



# 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.

## 14 September 2025: Exaltation of the Cross

### Mass Intentions/Service Times

Saturday	13 Sep	06.30pm:	Jemmie Simeon RIP	1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday
Sunday	14 Sep	08.30am:	Brazilian Mass	<b>Exaltation of the Cross</b>
		10.30am:	The deceased members of Doherty Family	
Monday	15 Sep	10.00am:	Jemmie Simeon RIP (16 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)	Our Lady of Sorrows
Tuesday	16 Sep	10.00am:		SS Cornelius & Cyprian
Wednesday	17 Sep	10.00am:	Mrs Julie Chang-Pen Tive RIP (16 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)	Feria
			Mass followed by Adoration-Rosary-Benediction	Feria
Thursday	18 Sep	10.00am:		Feria
Friday	19 Sep	10.00am:	People of the parish	Feria
			Mass followed by Adoration-Divine Mercy-Benediction	
Saturday	20 Sep	06.30pm:	Kathleen Roche RIP	The first Mass of Sunday
Sunday	21 Sep	08.30am:	Brazilian Mass	25 <sup>th</sup> Sun Ord Time (C)
		10.30am:	Sinean Noonan (wellbeing)	

**Second Collection This weekend:** Catholic Education Service

**Second Collection Next weekend:** For the Catholic Agency for the Support of Evangelisation. Evangelii Gaudium (Home Mission Sunday). This collection provides the bishops of England Wales with resources to support Home Mission.

**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. Day of Celebration and for Jubilee Blessings:** At St George's Cathedral on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2025 (10.15am to 5.00pm). Archbishop John Wilson will be presiding and preaching at Mass at 11.15am. Kindly see the noticeboard.

**2. Alpha Course:** Organised by the parish of St Thomas More 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 invite not only members of our parish but anyone, weather 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](mailto:dulwichevangelisation@rcaos.org.uk), and for more information and dates see [www.stthomasmorechurch.co.uk](http://www.stthomasmorechurch.co.uk)

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

**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 Numbers (21:4b-9)**

In those days: The people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.' Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us.' So, Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.' So, Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 77) R: Never forget the deeds of the Lord!**

1. Give ear, my people, to my teaching; incline your ear to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable and utter hidden lessons of the past.

**R:**

2. When he slew them, then they sought him, repented and earnestly sought God.

They would remember that God was their rock, God the Most High their redeemer.

**R:**

3. Yet they deceived him with their mouths; they lied to him with their tongues.

For their hearts were not steadfast towards him; they were not faithful to his covenant.

**R:**

4. Yet he who is full of compassion forgave them their sin and spared them.

So often he held back his anger, and did not stir up all his rage.

**R:**

**SECOND READING: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians (2:6-11)**

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. The word of the Lord. **All:** Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your Cross you have redeemed the world. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (3:13-17)**

At that time: Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through 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:** When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.