



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.

17 December 2023: Third Sunday of Advent [B] Gaudete Sunday

Mass Intentions/Service Times

Saturday	16 Dec 06.30pm: Pauline Hutor (Wellbeing)	
Sunday	17 Dec 08.30pm: Brazilian Mass	
	10.30am: Patricia Heston and family	
Monday	18 Dec 10.00am: Kathy Romeril (Thanksgiving)	Feria
Tuesday	19 Dec 10.00am: George Marappillil (Wellbeing)	Feria
Wednesday	20 Dec 10.00am: Bernard Gill RIP	Feria
	Mass followed by Exposition-Adoration-Holy Rosary-Benediction	
Thursday	21 Dec 10.00am: Joseph Vassallo RIP	Feria
Friday	22 Dec 10.00am: Emmanuel Vella RIP	Feria
	Mass followed by Exposition-Adoration-Divine Mercy-Benediction	
Saturday	23 Dec 06.30pm: Jackie Sithanen and Family (Thanksgiving)	The Mass of Sunday
Sunday	24 Dec 10.30am: Mary McGuinty (Wellbeing)	4 th Sunday of Advent (B)
Last Week...	Mass Attendance:	SMC Parish Community 68 Brazilian Community 190
	Offertory Collection:	£273.49 £224.54

- MISSIO Red Boxes:** Kindly bring your Red Boxes as soon as possible.
- Building Fundraise (Church Roof):** Special Collection First weekend of every month.
- Christmas Eve/Day Collection:** It is your personal gift to your parish priest. Gift Aid Envelopes and 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 envelope and enter your Gift Aid number.
- 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.
- Christmas Raffle:** Tickets will be sold after this weekend Masses and the draw will be at the Christmas Party.
- Lessons & Carols:** This Sunday, 17th December 6.00pm at St Stephen's Church. All are welcome!
- Welcome to the newly married couple:** Fernandes De Sousa (Finance Committee member) and Honey Sophia!
- Medjugorje Apostolate Retreat:** 23-25 February 2024 at Kairos Centre. Details on the noticeboard.
- Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** 15-19 April 2024 organised by Our Lady of Sorrows, Peckham. See noticeboard.

Christmas 2023 & New Year 2024

Advent Reconciliation Service:	Saturday 16 th December at 6.10pm followed by Mass Sunday 17 th December at 10.10am followed by Mass
Christmas Party with food & music :	Sunday 17 th December in the Hall after 10.30am Mass. All are welcome!
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 8.30am (Portuguese) and 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 - Mary, the Holy Mother of God	Monday 1 st January at 8.30am (Portuguese) and 10.30am

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON/Hymn:

1. Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice. (X2) Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice
2. Give praise to the Lord always, and again I say give praise (X2) Give praise, give praise, and again I say give praise.
3. Give thanks to the Lord always, and again I say give thanks (X2) Give thanks, give thanks, and again I say give thanks.

Reconciliation Service - Litany of Repentance

Pr: You were sent with good news for the poor and healing for the contrite. **Lord, have mercy.**

Pr: You came to call sinners, not the just. **Christ, have mercy.**

Pr: You forgave the many sins of the woman who showed you great love. **Lord, have mercy.**

Pr: You did not shun the company of outcasts and sinners. **Christ, have mercy**

Pr: You carried back to the fold the sheep that had strayed. **Lord, have mercy.**

Pr: You called Zacchaeus to repentance and a new life. **Christ, have mercy.**

Pr: You promised Paradise to the repentant thief. **Lord, have mercy.**

Pr: You are always interceding for us at the right hand of the Father. **Lord, have mercy.**

Hymn: God forgave my sin in Jesus' name (No. 849)

FIRST READING: A reading from the prophet Isaiah (61: 1-2, 10-11)

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord. 'I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels. 'For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Luke 1) Hymn No: 340 (the first four verses)

SECOND READING: A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians (5: 16-24)

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus. Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil. May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you. The word of the Lord. **All:** Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (1: 6-8, 19-28)

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: Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.