



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.

21 December 2025: Fourth Sunday of Advent (A)

Mass Intentions/Service Times

Saturday	20 Dec	06.15pm:	Advent Reconciliation Service	
		06.30pm:	People of the parish	1 st Mass of Sunday
Sunday	21 Dec	08.30am:	Brazilian Mass	4 th Sunday of Advent (A)
		10.15am:	Advent Reconciliation Service	
		10.30am:	People of the parish	
Monday	22 Dec	10.00am:	Ann Brown (Thanksgiving)	Feria
			Advent individual Confessions at 9.30am before Mass & 10.30am after Mass	
Tuesday	23 Dec	10.00am:		Feria
			Advent individual Confessions at 9.30am before Mass & 10.30am after Mass	
Wednesday	24 Dec	06.30pm:	Carols and Readings followed by the first Mass of Christmas	
Thursday	25 Dec	08.30am:	Brazilian Mass	
		10.30am:		
Friday	26 Dec	10.30am:	Patrick Tuohy RIP (Anniversary)	St Stephen
Saturday	27 Dec	06.30pm:	Sabrina, Kimol, Sebastian, Maleek, Katie, Athia, Cassie & Jackie Sithanen (Thanksgiving & wellbeing)	First Mass of Sunday
Sunday	28 Dec	08.30am:	Brazilian Mass	Holy Family (A)
		10.30am:	People of the parish	
Wednesday	31 Dec	06.30pm:	Kathleen Roche	Year End (prayer Te Deum)
Thursday	01 Jan	08.30am:	Brazilian Mass	New Year
		10.30am:		Mary, the Mother of God

- The Bible Timeline Course:** 12 periods, One Story, online Course. Kindly see the noticeboard for details.
- Crib Offering:** For Catholic Children's Society
- Christmas Party:** Thank you to all the organizers and those who attended this very successful parish event.
- 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.

A VERY HAPPY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR
 To all parishioners and visitors!

Fr Luke

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

FIRST READING: A reading from the prophet Isaiah (7:10-14)

In those days: The Lord spoke to Ahaz: 'Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.' But Ahaz said, 'I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.' And Isaiah said, 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 23) **R: Let the Lord enter; he is the king of glory.**

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world, and those who dwell in it.

It is he who set it on the seas; on the rivers he made it firm.

R:

2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place?

The clean of hands and pure of heart, whose soul is not set on vain things.

R:

3. Blessings from the Lord shall he receive, and right reward from the God who saves him.

Such are the people who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

R:

SECOND READING: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (1:1-7)

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an Apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ. To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. The word of the Lord. **All:** Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel — which means, God with us. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (1:18-24)

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to send her away quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, 'Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 'Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel' — which means, God with us. 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: Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.