



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.

24 December 2023: Fourth Sunday of Advent [B]

Mass Intentions/Service Times

Saturday	23 Dec 06.30pm: Jackie Sithanen and Family (Thanksgiving)	
Sunday	24 Dec 08.30pm: Brazilian Mass	
	10.30am: Mary McGuinty (Wellbeing)	
	06.30pm: Ina Burford (Birthday Blessings)	Carols and readings & The first Mass of Christmas
Monday	25 Dec 08.30am: Brazilian Mass	Christmas Day Mass
	10.30am: Kathleen Roche (Wellbeing)	
Tuesday	26 Dec 10.00am: Patrick Tuohy RIP	St Stephen, the first Martyr
Wednesday	27 Dec 10.00am: Ann Brown (Thanksgiving)	St John, Apostle & Evangelist
	Mass followed by Exposition-Adoration-Holy Rosary-Benediction	
Thursday	28 Dec 10.00am: Yvonne Minnekeer (Wellbeing)	The Holy Innocents
Friday	29 Dec 10.00am: People of the Parish	St Thomas of Canterbury
	Mass followed by Exposition-Adoration-Divine Mercy-Benediction	
Saturday	30 Dec 06.30pm: William John Murphy RIP	The Mass of Sunday
Sunday	31 Dec 08.30am: Brazilian Mass	The Holy Family (B) - Year End
	10.30am: Carol Burke RIP	Year End prayer, Te Deum
Monday	01 Jan 08.30am: Brazilian Mass	Holy Mother of God - New Year
	10.30am: Maryse Suatton (wellbeing)	

Last Week...	Mass Attendance:	SMC Parish Community	74	Brazilian Community	210
	Offertory Collection:		£165.55		£233.70
	Christmas Raffle:		£272.00		

- 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.
- 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.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

FIRST READING: A reading from the second book of Samuel (7: 1-5, 8, 12, 14-16)

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.' But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: 'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall

dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me; if he does evil, I will punish him with the rod such as men use, with strokes such as mankind gives. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever.” The Word of the Lord. **All:** Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (88) **R:** I will sing for ever of your love, O God.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.

Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R:**

2. “I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant:

I will establish your dynasty for ever and set up your throne through all ages.” **R:**

3. He will say to me: “You are my father, my God, the rock who saves me.”

I will keep my love for him always; for him my covenant shall endure. **R:**

SECOND READING: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (16: 25-27)

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen. The word of the Lord. **All:** Thanks be to God.

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

GOSPEL: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke (1: 26-38)

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin’s name was Mary. He went in and said to her, ‘Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.’ She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, ‘Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God’s favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.’ Mary said to the angel, ‘But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?’ ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you’ the angel answered ‘and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.’ ‘I am the handmaid of the Lord,’ said Mary ‘let what you have said be done to me.’ And the angel left her. 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.

A VERY HAPPY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS & BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR
To all parishioners and visitors

Fr Luke