

**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.**  
**THE LAST DATE FOR BOOKINGS IS 9TH DECEMBER 2024.**

**A Day With Mary** is taking place at **St George's Cathedral, Southwark on Saturday 14 December (10.15am to 5.15pm).** Mass will be celebrated by the Archbishop of Southwark Diocese, John Wilson. Further information is available at <https://www adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/>



**NEWDOWN HOMELESS SHELTER**

Thank you all who have already volunteered for our night shelter starting on 1<sup>st</sup> Jan. I will be in touch in the next couple of weeks to confirm your shifts. We still need volunteers – particularly from our younger parishioners (18 – 30) as well as everyone else. To be involved, sign up using the sign-up sheet available at the back of the church. You can sign up for just one shift and come and see how we work, (setting up or clearing up early Thursday morning is ideal).

**INTERNATIONAL FAMILY  
CAROL CONCERT.**

The Carol Concert will take place on  
**22nd December 2024 from 6:30pm – 7:30pm**  
at St Francis Church. Everyone welcome!

**MOLLY PRITCHARD, R.I.P.**

The Funeral Mass of Molly Pritchard will be on the **10th December at St Edward the Confessor, RM1 4AT at 12.30p.m.**, followed by a service at the Forest Park Crematorium, IG6 3HP, at 2p.m. There will be coffee and light refreshments at Collier Row Catholic Club, Lowshoe Lane, Romford RM5 2AR. Molly wasn't keen on funeral flowers, but, she had fond memories at St Francis's Church, Stratford, and continued to support and remain in touch with them, despite leaving the area 9 years ago. The family think she would prefer donations to St Francis instead of flowers. Molly will be received into the Church the night before (9th) at 4.30pm. Details of the JustGiving page are shown below. Molly didn't like wearing black, but she loved clothes, so she would be happy for everyone to wear something they loved and feel comfortable in. Moira and Paul Cuthbert, (Molly's daughter and son-in-law) wish raise £500 to In memory of Mollie Pritchard? Please donate to their JustGiving Crowdfunding Page.

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/moiraandpaulcuthbert?utm\\_id=2&utm\\_term=5m5k8DD6p](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/moiraandpaulcuthbert?utm_id=2&utm_term=5m5k8DD6p)

The service will be live-streamed on the link below for anyone who cannot make it on the day.

The Link for the Livestream is:

<https://stream.seccomgroup.com/channel/st-edward>

**Can you volunteer at the St John Bosco Children's Camp next summer?**

Applications are now open for anyone aged 17+ to volunteer for a week at the end of July 2025. From helping in the kitchen to running sports and other activities, your skills will mean that 100 children have a wonderful holiday. For most of the children, it is their only summer holiday. The Camp is a special work of Caritas Brentwood. More information - including training date and DBS requirements, along with volunteering FAQs - can all be found at [www.boscocamp.co.uk](http://www.boscocamp.co.uk). Applications for children to come to Camp will open in the spring.

**THE REPOSITORY** will be open after all Sunday Masses on **8th December 2024.**