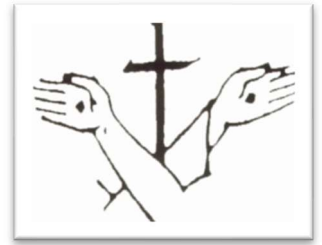




St Francis of Assisi Parish Newsletter “*Laudato, Si*”



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH
Grove Crescent Road, Stratford, London, E15 1B

33rd Sunday
of
Ordinary
Time

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time – 13th November 2022

On this World Day of the Poor, we are invited to trust in the Lord, to pray for people who suffer for their faith and to reach out generously to people who are poor.

Today's Readings

Malachi 3:19-20: Christ fulfils the promise of the prophet Malachi, who tells us that those who remain close to God will be rewarded for their faithfulness.

Response to the Psalm:

The Lord comes to rule the people with fairness.

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12: St Paul invites the church at Thessalonica to imitate his example of humble service to others.

Luke 21:5-19: The saints and martyrs witness to the faithfulness of God to rescue their lives and protect them in adversity, even in death.

“The days will come when not one left upon another; all will be thrown down”

Jesus told his disciples that the magnificent temple in Jerusalem would one day be reduced to rubble. It was destroyed by the Romans in 70 AD. The temple was a sign of God's presence on earth, and Israel believed that the desecration of the temple would herald the end of the age. Jesus warned his followers not to be misled by false Messiahs pointing to wars and natural disasters as proof that the time had come for his return. These events were just birth pangs of suffering that would occur in every age. Jesus' disciples must expect to share in his sufferings. While they would be persecuted by religious and political leaders and even members



of their own families, they need not be concerned as to how they would defend themselves. They must trust in Jesus' divine presence as they faithfully witnessed to the gospel.

Dates for your Diary: 13th November – Remembrance Sunday.

13th November 2022 – 2pm - Introductory Meeting – Holy Communion in the Church.

19th November 2022 – 6pm Mass for the intention of those who died during the Covid-19 pandemic.

25th November 2022 – 7pm Confirmation Candidates Meeting in the Large Hall.

Pray for those who have died, and those whose Anniversaries occur around this time, also, please pray for the sick, and, remember the People of Ukraine, & those inscribed on the November Dead List.

TRAIDCRAFT STALL
AFTER ALL SUNDAY MASSES.
Everyone Welcome!



**St. Francis of Assisi Church,
Senior Parishioners
Christmas Lunch.**

(Also, open to any parishioner who might not otherwise be able to join family or friends for a Christmas meal this year).

Date: 8 Dec 2022 **Time:** 1.30 pm for 2pm serving

Venue: 012 Bar and Grill 108/110 The Grove.

Booking to be made by Sat 3 Dec, by calling Sarah McKiernan on 07778 868827 and paying £5 deposit either to Sarah, or Kathy in the Parish office. **Please book as early as possible.** See the Poster at the back of the Church OR on the Parish Website, for full details.



**World Day
of the Poor**

The World Day of the Poor was initiated by Pope Francis in 2017 with the theme of "let us love, not with words but with deeds."

The Christian is called to follow the example of Jesus in loving God and neighbour, especially the most vulnerable. Pope Francis reminds us, "If we truly wish to encounter Christ, we have to touch his body in the suffering bodies of the poor." Developing a culture of encounter is a key theme for Pope Francis and an essential counter-witness to what he describes as a culture of waste and indifference, a culture that casts aside human beings who are not considered to be productive or useful. The Message the Pope wrote on 13 June on the feast of Saint Anthony of Padua, brother and friend of the poor. The invitation is "to make a personal and community examination of conscience and ask ourselves if the poverty of Jesus Christ is our faithful companion in life"

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:

The 12 noon Mass today, will be offered for the dead of the two World Wars and of all wars.

HOLY COMMUNION 2023 –

REMINDER:

TODAY - Sunday, 13th November 2022, there is an Introductory Meeting at 2pm in the Church. This meeting is only for those who have submitted the application form for the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19TH

Mass at 6pm will be offered for the intention of all those who died during the Covid-19 pandemic. In memory for those occasions when we couldn't attend their bedside for the dying. Funeral restrictions to numbers, last farewells over Zoom or by phone, not in person. May they rest in peace.

Safeguarding: The Stratford Friars are taking part in our safeguarding training this couple of weeks. We, as a Friary and as a Parish must keep this matter constantly before our eyes. We must all contribute to making a Culture of awareness and protection of the vulnerable.

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Masses

Monday to Friday 12:15. Tuesday, after Mass, St Anthony Novena.

Saturday: Morning Prayer: 9:40am Mass 10am followed by Holy Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:30am.

Confession: 10:30am — 11:30am & 5pm –5:45pm

Sunday: 6pm Saturday,
9am, 10:15am, 12 noon &
4:30pm(Ukrainian).

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