

News and Notices for this week

Scaffolding

The scaffolding around the outside of the church is in preparation for pigeon guano to be cleaned from the brickwork and windows of the church, and to apply optical gel dishes to the window ledges to deter pigeons gathering and nesting. The same work was carried out successfully last year at the west end of the church, since when we have not had a problem in that area. However, the pigeons migrated to other parts of the building. Hopefully the work this time will finally rid us of them!

Seating in church

The signs in the nave marking places where people can sit have now been removed, chairs returned to the Lady Chapel, and the tables and chairs put back in the children's corner. To make our church a safe worshipping area we ask that everyone continues to act responsibly, to be mindful of other people, and to keep social distance where possible. We recommend the wearing of face coverings and the use of sanitising hand gel.

Ilford Regeneration

Redbridge Council have ambitious plans for regeneration in the Borough, and especially for the town centre and western gateway in Ilford. Last week, Fr Tom and Fr Stephen had a meeting with the Regeneration Officer for Redbridge Council to learn more about the plans and to see how we might be more involved. Ask us if you would like to know more! These links give you some idea of what the Council is planning:
<https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/redbridge-news/redbridge-sets-out-vision-for-major-ilford-regeneration/>
<https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/ilford-for-you/>

Intercessions

We are looking for a couple more people to join our team of those who lead the prayers of intercession at the Sunday Eucharist. If you would be interested in finding out more, or would like to volunteer, please speak to Fr Tom. Help and training will be given.

Alexandra Smith RIP

Alexandra died last Sunday after falling in her house in Coventry Road. Originally from Poland, Alexandra had a great devotion to Mary, and liked to go on pilgrimage to Marian shrines in the UK and Europe. She would often be seen standing in the church porch saying her prayers whilst looking at the statue of Mary - and sometimes inside the church when she could be coaxed in! Her funeral will be at SS Peter & Paul Church, Ilford, probably in September. As we pray for the repose of her soul, we also hold in our prayers her son Ludwik.

Discoverers

There will be no Discoverers (Sunday School) during August. At the back of church in the children's corner there are activity sheets for children to use. Alternatively, parents might like to bring a book or soft toys for their children to use during the Eucharist.

St Margaret of Antioch, Ilford

Welcoming, transforming and growing together in God's love

Weekly News Sheet

Sunday 22 August 2021

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



Welcome to St Margaret's Church

We hope you enjoy worshipping with us or visiting us. If you are here for the first time please or visiting from another church, please introduce yourself.

Keep in touch with us by visiting our web site: stmargaretilford.org.uk

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Worship & Intercessions

THIS MORNING

Welcome Team: Faustina Bainbridge

Mass setting:

A New People's Mass - Gregory Murray

Cantor: Janet Potter and Ann Marney

Readers:

Janet Potter and Terry English

Intercessions led by Fr Tom

TUESDAY

St Bartholomew the Apostle

7.30pm Eucharist

NEXT SUNDAY

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

10.30am Parish Eucharist

WE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR:

The sick and those in need:

Loraine Arnold, Francis Chitolie, Fizza and her family, Anne Fox, Jennifer Mottley and her family, Joergen Nielsen, Ade Onuagulu-chi, Christobel Trumpet, Tony Walker, Mother Prioress and the Sisters of the Monastery of Sainte Françoise Romaine at Bec-Hellouin

The recently departed,

including, Ruby Hughes and Alexandra Smith

Those whose anniversaries of death fall this week:

22nd: Margaret Slater

23rd: David Newton

24th: Malcolm Parker

26th: Louie Sorrel

27th: William Shannon, Alice Warren,

William Matthews, Charles Gyseman

28th: Maud Kingston, Elizabeth Cain,

Winifred Stubbs, Winifred Whitaker

Collect

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

First Reading: Joshua 24: 1-2, 14-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, 'Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.' Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.'

Psalms 45

R: Taste, O taste and see that the Lord is good.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. **R**

They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **R**

Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. **R**

Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R**

Second Reading: Ephesians 6: 10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life:
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia

Gospel Reading: St John 6: 56-69

Prayer over the Gifts

Gracious God,
who by the offering of Christ made once for all,
adopted a people as your own;
bestow now in grace upon your Church
your gifts of unity and peace.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Communion Song:

Because the Lord is my shepherd

Post Communion Prayer

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.