



St Francis of Assisi
Parish Newsletter
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Grove Crescent Road, Stratford, London, E15 1BJ

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Sunday 10th November 2024
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time and
Remembrance Sunday

Let us pray that God will grant us the grace that we may become more generous and able to share something to a needy person out of our loving concern but not merely out of our surplus.

TODAYS READINGS:

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16 The widow of Zarephath shares the last of her food with Elijah

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM: My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Second Reading: Heb. 9:24-28 Christ our High Priest opened for us the door of salvation.

Gospel Reading: Mark 12:38-44 The offering of the widow had great value in God's sight

REFLECT: Generosity is when we give something as an expression of what is good in us. Hence, it is always other-oriented. It is not self-focused. If we give something surplus because we simply want to feel good about the thought of being good, then it is not generosity at all. What the poor widow did, giving everything she had, is the exact opposite of what the religious leaders and rich people were doing in the time of Jesus. One can exploit the poor and give away their surplus in order to feel good. Such is unchristian.



BI-ANNUAL MASS
FOR THE DEAD

St Patricks Cemetery Langthorne Road
E11 4HK on 11th November 2024 at 11:30am.

There will be a special Mass on 29th November 2024 at 7pm for the Culminations of the Month Long Prayers for our Beloved Dead.

Pray for those who have died, and those whose Anniversaries occur around this time, also, please pray for the sick, also remember the People of Ukraine, and all countries where there is war. We also pray for peace in the Holy Land.

Parish Office. Thank you.

New
Parishioners
&
Visitors

We are delighted to welcome new members to our parish community! Whether you have recently moved into the area, or are visiting, we hope you find our parish a warm and welcoming place. Please make yourself known to one of the Priests after Mass.



REMEMBRANCE
SUNDAY PRAYER

O God, merciful and strong,
who crush wars and cast down the proud, be pleased to banish violence swiftly from our midst and to wipe away all tears, so that we may all truly deserve to be called your children. Amen.



FIRST HOLY
COMMUNION 2025

The FIRST INTRODUCTORY MEETING for the Parents/Guardians & Children who have submitted their First Communion Application Forms for 2025, will be **on SUNDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2024 AT 2PM IN THE CHURCH.**

A full programme of the meetings has been emailed to the Parents/Guardians – please let the Parish Office know if you did not received a copy. Thankyou.



The next **“Enquirers’ Evening”** for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on Tuesday 12 November at Brentwood Cathedral. The speaker will be Mgr Gordon Read. For further information please contact Fr Mark Swires: vocprom@brcdt.org

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST
ENVELOPES

Please place your Envelopes in one of the following: The Collection Plate, in the Box at the back of the Church, or, hand them in at the

MOLLY PRITCHARD, R.I.P.

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Molly Pritchard. Molly was a parishioner for many years, and a pillar of the Community - she died on Wednesday 6th November. May she Rest in Peace.

JOURNEY OF FAITH

Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic, or, wishing to explore their Faith, the Journey of Faith meeting is on **Wednesday 13th November 2024 at 7pm at the Friary.**

NEWDAWN HOMELESS
SHELTER

From Monday 23rd December to Sunday 29th (when our normal night shelter can't run), NewDawn are hoping to run a static night shelter at Bonny Downs, but they need volunteers. If interested see the poster and a sign up sheet at the back of the church. Note - At St Francis we will open our doors on Wednesdays starting on January 1st and sign up forms will be available from 16th November.)

CHRISTMAS “NIGHT MARKET”

Saturday 16th November 2024 – 4pm – 8pm.
£2 Entry Fee. BBQ, Craft Stalls, Santa's Grotto, Carol singing, and more! Venue: Sacred Heart of Mary Girls School, Upminster, RM14 2QR
Boundary Road Entrance.

The Repository will be at the back of the Church after all Sunday Masses on **10th November 2024. Cash Only Please.**

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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: Saturday: 10:30am - 11:30am & 5pm – 5:45pm
Sunday: 6pm Saturday, 9am, 10:15am, 12 noon & 4:30pm (Ukrainian).

Fr Reu Galoy, OFM – Priest in Charge

Fr Yusuf Bagh, OFM

Fr Desire Niyonkuru, OFM

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