

NEWSLETTER

**TWENTY
NINTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

Drinking the cup of Christ's Love

It is the intense love of Christ which first fired the zeal of all the great missionaries, past and present. They could not contain within themselves the love which filled their spirits. As human love overflows from the embrace of the couple into the children, who have been described as 'love made visible', so the missionary's love makes visible new children in Christ. It is in terms of this intensity of love that the extraordinary sacrifice of the saints can be understood as heroic instead of insane. As the Song of Snogs proclaims: *Were a man to offer all the wealth of his house to buy love, contempt is all he would purchase (8:7). We should give all for the pearl of great price which is Christ. Just as all married couples are called to love each other for their whole lives, no matter the sacrifice involved, so it is the teaching of the Church every man is called to become a saint.* In the words of Christ: *You cannot give yourself to God and money. Take up your cross and follow me. Enter by the narrow gate. The lukewarm I will spit out of my mouth.* For most of us, love, human and divine is desirable up to the point of suffering and sacrifice. Or, if at first we feel that we would do anything for the person we love, gradually our favour dies. What we try to pinpoint how this happens. I think we would often find that a time came when a sacrifice was demanded of us which we refused to make. This decision is not always made in full consciousness. The moment of the test comes, we let it past, we forget it and then one day we discover that our life is not being lived out of intensity of commitment.

Reading the lives of the saints, we are struck by the presence of turning points when these lovers of Christ took up the great challenge. Their love of the good was so great that they staked their lives to win the battle against the evil which surrounded them. As a result of this 'all or nothing' attachment to the good, they were able to overcome in themselves every fault which would make them lazy, inept betraying servants of Christ....If we wish to love with all the intensity of our being, then we must be ready to sacrifice all things which prevent us from being loving every moment of the day.

Ronda Chervin

Parish Mission Prayer

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen

MASS INTENTIONS

October 19th, 2024

6pm - Pro Populo

October 20th, 2024

9am— For Priests of the Deanery

11 am - Eugenie Williams RIP

For weekday mass intentions please, see the notice board on the left hand side of the main door of the church.

Confession on Saturday between 5.15-5.45 pm or by appointment.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, to whom every heart is open, every desire known and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the help of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly faithfully serve you, love you, and worthily praise your Holy Name. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen

A Prayer after Communion

Grant O Lord, we pray, that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things. We may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings for this & next Sunday

1st Reading— Isaiah 53;10-11,
Psalm 32;4-5, 18-20, 22 Response v 22
2nd Reading - Hebrew 4: 14-16

Gospel - Mark 10; 35-45

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Psalm 125; Response v 3
2nd Reading - Hebrew 5;1-6

Gospel - John 8:12,

The Catechetical Program 2024

(Application Forms now available on the table in the lobby - cannot be emailed)

Confirmation:

If you are in year 9, and wish to make your Confirmation, the course will be held at 4pm- every Saturday. The start date will be announced shortly. **Deadline for applications - Monday 4. November 2024.**

RCIA (The Rite of Christian initiation of adults) the course will start in October, and will be held every Tuesday evening. If you are interested to learn more about the Catholic Faith, fill out the form and then hand in your details to the parish office ASAP or to Fr Christopher after Mass. **Deadline for applications - Monday 7. October 2024**

First Holy Communions:

Should you wish to have your child make their First Holy Communion (from your 3 onwards), please take a form, fill it in and hand one part into the parish office. The part with information for parents should be cut off by you and read properly as contains important information about the course. The dates of the course will be announced shortly. **Deadline for applications - Monday 4. November 2024**

PARISH MISSION 'A Celebration of our Faith'

Our Mission is from 2nd -6th December 24 led by Fr. Peter Morris & Fr, Royston Price.

Please remember the Parish Mission in your prayers and if you know of anyone who would benefit from the Mission then encourage them to come along with you. Thank you, Fr Christopher

SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

We are approaching that time of the year when parents request a priest's reference. Usually, it's the Catholic Practice form. Catholic Practice means regular attendance at Mass. It is a requirement that all Catholics attend Mass on Sundays and on holidays of obligation. While there may be genuine reasons for the occasional absences from Mass. It has been made clear that fortnightly or monthly attendance does not constitute the practice required by Church Law.

Since I've been here I have urged parents to come and see me to establish two things:

Any problems they might have in meeting the requirement to attend Mass every week and How we might establish proof as to what their attendance has been.

Most parents, don't think of the lead times that are involved. If you want your child to enter a new school in September 2025, the applications have to be in, depending on the school, somewhere between March and October 2024. Don't wait until then to speak to me about your problems or to discuss how to get evidence to support your request for weekly Mass attendance. You need to come to me a year prior to that.

Recently a problem has emerged: where families who, because of their situation, think they will not need a reference and so take no action to establish a basis; then circumstances change-they want to change school, and now they find themselves exposed, unable to get a reference that they need. It does not cost you to put a basis for a reference in place: please be prudent.

Thank you,

Fr Christopher

Neighbours in Poplar

Sr Christine, has asked me to put a plea for help. Many of you know her, since she runs a charitable venture that supports elderly by providing hot meals on Wednesdays and Sunday's. the reach of the venture has now speared across Tower Hamlets.

