



# 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.

**31 December 2023: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph [B]**

## Mass Intentions/Service Times

Saturday	30 Dec 06.30pm: Carol Burke RIP	
Sunday	31 Dec 08.30pm: Brazilian Mass	
	10.30am: Carol Burke RIP	
Monday	01 Jan 08.30am: Brazilian Mass	<b>Mary, the Holy Mother of God</b>
	10.30am: Maryse Suatton (Wellbeing)	
Tuesday	02 Jan 10.00am: Susan Conrad (Wellbeing)	<b>SS Basil &amp; Gregory Nazianzen</b>
Wednesday	03 Jan 10.00am: Lee Ovonlen (Wellbeing)	<b>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</b>
	Mass followed by Exposition-Adoration-Holy Rosary-Benediction	
Thursday	04 Jan 10.00am: Joan Allan (Wellbeing)	<b>Beatified Martyrs of the diocese</b>
Friday	05 Jan 10.00am: People of the Parish	<b>Feria</b>
	Mass followed by Exposition-Adoration-Divine Mercy-Benediction	
Saturday	06 Jan 06.30pm: Maria Rosa De Souza RIP	The Mass of Sunday
Sunday	07 Jan 10.30am: John Cahill RIP	<b>Epiphany of the Lord (B)</b>

<b>Last Week...</b>	<b>Mass Attendance:</b>	<b>SMC Parish Community</b>	<b>Brazilian Community</b>
	<b>Christmas Offering:</b>	£	£
	<b>Christmas Raffle:</b>	<b>£272.00</b>	
<b>Special Collection next weekend:</b> Building Fundraise (Church Roof)			

- MISSIO Red Boxes:** Kindly bring your Red Boxes as soon as possible.
- Building Fundraise (Church Roof):** Special Collection First weekend of every month.
- Thank you:** i. To all who helped giving their time and worked hard in getting the church ready for Christmas – cleaning the church, preparing the crib, the Christmas Tree, the flowers and decorations, the Christmas Party, the Christmas Raffle, the music and what not!  
ii. For all your wishes, cards and for your generous Christmas gifts/offerings.
- 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:** The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

**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 second book of Genesis (15: 1-6, 21: 1-3)

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abraham in a vision, "Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great." "My Lord," Abram replied "what do you intend to give me? I go childless..." Then Abram said,

“See, you have given me no descendants some man of my household will be my heir”. And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, “He shall no be your heir; your heir shall be of your own flesh and blood”. Then taking him outside he said, “Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants” he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised her. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth. The Word of the Lord. **All:** Thanks be to God.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (104) **R:** He, the Lord, is our God. He remembers his covenant for ever.

1. Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

O sing to him, sing his praise; tell all his wonderful works!

**R:**

2. Be proud of his holy name, let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.

Consider the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

**R:**

3. Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, the judgements he spoke.

O children of Abraham, his servant, O sons of the Jacob he chose.

**R:**

4. He remembers his covenant for ever, his promise for a thousand generations,  
the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac.

**R:**

**SECOND READING: A reading from the letter Hebrews** (11: 8, 11-12, 17-19)

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead. The word of the Lord. **All:** Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! At various times in the past and in various ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke** (2: 22-40)

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God’s favour was with him. 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:** Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.