



St. Margaret Clitherow's Catholic Church

The Presbytery, 4 Kingswood Drive, Dulwich Wood Park, London SE19 1UR
dulwichwoodpark@rcaos.org.uk www.stmargaretclitherowdulwich.org

0208 670 1639

Parish Priest: Fr Luke Marappillil

Parish Secretary: Steve Pearce (available Wednesday/Friday 1-4pm)

Confessions: Monday-Saturday 30 minutes before the Mass or at call.

Baptism, Marriages & Visits: please call.

14 December 2025: Third Sunday of Advent (A) Gaudete Sunday

Mass Intentions/Service Times

Saturday	13 Dec	06.30pm:	People of the parish	1 st Mass of Sunday
Sunday	14 Dec	08.30am:	Brazilian Mass	3 rd Sunday of Advent (A)
		10.30am:	Emmanuel Akuaku RIP (10 th Anniversary) Also pray for Henry & Therese Li Pak Tong RIP	
Monday	15 Dec	10.00am:	Brian and Gill Kelly (Wellbeing)	Feria
Tuesday	16 Dec	09.30am:	Henry & Therese Li Pak Tong RIP (Anniversary)	Feria
Wednesday	17 Dec	10.00am:	Garry Simeon (Birthday Blessings) Mass followed by Adoration-Holy Rosary-Benediction	Feria
Thursday	18 Dec	10.00am:		Feria
Friday	19 Dec	10.00am:	Mass followed by Adoration-Divine Mercy-Benediction	Feria
Saturday	20 Dec	06.30pm:	People of the parish	First Mass of Sunday
Sunday	21 Dec	08.30am:	Brazilian Mass	4 th Sunday of Advent (A)
		10.30am:		

- Red Box Collection:** For those who have Missio Red Box, kindly bring it by Sunday 14th December. Thank you.
- The Bible Timeline Course:** 12 periods, One Story, online Course. Kindly see the noticeboard for details.
- Crib Offering:** For Catholic Children's Society
for a week in the family and return it so that another family can take it and continue without the chain being broken.
- Bring and Share Christmas Party:** In the Hall this Sunday 14th December after 10.30am Mass. All are Welcome!
- 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.
- 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.

Christmas 2025 & New Year 2026

Advent Reconciliation Service:	Saturday 20 th December at 6.15pm followed by Mass Sunday 21 st December at 10.15am followed by Mass
Parish Christmas Party:	Sunday 14 th December in the Hall after 10.30am Mass. All are welcome!
Advent individual confessions:	22 nd & 23 rd December at 9.30am before Mass & 10.30am after Mass
Carols and Readings:	Wednesday 24 th December at 06.30pm followed by the first Mass of Christmas
Christmas Day Mass:	Thursday 25 th December at 8.30am (Brazilian) & 10.30am.
Feast of the Holy Family:	Sunday 28 th December at 8.30am (Brazilian) & 10.30am
Year End:	Wednesday 31 st December at 06.30 pm Mass followed by year-end prayer, Te Deum
New Year Mass (Mary, the Mother of God):	Wednesday 1 st January at 8.30am (Brazilian) & 10.30am

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

FIRST READING: A reading from the prophet **Isaiah** (35:1-6a, 10)

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who have an anxious heart, 'Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Sion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. The word of the Lord. **All:** Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 145) **R: Come, Lord, and save us.**

1. It is the Lord who preserves fidelity forever, who does justice to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord who sets prisoners free. R:
2. The Lord who opens the eyes of the blind, the Lord who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord who protects the stranger. R:
3. The Lord upholds the orphan and the widow, but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Sion, from age to age. R:

SECOND READING: A reading from the letter of St James (5:7-10)

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. As an example of suffering and patience, brothers and sisters, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (11:2-11)

At that time: When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?' And Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.' As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. 'What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you." 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: Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.