



# St. Margaret Clitherow's Catholic Church

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

**Baptism, Marriages & Visits:** please call.

## 06 December 2020: Second Sunday of Advent [B]

### Mass Intentions/Service Times

Saturday	05 Dec	06.30pm:	Adrian Okine RIP (Funeral day)	
Sunday	06 Dec	08.30am:	Brazilian Community	
		10.30am:	Constance Tan RIP (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)	
Monday	07 Dec	9.00am:	Alice Murphy (Wellbeing)	St Ambrose
Tuesday	08 Dec	10.00am:	Epiphany Fernandes RIP	<b>Immaculate Conception of BVM</b>
Wednesday	09 Dec	10.00am:	Alana Seby (Birthday thanksgiving)	Feria
			Mass followed by Exposition-Adoration-Holy Rosary-Benediction	
Thursday	10 Dec	10.00am:	Dinno Family	Feria
Friday	11 Dec	10.00am:	Special Intention	Feria
			Mass followed by Exposition-Adoration-Divine Mercy Chaplet-Benediction	
Saturday	12 Dec	06.30pm:	Eric Wilmot RIP	
Sunday	13 Dec	08.30am:	Brazilian Community	Third Sunday of Advent (B)
		10.30am:	People of the parish	

### PROJECT UPDATE

All the work we are undertaking around the Church, Hall and Presbytery is to mitigate health & safety, or fire safety concerns. We have much work to do, and limited funds, but we are making progress. We are most thankful for the patience of local residents, parishioners and those working for and attending the nursery.

The grounds work has taken us much longer than anticipated, as complications have arisen, but the first, and most disruptive phase, will end by next Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.

In relation to the pathways and driveways, we have found the cause of the many cracks and depressions. Underneath both tarmac and concreted areas, the ground is loosely filled resulting in cavities. Over time, these cavities collapse, as the material is not compacted as per building regulations, causing the cracking and depressions. The result is us having to remove the loose fill, until we reach stable ground, so we can create solid foundations to build upon.

Additionally, the grounds work uncovered much dumped material, containing items such as rotting and leaking cement bags and material containing asbestos. As these are harmful to the environment, we have a duty of care to remove them, and dispose of them according to government guidelines.

In relation to the hall, we have completely refurbished the roof, guttering and downpipes to address the issue of leaks. We have undertaken an exercise to overhaul the electrical system, and make fire-secure the boiler. Having a resident nursery has meant taking an approach, which although slower in terms of progress, ensured the safety of the children, parents and staff.

In relation to the Church, we have fixed the leaks in the roof, but there is more to do around the windows.

The winter months are now upon us and work will now slow.

However, our plans for 2021 will see grass replacing bare earth, and pathways that are safe and sturdy. We also turn our attention to the inside of the Church, in particular its ceiling. As you will notice, we have lost several tiles. Owing to some generous benefactors, for whom I am deeply grateful and thankful, we have been gifted £1,500, and this I will put towards replacing the Church ceiling with a more appropriate solution. In this regard, I will begin a second collection to build upon this fine start.

Fr Luke

### BISHOP PAT RETIRES

On November 28th 2020, Pope Francis accepted Bishop Patrick Lynch's request to retire slightly early on health grounds. Thankfully, Bishop Pat's health is stable and he will be retiring in the Archdiocese. We offer Bishop Pat our sincere thanks and love as he moves into a new expression and pace of ministry. We very much look forward to him continuing to be part of the life of the Archdiocese and assure him of our heartfelt prayers and support.

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O people of Zion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

## GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## FIRST READING – Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

‘Console my people, console them’ says your God. ‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.’

A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low. Let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion.  
Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem.  
Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah,  
‘Here is your God.’

Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Psalm 84

**R. Let us see, O Lord, your mercy  
and give us your saving help.**

## SECOND READING – 2 Peter 3: 8-14

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, ‘a day’ can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are

waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL – Mark 1: 1-8

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;  
he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

And so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, ‘Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.’

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.