



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.

10 December 2023: Second Sunday of Advent [B]

Mass Intentions/Service Times

Saturday	09 Dec 06.30pm:	Breda O'Brien (Wellbeing)	
Sunday	10 Dec 08.30pm:	Brazilian Mass	
	10.30am:	Lucie Hertel RIP	
Monday	11 Dec 10.00am:	Sarah, Bob and PJ (Wellbeing)	Feria
Tuesday	12 Dec 09.30am:	Valerie Savides RIP	Feria
Wednesday	13 Dec 10.00am:	Kathleen Roche (Wellbeing)	Lucy, Virgin & Martyr
		Mass followed by Exposition-Adoration-Holy Rosary-Benediction	
Thursday	14 Dec 10.00am:	Charles Eulentin RIP	St John of the Cross
Friday	15 Dec 10.00am:	Teopista Ascott (Thanksgiving)	Feria
		Mass followed by Exposition-Adoration-Divine Mercy-Benediction	
Saturday	16 Dec 06.30pm:	Pauline Hutor (Wellbeing)	The Mass of Sunday
Sunday	17 Dec 10.30am:	Patricia Heston and family	3 rd Sunday of Advent (B)

Last Week...	Mass Attendance:	SMC Parish Community	68	Brazilian Community	190
	Offertory Collection:		£133.05		£178.27
	Building Fundraise (Church Roof):		£124.80		

- MISSIO Red Boxes:** Kindly bring your Red Boxes latest by 17th December 2023.
- Building Fundraise (Church Roof):** Special Collection First weekend of every month.
- Building Fundraise (Church Roof):** The Brazilian Chaplaincy is extending the fundraising event this Sunday also. After 10.30am Mass kindly go to the Hall for coffee/tea/cake/and much more and buy the things which are on display and thus make our Fundraising event a grand success! All are welcome!

Christmas 2023 & New Year 2024

Lighting of the Christmas Tree: (outside the Church)	Saturday 9 th December after 6.30pm Mass
Advent Reconciliation Service:	Saturday 16 th December at 6.15pm followed by Mass Sunday 17 th December at 10.15am followed by Mass
Parish Christmas Party:	Sunday 17 th December in the Hall after 10.30am Mass. All are welcome! If you would like to bring any items (food or drink), kindly mention them on the sheet kept at the back of the church. Thank you!
Advent individual confessions:	18 th , 19 th & 20 th December at 9.30am before Mass & 10.30am after Mass
Carols and Readings:	Sunday 24 th December at 06.30pm followed by the first Mass of Christmas
Christmas Day Mass:	Monday 25 th December at 10.30am.
Feast of the Holy Family:	Sunday 31 st December at 10.30am
Year End:	Sunday 31 st December at 06.30 pm Mass followed by year-end prayer, Te Deum
New Year:	Monday 1 st January at 10.30am Mass of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O people of Sion, 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.

FIRST READING: A reading from the prophet 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. **All:** Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (84) R: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people.

His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land.

R:

2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced.

Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven.

R:

3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit.

Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow in his steps.

R:

SECOND READING: A reading from the second letter of St 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.

All: 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: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark (1: 1-8)

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