



# St. Margaret Clitherow's Catholic Church

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Parish Secretary: Steve Pearce (available Wednesday/Friday 1-5pm)

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

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

**24 September 2023: Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time [A]**

## Mass Intentions/Service Times

Saturday	23 Sep 06.30pm:	People of the parish	
Sunday	24 Sep 08.30pm:	Brazilian Mass	
	10.30am:	James Mohan (Wellbeing)	
Monday	25 Sep 10.00am:	Joseph Francis Eilers RIP	Feria
Tuesday	26 Sep 10.00am:	Jenny Luchmun RIP	Feria
Wednesday	27 Sep 10.00am:	Bridie Kelly RIP	St Vincent de Paul
		Mass followed by Exposition-Adoration-Holy Rosary-Benediction	
Thursday	28 Sep 10.00am:	Nick (wellbeing)	Feria
Friday	29 Sep 10.00am:	People of the parish	SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael
		Mass followed by Exposition-Adoration-Divine Mercy Chaplet-Benediction	
Saturday	30 Sep 06.30pm:	Cassie Sithanen (Birthday Blessings)	The Mass of Sunday
Sunday	01 Oct 10.30am:	Julie Chang-Pen-Tive RIP (14 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)	26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ord Time (A) <b>(Rosary Sunday)</b>

**Last Week... Mass Attendance: SMC Parish Community 78 Brazilian Community 220**  
**Offertory Collection: £210.77 £405.33**

- 'Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion in Our Parishes, Schools and Communities' seminar** - Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Southwark, from 9.30am to 4.00pm on Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> October. Registration is FREE. For information and registration visit: <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/commission-for-promoting-racial-and-cultural-inclusion/what-we-do/> or write to us at: [racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk).
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors of the South East - Formation Days 2023**
  - Saturday 14 October 2023, 10am-4pm: At St Stephen's Church, 26 Deepdene Road, Welling, Kent DA16 3QL.**
  - Saturday 21 October 2023, 10am-4pm: At Bishop Thomas Grant School, Belltrees Grove, London SW16 2HYS.** Please let Fr Luke know the names of those attending and on which day.
- Laleham Lea Catholic Independent School (3-11 years) Purley, Open Week September 25th-29<sup>th</sup>:** Email [secretary@lalehamlea.co.uk](mailto:secretary@lalehamlea.co.uk) or call: 0208 660 3351 for further details. [www.lalehamlea.co.uk](http://www.lalehamlea.co.uk). 'Excellent' in all areas ISI February 2022. Kindly see the poster on the noticeboard.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

**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: A reading from the prophet Isaiah (55: 6-9)**

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts. The Word of the Lord. **All:** Thanks be to God.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (144) **R:** The Lord is close to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever.

The Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured.

**R.**

2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.

**R.**

3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts.

**R.**

**SECOND READING: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians** (1: 20-24, 27)

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ. The word of the Lord. **All:** Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

**GOSPEL: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew** (20: 1-16)

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:** You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

**PARISH: A STEWARDSHIP COMMUNITY:** The central theme of the parable of the vineyard and the workers is the generosity of God. The world we live in is the vineyard of the Lord, which is God's gift to us. We are his workers, stewards, sent into it to work hard, produce fruit and use it for our good and that of others. **In short, as wise and responsible stewards we are to use the things in life – our wealth, skills and talents, indeed life itself. Now our parish is a part of this vineyard. Let us see how it functions.**

**1. Diocese and parishes:** There are two systems of law involved in the administration of the Church in England – Civil Law (the Charity Law of England) and Church Law (the Code of Canon Law of the Church). Applying these two systems, the diocese owns property (land, buildings, investments etc) and the Bishop is responsible for it all. Under English Civil Law, the Roman Catholic Dioceses in England are Trusts and Bishops, Trustees who administer their respective dioceses through their officers (Diocesan Financial Administrators) and Agents (Parish Priests). While the diocese is the administrator of the property, the parishes are its beneficiaries. **In short, the diocese is the owner and administrator of all its parishes, which are its stewards and beneficiaries.**

**2. Southwark Archdiocese and our parish, St Margaret Clitherow's:** While the Archbishop supervises the administration of all the goods, which belong to his diocese, he appoints a diocesan financial administrator to administer diocesan central funds and also to supervise the finances of the parishes. Thus, for the pastoral care of our parish – St Margaret Clitherow's, which is one of the parishes of Southwark Archdiocese - the Archbishop appoints its parish priest, who on Archbishop's behalf, administers the parish goods, considering the advice suggested by the finance committee.

**3. St Margaret Clitherow's and other parishes:** No parish is an island, meaning it does not exist/function on/for its own sake. Each parish, besides caring for its own growth and welfare, also attends to that of the whole diocese. Hence St Margaret Clitherow's, like any other parish, makes some specific contributions to the Archdiocese like Clergy Support Fund (to care for its priests in retirement and provide healthcare and support for the sick priests); Bishops' Fund (to support the household costs of the Archbishop and Area Bishops); Safeguarding (for the running costs of our Diocesan Safeguarding Office); Diocesan Development Fund (towards the cost of running the Education Commission, Centre for Catholic Formation, University Chaplaincies etc).