



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.

18 December 2022: Fourth Sunday of Advent [A]

Mass Intentions/Service Times

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| Saturday | Dec 17 | 06.20pm: | Reconciliation service and Mass | Frances Anderson (Birthday Blessings) |
| Sunday | Dec 18 | 08.30am: | Brazilian Mass | |
| | | 10.20am: | Reconciliation service and Mass | Nora Mai (Wellbeing) |
| Monday | Dec 19 | 10.00am: | Teopista Ascott (Birthday Blessings) | Feria |
| | | | N.B: Confessions before Mass at 9.30am & after Mass at 10.30am | |
| Tuesday | Dec 20 | 10.00am: | Kathleen Roche (Wellbeing) | |
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| Wednesday | Dec 21 | 10.00am: | NO MASS | |
| Thursday | Dec 22 | 10.00am: | Yvonne Minnekeer (Wellbeing) | Feria |
| Friday | Dec 23 | 10.00am: | Bernard Gill RIP | Feria |
| | | | Mass followed by Exposition-Adoration-Divine Mercy-Benediction | |
| Saturday | Dec 24 | 06.30pm: | Carol Service with Readings and Blessing the Crib followed by Mass | |
| | | 07.00pm: | Wellbeing and thanksgiving of Jacklyn | |
| | | | Sithanen families – Sabrina, Maleek, Sebastian, Cassie & Mathild | |
| | | | The first Mass of Christmas | |
| Sunday | Dec 25 | 10.30am: | People of the parish | Nativity of the Lord (A) |
| Friday | Dec 30 | 10.30am: | Eileen McDonnell (Wellbeing) | The Holy Family |
| Saturday | Dec 31 | 06.30pm: | Rosaleen McGinn RIP | Year End (Prayer 'Te Deum') |
| Sunday | Jan 01 | 10.30am: | Sedney Chang-Pen-Tive RIP (25 th Anni) | |
| | | | Francois Chang-Pen-Tive RIP (41 st Anni) | New Year - Mary, the Mother of God |

Last Week... Mass Attendance: SMC Parish Community 71 Brazilian Community 112
Offertory Collection: £222.45 £189.619

- Repository:** Open after the weekend Masses. Christmas Cards are available.
- Christmas Party:** After 10.30am Mass this Sunday (18th December) in the hall until 3.00pm. All are welcome!
- 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. Christmas Offering envelopes are kept 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.
- Churches Together, Crystal Palace, Annual Forum Meeting:** Sunday 22nd January 2023, 4.00-5:30pm at Salvation Army (next to Sainsburys Upper Norwood). All are welcome. Refreshments will be provided!
- Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 15th March 2023:** Details on the noticeboard.
- Racial Justice Sunday:** 5th of February 2023. This event will begin with a Mass celebrated by Archbishop John Wilson in St George's Cathedral at 10.00am. All are invited! Details on the noticeboard.
- First Holy Communion 2023:** Register as soon as possible, latest by the end of December 2022. Candidates with parents (bring also the Baptism certificate) to meet Fr Luke with prior appointment.
- Confirmation 2023:** Register as soon as possible, latest by the end of December 2022. For details contact Fr Luke. Once the names and number are confirmed the Episcopal Vicar will be informed to finalize the date.
- Food to take free:** 21st December 2022, 10.30am – 12.30pm in Gypsy Hill Christ Church, near Central Hill Estate.

Advent Penitential Service:

Examination of conscience.

Litany of repentance.

Hymn: God forgave my sin in Jesus' name (No: 848)

FIRST READING: A reading from the prophet Isaiah (7: 10-14)

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No,' Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.' Then Isaiah said: 'Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us."'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 23) R: Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples.

It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm.

R:

2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place?

The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things.

R:

3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him.

Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob.

R:

SECOND READING: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (1: 1-7)

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures. This news is about the Son of God who, according to the human nature he took was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace. The word of the Lord. **All:** Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia ('O come, O come, Emmanuel') The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. Alleluia,...

GOSPEL: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (1: 18-24)

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: Like a sea without a shore (Hymn No: 84)