



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.

07 September 2025: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [C]

Mass Intentions/Service Times

Saturday	06 Sep	06.30pm:	Christelle William RIP	1 st Mass of Sunday
Sunday	07 Sep	08.30am:	Brazilian Mass	23rd Sunday (C)
		10.30am:	Damian and Rosa D'Souza RIP	
Monday	08 Sep	10.00am:	Mia and Berudelle	Nativity of BVM
Tuesday	09 Sep	10.00am:		Feria
Wednesday	10 Sep	10.00am:	No Mass	
	11.00am:	11.00am:	Funeral Mass for Kathleen Roche	Feria
Thursday	11 Sep	10.00am:	Jennifer Luchmun RIP (2 nd Anniversary)	Feria
Friday	12 Sep	10.00am:	Sebastian Sithanen (3 rd Birthday Blessings)	Feria
Saturday	13 Sep	06.30pm:	Jemmie Simeon RIP	The first Mass of Sunday
Sunday	14 Sep	08.30am:	Brazilian Mass	Exaltation of the Cross
Sunday		10.30am:	The deceased members of Doherty Family	

Second Collection This weekend: Church Building Fund

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A Big Thank You! What I am today is the fruit of countless prayers – offered both by those who know me personally and by many who do not. Not a single prayer has gone unanswered, and for that I am deeply grateful. From the bottom of my heart, I thank everyone, especially my dear parishioners, many of whom visited me in the ICU, hospital ward, and care home, and who continue to show care and concern in so many ways. It would be impossible to name everyone, and words themselves fall short of expressing my gratitude.

My return to parish ministry may seem sudden, but it comes as the natural outcome of what can only be described as miraculous. Everything has unfolded with such grace. The doctors have given me the 'green light' to resume my ministry, with the wise counsel not to overdo anything.

I remain immensely grateful to the hospital staff who cared for me with such dedication and compassion.

Thanks be to God, and may His blessing be with you all.

1. Funeral Mass for Kathleen Roche on 10th September at 11.00 am in St Margaret Clitherow's Church followed by the service at 12.30pm in West Norwood Crematorium.

2. The parish of St Thomas More organize the Alpha Course, St Thomas More Parish in Dulwich are announcing their parish Alpha Course in a Catholic Context from Thursday 11 September to Thursday 27 November in John Paul Centre between 19.00 to 21.30 (listed Saturdays 12.00 – 15.00). We will provide a welcoming non-judgemental space where faith can be explored and experienced. We invite not only members of our parish but anyone, whether a total outsider or one who has left the Church, to join us for an introduction to Catholic Christianity and its relevance to people's lives today. For any questions or to register interest, please e-mail dulwichevangelisation@rcaos.org.uk, and for more information and dates see www.stthomasmorechurch.co.uk

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

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 book of Wisdom (9:13-18b)

What human being can learn the counsel of God? Or who can discern what the Lord wills? For the reasoning of mortals is worthless, and our designs are likely to fail, for a perishable body weighs down the soul, and this earthy tent burdens the mind full of thoughts. We can hardly guess at what is on earth, and what is at hand we find with labour; but who has traced out what is in the heavens? Who has learned your counsel, unless you have given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high? And thus the paths of those on earth were set right, and people were taught what pleases you. The word of the Lord. **All:** Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 89) R: O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.

1. You turn man back to dust, and say, 'Return, O children of Adam.'

To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone,
or like a watch in the night.

R:

2. You sweep them away like a dream, like grass which is fresh in the morning.

In the morning it sprouts and is fresh; by evening it withers and fades.

R:

3. Then teach us to number our days, that we may gain wisdom of heart.

Turn back, O LORD! How long? Show pity to your servants.

R:

4. At dawn, fill us with your merciful love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days.

Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us; give success to the work of our hands.

O give success to the work of our hands.

R:

SECOND READING: A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon (9b-10, 12-17)

Beloved: I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus — I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother — especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. The word of the Lord. **All:** Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia. Let your face shine forth on your servant, and teach me your decrees. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke (14:25-33)

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: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.