



THE PILGRIM

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"A fraternal and hearty welcome to the new members of our Parish Community and all visiting sisters and brothers"



33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16 November 2025

"We should take comfort from our faith."

READ First Reading: Malachi 4:1-2a

Responsorial Psalm: *The Lord comes to judge the people with fairness.*

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel Reading: Luke 21:5-19

Malachi speaks of God's severe judgement of the unjust and of his comfort to those who have blessed his name. Saint Paul encourages perseverance in a virtuous life. Jesus warns the disciples not to confuse wars and great trials with the end of time. Instead, they are to persevere in their faith and witness.

REFLECT: The kind of world Christ describes sounds very familiar; exactly like the one we live in today, with its wars, revolutions, persecution of Christians and attacks upon Christian values. Christ foresaw that there would be obstacles and difficulties for all those who desire to follow him, but, he wants us to keep following him through it all. "By your patient endurance you will save your souls," says the Lord. The purpose of our comfort from our faith, but that comfort is not to shield us from the world or the problems we face. Through our prayer may we experience the healing and comforting of God, so that we might preserve in facing future trials with hope in him.

RESPOND: Visit a sick relative or friend to bring God's comfort.

Pray: *Pray for persecuted Christians and for all who live in war zones:*

Source: Bible Diary 2025, Claretian Publications Foundation, Inc, QC, Phil.

PASTORAL TEAM

- Fr. Reu Jose C. Galoy, OFM, Parish Priest
- Fr. Yusuf Bagh, OFM, Guardian
- Fr. Desire Niyonkuru, OFM

- Ms. Kathleen Allen, Parish Secretary
- Mr. Derek Hoddy, Pastoral Assistant

MASS TIMES

- Sun - 6.00pm (Sat), 9:00 am, 10:15 am, 12:00 pm, 4:30 pm (Ukrainian Mass)
- 2nd Sunday of the month Youth Mass 10:15am.
- Mon - Fri: 12:15 pm, Wed: 7:00 pm, Sat 10:00 am
- **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**
Sat: 10:30 am – 11:30 am
- **Reconciliation**
• Sat: 10:30 am - 11:30 am, 5:00 pm - 5:45 pm & by Appointment
- **Novena/Rosary**
• Tue: St. Anthony: 12:45 pm
• Wed: Holy Rosary: 6:30 pm
• Sat: Morning Prayer: 9:40 am

MASS INTENTIONS Sunday 16 November 2025 – Saturday 22 November 2025

Sun	16 NOV 9:00	TG – ST ANTHONY & ST JUDE TADDEUS	Wed	19 NOV 12:15	SI/RIP (F) BELINDA FRIERI
Sun	16 NOV 10:15	SR (M) - PAUL McNULTY	Wed	19 NOV 7:00PM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Sun	16 NOV 12:00	RIP (M) - EFREN CACAYORIN	Thu	20 NOV 12:15	SI (F) EMILIA MANGONE
Mon	17 NOV 12:15	SI/RIP (M) LUCIANO IANNICELLI	Fri	21 NOV 12:15	RIP (M) THOMAS ANGLIM
Tues	18 NOV 12:15	SI (M) BONIFACE ANIBUEZE	Sat	22 NOV 10:00	WA – JOHNNY & CONCHITA
			Sat	22 NOV 6:00	RIP – THE NAGAITIS FAMILY

TG – Thanksgiving, SI – Special Intention, BD – Birthday, WA – Wedding Anniversary, ST – Safe Travel, GH – Good Health, SR – Speedy Recovery, RIP – Death/Death Anniversary

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Our Night shelter season is nearly upon us again. This year we will be hosting from 31 Dec, every Wed night through to 3 March. Marian will issue more information and details for how to volunteer shortly. Meanwhile, another way to support NewWay is to support their fundraising initiatives below. Last year they raised £11K. **Join them this year in one of two ways:** **Secure a Sleep Spot:** We ask all participants who are sleeping out with us to commit to raise between £150 and £250. You can do this as an individual or on behalf of your business, organisation or group. There is a £20 registration fee to secure your sleep spot. (If you secure a sleep spot, you are automatically able to join in with the quiz, you do not need to book a quiz spot). **Secure a Quiz Spot:** Want to take part in our evening quiz but leave before we bed down for the night? Secure a quiz spot! If you are part of a quiz team, each individual will need to book a quiz spot if you're coming on your own, no fear, we will link you with a team. There is a £10 registration fee to secure your quiz spot. The quiz will take place from 8:30pm-9:15pm on Friday evening.

All the money raised goes towards supporting those who are experiencing homelessness at the NEWway Project. **The Big Newham Sleep Out 2025** is not designed to replicate someone's experience of sleeping on the streets but is to raise awareness about, and funds for, our work. There will be activities throughout the evening including dinner, a quiz, games and testimonies from those who have experienced the real thing. Breakfast on Saturday morning will be provided for all who sleep over. **You can book**

your space here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-big-newham-sleep-out-2025-tickets-1753524522049?aff=oddtcreator>. Once your space

is booked you can start fundraising on JustGiving by setting up your own fundraising page by selecting 'Start Fundraising' under 'Be a fundraiser. Create your own fundraising page and help support this cause.'

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★ IGNITE 2025 IS HERE! ★

The Newham Deanery Youth Council's Annual Youth Concert. The much-loved IGNITE Youth Concert returns on **Saturday, 22nd November 2025**, from **10:00am-4:00pm** at **St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Forest Gate (56 St Antony's Rd, London E7 9QB)**. Come and celebrate a day of **faith, music, and inspiration** with performances from **local talents and special guests**. **Admission: FREE**. See posters at the back of the Church.

JOURNEY OF FAITH/R.C.I.A

The next meeting of the Journey of Faith/R.C.I.A. will be on **Wednesday 19th November 2025 at 7pm** at the Friary.

Parents of children due to start school in **September 2026** are warmly invited to visit **St. Francis' Catholic Primary School** for our **Open Day**. **Date:** 2nd December. **Time:** 9:00 – 10:00 am and 1:30 – 2:30 pm **Location:** Maryland Park (entrance on Bow Street), London E15 1HB. **No booking required just arrive at the specified time on the days above.** Come and see our wonderful school in action! Meet our Head Teacher, teachers, and pupils, tour our Reception classrooms, and discover how faith, learning, and community are at the heart of everything we do. We look forward to welcoming both parish and local families interested in giving their child the best start to their education in a nurturing Catholic environment. Individual tours are also available by request.

THE WRECK OF THE DEUTSCHLAND



150 year Anniversary,

Saturday 6th December 2025 at 7:15pm.

A Memorial Service for the five Franciscan Sisters who perished in the wreck will take place on the above date. Food and drink in the hall after.

More details to follow.

SECOND COLLECTION

This weeks' 2nd Collection is for the **S.V.P.**

SVP
Society of St. Vincent de Paul