



St Francis of Assisi
Parish Newsletter
800 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE
FRANCISCANS ARRIVAL IN THE UK.



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Grove Crescent Road, Stratford, London, E15 1BJ

SUNDAY CYCLE: B (MARK)

WEEKDAYS CYCLE: C

Sunday 24th November 2024

34th Sunday in Ordinary Time and
Christ, King of the Universe



Let us search on a particular historical fact which we think is now being distorted. Let us share the result of our research to people we know. Praying that Jesus may truly reign over our lives and that of the people dear to us is a humble way to give witness that Jesus is indeed our king.

TODAYS READINGS:

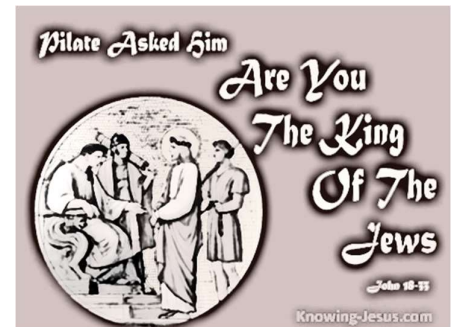
First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14 Glorious vision of the Son of Man

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM: The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:5-8 The first born of the dead will be ruler of the kings of the earth

Gospel Reading: John 18:33-37 Pilate questions Jesus about kingship

Today is the Solemnity of Christ the King. We may ask ourselves now about our relationship with Jesus. Have we already accepted Jesus as our king? If we do, the next question we need to pose to ourselves is – are we growing in terms of exercising our inner authority? Pilate was lacking in terms of inner authority, making it difficult for him to stand for the truth. Do we exercise inner authority shared to us by Jesus, or are we not better than Pilate? Can we stand for the truth?



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

ADVENT - RECOLLECTION & RECONCILIATION
THEME: PILGRIMS OF HOPE.
On Saturday 30th November 2024 in preparation of Advent, there will be the following in the church:
3pm – Reflection - Fr Reu, and at 4pm – Reconciliation.

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 L

**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.



**Seniors and Solos
Christmas Meal,
Friday 13 December at
1.30 in the large hall
(following 12.15 Mass)**

On Friday 13 December, St Francis Parish will once again be hosting our annual Christmas meal for senior parishioners, and any solo parishioners who wish to attend. Guests will be served a traditional three-course meal with a glass of wine or soft drink, followed by mince pies and tea/coffee with traditional Christmas music providing a suitable backdrop. If you would like to attend please contact Sarah McKiernan on 07778 868827 to secure your place with a £5 deposit. Numbers are restricted by what the hall can accommodate so please book early to avoid disappointment and **please note, this event is open to St Francis Parishioners only**



**BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC
CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**

This November, Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is pleased to re-launch their virtual **Tree of Angels** which will allow you to light up a symbolic angel on a virtual Christmas tree in memory of a loved one who has died while making a donation to the work of BCCS. Please visit www.bccs.org.uk and click on the Christmas tab where you will see 'Tree of Angels'. You can read more about this initiative and can click onto the Tree of Angels portal to make your dedication and secure donation. If you have any questions about lighting an angel, please contact Damian ddillon@bccs.org.uk

MICHAEL FLAHERTY, R.I.P.

The Service for Michael will be held on
6th December 2024 at:
**The Chapel at St Patricks Cemetery,
Leyton, London, E11 4HL at 2pm, with a
Graveside Blessing afterwards.**

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.)

Who is my neighbour?

Through the work of the **St Vincent de Paul** group, we seek to respond to Christ's question. Working together to support those in the community through kindness and care. If you would like help, or perhaps a visit, then please let us know. We can be reached by leaving your details with the Parish Office, saying you'd like to get in touch with the SVP. Then one of the St Vincent de Paul group will get in contact. Your privacy is always respected.

**MARIAN MISSIONARY -
SISTERS OF THE POOR.**

There will be a Carol Service on 14th December 2024 at St Joseph's Church, Grange Park Road, Leyton E10 5ES from 6:30pm. See posters at the back of the Church for full details.

**Grove Crescent Rd, Stratford, E15 1BJ
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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