Sr. Christine, is looking for drivers in E1, E2, E3 to help deliver hot meals to the elderly. Since before the Pandemic Tower Hamlets stopped meals on wheels, and the driver is the only friendly face they see. If you can help Sr. Christine in her work, then do get in touch with Neighbours in Poplar. Thank so much, and God bless you.

Parish Pilgrimage 2025

The Year 2025, has been designated as a year of prayer by the Holy Father Pope Francis. Northern Star Travel Ltd. is organising the Parish Pilgrimage to San Giovanni, Rome & Assisi from the 14-23 February 25. If you are interested to join the parish group then see the Itinerary on the Parish website in our previous Newsletter. To pay the deposit contact Adrian Duffy on 01617732115 and should we have sufficient numbers to go on Pilgrimage, the money would be refunded. Thank you. *Fr Christopher*

Our Friends from Docklands Singers invite us for the concert. Please, consider to support the local Choir and enjoy the music in a beautiful church.



In Paradisum

Insanae et vanae curae - Joseph Haydn
 Gloria - Antonio Vivaldi
 In Paradisum - Andrew Campling
 London Docklands Singers
 Marcel Sinfonia
 Andrew Campling, conductor

Tickets: £20
 Concessions: £16
 Students: £10

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Saturday 26 October 2024, 7.30pm
 St Paul's Covent Garden, Bedford St,
 WC2E 9ED

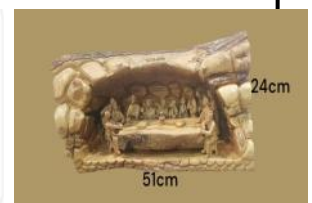
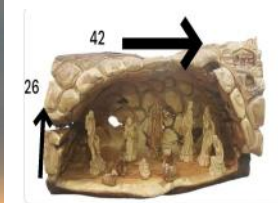


The Holy Land

Those of us who went on the Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, visited Remon Kando & Sons Store in Bethlehem, in the West Bank. Ramon's sister Lara contacted me if I could help the Christians in the Holy Land by promoting their products. They have sent a few photos of items carved from olive wood (but the stock is much bigger) if you are interested then contact them directly via email: r-kando@hotmail.com

Alternatively by What's app number +972 59818484001

Please take a look at the display of the items or contact them to find what you are interested in. This way you will be helping our Christian brothers & Sisters in Holy Land. The money raised from your purchase of the items goes directly to help



Free Language Event

Learning French through Stories & Games

- **Who:** Children aged 3-5 years old and their parents
- **What:** Learning French through stories, games, and songs
- **When:** Wednesday 30th October 2024
- **Time:** Two sessions - 2:00-2:30pm or 3:00-3:30pm
- **Where:** The Parish of the Isle of Dogs

To attend the event, parents must register by sending an email to Isabel at: frenchteacher@gmx.com

Counting of the Collection

Dear Friends, To comply with guide lines set by the Diocese, they require us to create a Rota of Counters to Count the collection. Therefore we are appealing for volunteers who would be willing to count the collection after the 11 am Mass on a Sunday or on an alternative date.

You need to count in pairs, with another member of our community. It will take probably half an hour, once a month if we have enough volunteers to cover each week. We also ask students of six forms to step forward. **If you are interested, please give your details into the Parish Office.**

Hope we will hear from you, *Fr Christopher with Parish Finance Committee Members.*

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Fr Christopher Silva

Parish Priest,

Mrs Katherine Woznicka

Parish Administrator

The office may be contacted by phone:

Monday to Friday 9am-2pm

Closed on Bank Holidays

Mrs Diane Winship - Safeguarding Representative

Mr Tomasz Daszkiewicz - Data Protection

Parish Officer

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

loose: £361.92 envelopes: £154.00 contactless collection last weekend: £345.00 total: **£861.62**

Standing orders in **in January- £3286, in February - £2589, in March - £2715, in April - 3769, in May - 2152, in June - 3800, in July - 2565, in August - 2416**

As a Charity, we rely on your weekly donations. We will be grateful for your financial support. Your New offertory envelopes will be available at the end of March for collection after Mass or from the parish office. If you wish to have an offertory envelope, then give your details to the parish office, where a new box of envelopes will be made available to you. Alternatively, you could make your donation via bank transfer. The parish account is on our website.

WRCDDT CHARITY NO: 233699

Our Church. Dear Friends, After a few years of pause in spending money on our premises, the Finance Committee with myself, feel that it is time to address some issues. First, we have started with lights exchange in Sanctuary as they have started to fall off due to their age. We have also replaced majority of bulbs in the church and the hall. Secondly, after 24 years of use, we refreshed our kitchen and toilets. .

As usual, I would like to ask you for a specific donations towards our works as if we got money into this category, all your donations will stay with the parish, while when the money goes into general donations - we have to pay 30% of the total to the Diocese. If you are a Gift Aider, you can gift aid the donation and it will add an extra value.

Donation envelopes are available on the table in the lobby. You can also chose to donate on our digital plate or by bank transfer but doing it - do not forget to add; donation for electrical works or for decoration.

It all will come with a cost of eleven thousand pounds. We have collected **£6335** towards our works so far. Thank you for your support and generosity. Fr Christopher

Altar Servers

If our young people, have made their First Holy Communion, and would like to become an Altar Server. Please give your details to the Parish Office by email or to me just after Mass. Joseph Adesete our MC would be carrying out the training after the 11 am Mass.

Thank you, Fr Christopher

