gallery.

### 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 20<sup>th</sup> February to see Mary West, please send an email and we shall arrange another time.

### PARISH SECRETARY

Our Parish Secretary Maria da Silva will be leaving the position after 6 years. On behalf of the whole parish, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Maria for her dedication, support and hard work over the years, especially during the period of the Covid Lockdown. In particular, I wish to recognise her inspirational work in setting up and running the Food Bank. The good news is that she will still be involved in the life of the Parish helping us to arrange pilgrimages, retreats and the prayer life of the Parish.

### SURVEY

A survey will be carried out this week with a view to building a new store for the foodbank, and a new entrance to the Parish Centre and a new Parish Office.

### 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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, 04 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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
Monday, 06 <sup>th</sup> Feria	9.30am	Allan Anthony Abella Thanksgiving	Convent Chapel
Tuesday, 07 <sup>th</sup> Feria	7.00am 9.30am	Ethel Sheperd R.I.P. Vince Tighe R.I.P.	St Margaret's St Margaret's
Wednesday, 08 <sup>th</sup> Feria	9.30am	Antonio, Celeste and Francisco R.I.P.	St Margaret's
Thursday, 09 <sup>th</sup> Feria	7.00pm 7.30pm	Folarin, Intentions Confessions and Adoration until 8.30pm	St Margaret's St Margaret's
Friday, 10 <sup>th</sup> Feria	9.00am	Patsy Boyle R.I.P.	Convent Chapel
Saturday, 11 <sup>th</sup> Feria	5.00pm 6.30pm 6.00pm	Confessions   Heard until 6.00pm Jerry Reynolds R.I.P. Ethel Shepherd R.I.P.	St Margaret's St Margaret's Silvertown
Sunday, 12 <sup>th</sup> Third Sunday of Lent	10.00am 12.00pm 6.00pm	People of the Parish Da Silva and Mendes Family Thanksgiving Gilligan & Hanley Family R.I.P.	Convent Chapel St Margaret's St Margaret's
<b>Other Sunday Masses</b>	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

## MEDIATION ON THE TRANSFIGURATION

### The Revelation of the Trinity

The Transfiguration, in the first place, shows us the nature of God, in the Most Blessed Trinity and of Jesus Christ and our future glory of the Resurrection which comes by way of the Cross. “the Father in the voice, the Son in the man Jesus, the Spirit in the shining cloud” (Saint Thomas Aquinas). Speaking with Moses and Elijah about his “departure” (Luke 9:31), Jesus reveals that his glory comes by way of the cross and he anticipates his resurrection and his glorious coming “which will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body” (Philippians 3:21). Compendium, n. 110.

### The importance of listening to Christ.

God the Father gave us another important advice: to listen to His Beloved Son. In Our Lord Jesus Christ, God speaks to all men; and through the Church, his voice resounds in all ages “The Church does not cease to listen to his words. She rereads them continually. With the greatest devotion she reconstructs every detail of his life. These words are listened to also by non-Christians. The life of Christ speaks, also, to many who are not capable of repeating with Peter, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God’ (Mt 16:16). He, the Son of the living God, speaks to people also as Man: it is his life that speaks, his humanity, his fidelity to the truth, his all-embracing love. Furthermore, his death on the Cross speaks – that is to say the inscrutable depth of his suffering and abandonment. The Church never ceases to relive his death on the Cross and his resurrection, which constitute the content of the Church’s daily life... The Church lives his mystery, draws unwearingly from it and continually seeks ways of bringing this mystery of her Master and Lord to humanity – to the peoples, the nations, the succeeding generations, and every individual human being (St. John Paul II, *Redemptor hominis*, 7).”

We will also be transfigured with Christ if we faithfully follow His footsteps and embrace His Cross in our life.

Dear brethren in Christ, as Christians, we are called to a holy life, faithfully following the footsteps of Christ, identifying ourselves with Him during our earthly life. Pope Francis in His **2023 Lenten Message** reminds us that “To deepen our knowledge of the Master, to fully understand and embrace the mystery of his salvation, accomplished in total self-giving inspired by love, we must allow ourselves to be taken aside by him and to detach ourselves from mediocrity and vanity. We need to set out on the journey, an uphill path that, like a mountain trek, requires effort, sacrifice and concentration.”

## **First Reading**

**Genesis 12:1-4**

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:

I will curse those who slight you.

All the tribes of the earth

shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

## **Response to the Psalm**

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

## **Second Reading**

**2 Timothy 1:8-10**

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

## **The Gospel**

**Matthew 17:1-9**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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 <b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 10.00am</b> in the Parish Centre.	To book a Baptism come along to the <b>Parish Surgery</b> to book the date of the Baptism. 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 Parish Centre
The next Confirmation Session is on <b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 18.30</b> in the Parish Centre.	<b>Work on the roof.</b> The scaffolding is being set-up.
<b>Planning to get Married?</b>	Speak to one of the Priests at the Priest's Surgery. 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 26<sup>th</sup> February*

Cash: £735.29

Envelopes: £1201.45

**Total: £1,936.74** **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

### **ROKEBY SCHOOL**

Over the next few weeks, we will be welcoming the students from Rokeby School in Canning Town as part of the RE syllabus looking at Christianity.

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

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

### **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

**24<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> 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:

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