



St. Margaret Clitherow's Catholic Church

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Parish Priest: Fr Luke Marappillil

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

Baptism, Marriages & Visits: please call.

19 December 2021: Fourth Sunday of Advent [C]

Mass Intentions/Service Times

Saturday	18 Dec 06.30pm:	People of the parish	
Sunday	19 Dec 08.30am:	Brazilian Mass	
	10.30am:	Andem and Caleb Effiom RIP (Anniversary)	
Monday	20 Dec 10.00am:	No Mass	
	06.15pm:	Advent Reconciliation Service followed by Mass at 7.00pm	- Ann Brown
Tuesday	21 Dec 10.00am:	Carmen Theodoulou RIP	Feria
Wednesday	22 Dec 10.00am:	Maria Vicentina RIP	Feria
		Mass followed by Exposition-Adoration-Holy Rosary-Benediction	
Thursday	23 Dec 10.00am:	Grace Price (Wellbeing)	Feria
Friday	24 Dec 10.00am:	No Mass	Feria
	07.00pm	Vigil Mass	
	10.00pm:	Carols & readings and the first Mass of Christmas	- Luz Marina Grisales Lopez RIP
Saturday	25 Dec 10.30am:	Christmas Day Mass	- People of the parish
	6.30pm:	No Mass	
Sunday	26 Dec 10.30am:	Patrick Tuohy RIP	Holy Family (C)
Friday	31 Dec 10.00am:	Kathy Romeril (wellbeing)	Year End
		Mass followed by Exposition, year-end prayer, Te Deum and Benediction	
Saturday	01 Jan 10.30am:	Holy Souls	New Year's Day Mary, the Mother of God
	06.30pm:	People of the parish	The first Mass of Sunday
Sunday	02 Jan 10.30am:	Francois Chang-Pen-Tive RIP (36 th Anniversary)	2 nd Sun of Christmas (C)

- Last Week's Mass Attendance:** Sat 11th Dec 6.30pm: **18** Sun 12th Dec 8.30am: **110** 10.30am: **45**
- Second Collection this Sunday:** Church Restoration Fund.
- Synod- More information:** There will be two parish meetings, one before Christmas: Saturday 18th December 5.15pm – 6.15pm (face to face) in the church; and the other after Christmas: Wednesday 5th January 6.00pm – 7.00pm (via Zoom. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89439913551?pwd=cDVKakhHc0R0RUtJNVE0Mlp2Tmh1Zz09> Meeting ID: 894 3991 3551 Passcode: 195482. Kindly attend these meetings and share your views.
- First Holy Communion 2022:** Kindly register as soon as possible, latest by 31st December 2021. Candidates with their parents (bring also the Baptism certificate) to meet Fr Luke any day of the week with prior appointment. Sunday 9th January 2022 at 9.30am: Meeting for the First Holy Communion candidates and parents in the Hall, followed by Mass in church at 10.30am during which enrollment will take place.
- Christmas Offering/Collection:** Catholic Priests do not receive a salary in the way that ministers of other denominations do. The offerings/collections at the Christmas and Easter Masses are for the priests serving in the parishes. This is the system adopted in Catholic parishes in our Diocese. Christmas Offering envelopes are kept by the Christmas Offering boxes at the back of the church. If you wish to donate via cheque please make them payable to "RCAS St Margaret Clitherow, Dulwich Wood Park". If you are on the GIFT AID scheme please use your Gift Aid Christmas Offering envelope and enter your Gift Aid number. Thank you.
- Crib Offering:** As usual, this year also our Crib Offering will be for the Catholic Children's Society, which provides emergency food and essentials, as well as mental health services for children and their parents/carers. This offering will be a great help to them especially at this time of the pandemic.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

My soul proclaims you mighty God, My spirit sings your praise. You look on me, you lift me up, And gladness fills my days.	All nations now will share my joy Your gifts you have outpoured. Your little one you have made great; I magnify my God.	Then let all nations praise our God, The Father and the Son, The Spirit blest who lives in us, While endless ages run.
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FIRST READING: A reading from the prophet Micah (Micah 5: 1-4)

The Lord says this: But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.

The word of the Lord. All: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: R: God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews (Hebrews 10: 5-10)

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world: You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.' Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ. The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! (Sing)
I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! (Sing)

GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (Luke 1: 39-45)

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord. All: **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: Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: Once in royal David's city | Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a Mother laid her baby | In a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild, | Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven, | Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable | And his cradle was a stall;
With the poor, and mean, and lowly, | Lived on earth our Saviour holy.
And through all his wondrous childhood | He would honour and obey,
Love, and watch the lowly maiden | In whose gentle arms he lay;
Christian children, all must be | Mild, obedient, good as he.
For he is our childhood's pattern, | Day by day like us he grew;
He was little, weak and helpless, | Tears and smiles like us he knew;
And he feeleth for our sadness, | And he shareth in our gladness.