



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 December 2025: Second Sunday of Advent (A)

Mass Intentions/Service Times

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| Saturday | 06 Dec | 06.30pm: | People of the parish | 1 st Mass of Sunday |
| Sunday | 07 Dec | 08.30am: | Brazilian Mass | 2 nd Sunday of Advent (A) |
| | | 10.30am: | Juliana Tinto RIP | |
| Monday | 08 Dec | 10.00am: | Mia (success in exams) | Immaculate Conception of BVM |
| Tuesday | 09 Dec | 09.30am: | Tiffany Andrew (Wellbeing) | Feria |
| Wednesday | 10 Dec | 10.00am: | | Feria |
| | | | Mass followed by Adoration-Holy Rosary-Benediction | |
| Thursday | 11 Dec | 10.00am: | Brown and Mountain Families RIP | Feria |
| Friday | 12 Dec | 10.00am: | Ascott & Ssebowa families (Blessings & wellbeing) | Feria |
| | | | Mass followed by Adoration-Divine Mercy-Benediction | |
| Saturday | 13 Dec | 06.30pm: | People of the parish | First Mass of Sunday |
| Sunday | 14 Dec | 08.30am: | Brazilian Mass | 3rd Sunday of Advent (A) |
| | | 10.30am: | Emmanuel Akuaku RIP (10 th Anniversary) | (Gaudete Sunday) |

Second Collection this weekend: Church Building Fund

1. **Red Box Collection:** For those who have Missio Red Box, kindly bring it by Sunday 14th December. Thank you.
2. **The Bible Timeline Course:** 12 periods, One Story, online Course. Kindly see the noticeboard for details.
3. **Divine Mercy Chaplet:** Those who would like, kindly take the Divine Mercy picture, pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for a week in the family and return it so that another family can take it and continue without the chain being broken.
4. **Bring and Share Christmas Party:** In the Hall next Sunday 14th December after 10.30am Mass. There is a sheet at the entrance of the Church for people to write down what they want to bring and share. Thanks.
6. **Hall Garage:** Refurbishing work is going on under the supervision of Veronica McGrath. She managed to get a grant for a new roof and doors. Many thanks to Veronica for her dedicated service.
7. **Lessons and carol Service at St Stephen's South Dulwich:** On 14th December 2025 at 6.00pm. All are welcome!

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

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

On that day: There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples — of him shall the nations enquire, and his resting-place shall be glorious.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 71) **R: In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace forever.**

1. O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice, and your poor in right judgement. **R:**
2. In his days justice shall flourish, and great peace till the moon is no more.
He shall rule from sea to sea, from the River to the bounds of the earth. **R:**
3. For he shall rescue the needy when they cry, the poor who have no one to help.
He will have pity on the weak and the needy, and save the lives of the needy. **R:**
4. May his name endure forever, his name continues like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blest in him, all nations shall call him blessed. **R:**

SECOND READING: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (15:4-9)

Brothers and sisters: Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.' The word of the Lord. **All:** Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (3:1-12)

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.' For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight."' Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our father", for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'I baptise you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

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: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.