

NEWSLETTER

**THIRTIETH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

On the Lord's Prayer

We need words to help us recollect ourselves and see what we are asking for; not to make us suppose that the Lord must be given information or swayed by words.

So when we say, 'Hallowed be thy name,' we are counselling ourselves to desire that his name, which is always holy, may be held holy, among men; that is, that it may not be treated with contempt: and this for the benefit not of God but of men.

When we say, 'Thy kingdom come,' which will certainly come whether we wish it or not, we arouse our desire for that kingdom, that it may come for us, and that we may be worthy to reign therein.

When we say, 'Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven' we are asking him for obedience for ourselves that his will may be done in us as it is done in heaven by his angels.

When we say, 'Give us this day our daily bread,' we mean by 'today' this present time. We are asking either for sufficiency, by expressing its principal part, signifying the whole by the name 'bread'; or for the sacrament of believers, which is necessary at the present time in order to obtain the happiness not of the present time but of eternity.

When we say, 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who have trespassed against us,' we are advising ourselves both as to what we should ask for, and what we should do to be worthy to receive it.

When we say, 'Lead us not into temptation,' we counsel ourselves to make this petition lest we be abandoned by his help, and either be deceived into consenting to some temptation or be so downcast as to give in to it.

When we say, 'Deliver us from evil,' we bring ourselves to reflect that we are not yet in that happy state when we shall suffer no evil. This last petition in the Lord's prayer has such a wide scope that a Christian may in any trouble express his pain by it, pour forth his tears, begin from it, linger over it, and his prayer at this point.

It is necessary by these words to impress the realities themselves on our memory. For whatever other words we may say-whether the devotion of the one praying precedes and forms the words to express itself, or accompanies the words and grows from them- if we are praying in the right way, we say nothing that has not already a place in the Lord's prayer. But whoever says anything that cannot be related to this prayer of the gospel, every thought he is not praying unlawfully, he is praying in a fleshly, unspiritual manner: and I do not know how this be called unlawful, since people reborn of the Spirit ought not to pray otherwise than spiritually.

St Augustine to Proba

MASS INTENTIONS

October 26th, 2024

6pm - Pro Populo

October 27th, 2024

9am— Owen Dunn RIP

11 am - Bernadette Keefe 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.

No Morning Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday of next week.

All Saints Mass on 1 Nov - 8pm

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 faithfully serve you, perfectly 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— Jeremiah 31; 7-9,

Psalm 125; Response v 3

2nd Reading - Hebrew 5;1-6

Gospel - Mark 10; 46-52

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Psalm 17;2-4, 47, 51 Response v 2

2nd Reading - Hebrew 7: 23-28

Gospel – Mark 12; 28-34

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 4. November 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**

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

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

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

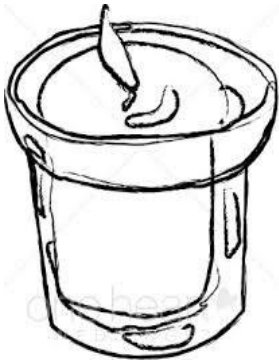
The Year 2025, has been designated as a year of prayer by the Holy Father Pope Francis. Northern Star Travel Ltd. is organising the Parish Pilgrimage to San Giovanni, Rome & Assisi from the 14-23 February 25. If you are interested to join the parish group then see the Itinerary on the Parish website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

Thank you. *Fr Christopher*

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

It is a tradition in the Church that November should be a time when we pray particularly for the souls of the faithful departed.

One of the ways we pray for the dead is to prepare a list of all the people special to us who have died and put that list in to the parish, asking everyone to pray for them. The result is that we are all praying for each other's dead friends and relatives.



If you wish to put forward a list of people you would like the community to pray for, write out the list (using, if you wish, the special lavender coloured paper provided) and put it in one of the Holy Souls envelopes you will find in the lobby of the church. If you wish to make an offering, put the money also in the envelope; this money will be used to fund Mass intentions for Holy Souls during the

coming year. Either hand the envelope to me, or to our Sacristans, or into the collection basket at Mass.

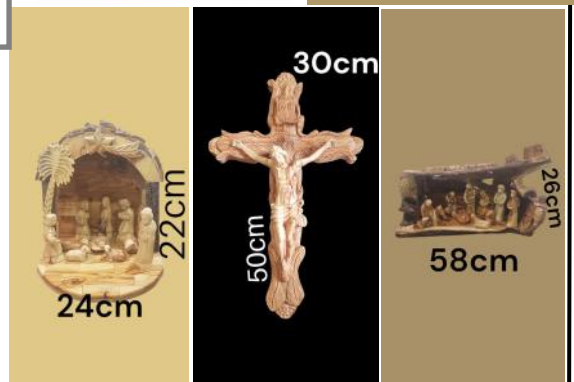
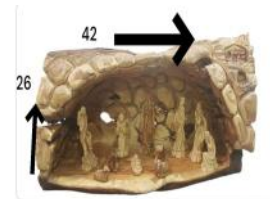
From the 1st November we will put a special basket in front of the Altar. Fr Christopher

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

Dear Friends, I shall be admitted to Royal London Hospital on Monday 28th October 24, to remove the stent that was inserted in May 23 to protect the kidney. I don't know how far down the theatre list I am. I could there for a couple of days.

So if you need my signature under a school form, please, come on Monday morning, between 10 - 11 am or wait for a week. Thanks for your understanding. Do remember me in your prayers. God bless you all, Fr Christopher.

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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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: £235.60 envelopes: £262.00 contactless collection last weekend: £245.00 total: **£742.60**

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

