



St Francis of Assisi

Parish Newsletter

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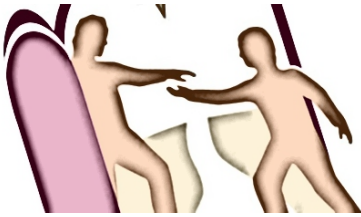
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Sunday 17th November 2024

**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time and
World Day of the Poor**



Let us pray for the grace that we may be able to accept God's offer of a new relationship with him. Let us think of least one or two negative traits you want to change, and practice changing it, before the end of liturgical year.

TODAYS READINGS:

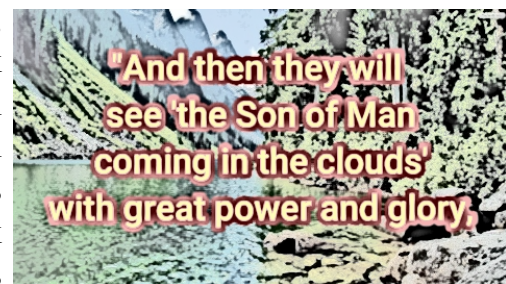
First Reading: Daniel 12:1-13 Daniel's vision about the end of time, including the resurrection of the dead

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM: Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

Second Reading: Heb. 10:11-14, 18 Christ offered a single sacrifice for sin, valid for all time.

Gospel Reading: Mark 13:14-32 Warnings about the second coming of Christ

Aside from the apocalyptic books in the Bible (Daniel and revelation), the Synoptic Gospels contain the so-called "little apocalypse" (cf. Mk 13; Mt. 24-25, k 21). Today's Gospel periscope (vv.24-32) is found in the little apocalypse of Mark 13. Apocalyptic literature is often perceived to be conveying a message about the end – understood as something terminal. However, the apocalyptic tradition does not speak of the end but of the beginning of a new time or period. With today's apocalyptic message, the Lord is inviting us to enter into a new relationship with him.



**The Funeral Mass of Ethline Noble, R.I.P., will be here at St Francis on
Thursday 21st November 2024 at 12:15pm.**

**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.

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.



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 **today, SUNDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2024 AT 2PM IN THE CHURCH.**



THERE WILL BE NO 12:15 MASS ON MONDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2024M, HOWEVER, THERE WILL BE A MASS AT 7PM THAT EVENING.

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.

MICHAEL FLAHERTY, R.I.P.

We have to announce another recent death in the Parish. Again, with great sadness, we announce the death of Michael Flaherty. Michael, too, was a parishioner for many years.

May he Rest in Peace.

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 – Recollection, and at
4pm – Reconciliation.**

**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

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.)

**TODAYS
RETIRING
COLLECTION IS
FOR THE SICK
AND THE POOR**



**Grove Crescent Rd, Stratford,
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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

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