



00St. Margaret Clitherow's Catholic Church

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Parish Priest: Fr Luke Marappillil

Parish Secretary: Steve Pearce (available Wednesday/Friday 12:30-3:30pm)

Confessions: Monday-Saturday 30 minutes before the Mass or at call.

Baptism, Marriages & Visits: please call.

23 February 2020: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Mass Intentions/Service Times

Saturday	22 Feb	06.30pm:	Katherine Ang RIP	
Sunday	23 Feb	09.00am:	Brazilian Community	
		10.30am:	Mary Tully RIP	
Monday	24 Feb	09.00am:	Laurence Ascott RIP (Anniversary)	Feria
Tuesday	25 Feb	10.00am:	Kathleen Roche	Feria
Wednesday	26 Feb	10.00am:	Fr Luke's Intention	Ash Wednesday
		06.30pm:	Eileen McDonnell	
Thursday	27 Feb	10.00am:	Alice Murphy	Feria
Friday	28 Feb	06.30pm:	Bertrand Nicken RIP	Feria
		07.00pm:	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday	29 Feb	06.30pm:	People of the parish	
Sunday	01 Mar	09.00am:	Brazilian Community	First Sunday of Lent
		10.30am:	Katherine & Bridget Tuohy RIP (Anniversary)	

Last Week's Collections: Parish: £233.26; Brazilian chaplaincy: £286.23. Many thanks.

Children's Liturgy: At 10.30am Mass every Sunday. Please bring your children to Sunday 10.30am Mass.

Open House: On Wednesdays 2.30pm – 9.00pm, at 4 Kingswood Drive. No prior appointment needed.

Sick/Housebound: For visit, Prayer, Holy Communion... kindly let Fr Luke know.

Repository: The repository is open after the Saturday and Sunday Masses.

Mass Intentions: Birthday, Wedding, Anniversary, wellbeing..... Kindly use the brown envelopes kept at the narthex.

SMC Bible Study: Evening every Monday in the church at 7pm. All are welcome!

Lent: In Lent we will be using the Nicene Creed and Eucharistic Prayer III

Pilgrimage: To Knock Shrine, Ireland, celebrating the feast of St. Patrick, 16th March 2020 (poster on the noticeboard).

CHURCH HALL: The work on repairing the hall roof and drainage system is in progress. During the period of work, for health & safety reasons, the external spaces of the hall, e.g. the garden, are strictly out of bounds.

- Special diocesan gathering in Aylesford on Saturday 27th June.** If you would like to go, please put your contact details on the sheet kept in the narthex.
- SDC monthly meetings:** 38 Ryefield Road, Upper Norwood SE19 3QU (Details on the noticeboard).
- An exploration of the Gospel according to John:** Saturday 29th February (Details on the noticeboard)
- Day for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** On Saturday 14th March at Sacred Heart School, Camberwell.

"BE PERFECT AS YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER IS PERFECT"

Continuing from last week's reflection on the Law based on Love, this week Jesus is asking us to be perfect like God. This sounds like an impossible target! Here Jesus is trying to help us to see the world a little more as God sees it. For God there is goodness within each person. Hence His love embraces everyone. The more Christ-like we become the more we try to include everyone in our love. In short, it means to be taking on a more radical commitment to the Gospel – to be more generous, more prayerful and more willing to set aside our own needs for the good of others, as Jesus has shown us in his very life - loving even his enemies and forgiving those who mocked, scourged, and crucified him. This is how he showed us what God is like. The same God who gave the Law in the Old Testament is showing it in an organic way in the New Testament.

Jesus loves the Law and would do nothing to discredit it, but has come to complete it. Thus, he often begins by reinforcing the familiar with, 'You have learnt how it was said...' and then moves on to, 'But I say this to you...'. The new understanding usually expands rather than reduces the message of the Law, making it more radical, at the same time more loving.

Fr Luke