THIS WEEK:

Mon — Sat: 10am Mass Exposition and Confessions to 11am unless other service to follow.

Monday, Friday: 6.30pm

SUNDAY OFFERTORY/TITHES

OCTOBER: £15,177.10 Week average: £3,035

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NOVEMBER: Remembering our dead. Names may be added in the book by the Crucifix. The book is placed on the Altar for Sunday Mass.

SOCIAL APOSTOLATE: Monday (11am-3pm), Tues & Wed (1pm-3pm). Welcome to all.

READINGS: Proverbs 31; 1 Thess. 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30

Funerals: Monday 20th Nov at 11.30am: Seamus Fulham. Wednesday 29th Nov at 11.30am: Ernestine Activille. Friday 1st December at 11.30am: George Auguste.

May they rest in peace.

NORMAL CHURCH TIMES

Saturday Evening 6.30^{pm} (Vigil);

Sunday Mass: 8, 9:30, 11

Polish (po polsku): 12.30^{pm}, 6:30^{pm}

Mass in Spanish: 4.30^{pm}

Monday—Saturday: 10am Mass Evening Mass Monday and Friday at 6.30^{pm}

Divine Mercy: every last Monday after evening Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

in the church after 10am Mass each weekday, after the 6.30pm Mass on Friday, 6pm Saturdays, or by appointment at the Presbytery.

Rosary: 11am each weekday.

PARISH STAFF & TEAM

Contact them on: 020 8800 2121

Parish Priest: Fr. Andrew Cameron-Mowat SJ. **Assistant Priests:** Fr. John McCabe SJ,

Fr. Piotr Kropisz SJ

Resident Jesuits: Fr. Harry Elias SJ, Fr. John

Moffatt SJ (LJC), Fr. Jean Nyembo SJ (Congo), Fr. Michael Smith SJ (JRS).

Music: Ann Bennett

Sunday Sacristan: Kevin De Souza **Parish Secretary:** Judy Bronson.

Tel: 020 8800 2262 . M-Th 9am — 1pm Catechetics: Aga Wiecek 020 8800 2202

If you have any concerns about safety or well-being of a child or vulnerable adult in the parish, please contact our Safeguarding Representatives: Attracta Asika 079 0544 5938 and Aga Wiecek, 077 3681 9943





33rd Sunday Year A 19th November, 2023

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World Day of the Poor

Pope Francis has declared Sunday 19 November 2023 to be the seventh World Day of the Poor, with the theme of "Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor" (Tobit 4:7) We are living in times that are not particularly sensitive to the needs of the poor. The pressure to adopt an affluent lifestyle increases, while the voices of those dwelling in poverty tend to go unheard. We are inclined to neglect anything that varies from the model of life set before the younger generation, those who are most vulnerable to the cultural changes now taking place. We disregard anything that is unpleasant or causes suffering, and exalt physical qualities as if they were the primary goal in life. Virtual reality is overtaking real life, and increasingly the two worlds blend into one. The poor become a film clip that can affect us for a moment, yet when we encounter them in flesh and blood on our streets, we are annoyed and look the other way. Haste, by now the daily companion of our lives, prevents us from stopping to help care for others. The parable of the Good Samaritan (Lk 10:25-37) is not simply a story from the past; it continues to challenge each of us in the here and now of our daily lives. It is easy to delegate charity to others, yet the calling of every Christian is to become personally involved.

When speaking of the poor, it is easy to fall into rhetorical excess. It is also an insidious temptation to remain at the level of statistics and numbers. The poor are persons; they have faces, stories, **Cont/**

Responsorial Psalm: O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION NOVEMBER: For the Pope



We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

JUNIOR CHOIR: Our Youth Choir which sings at the 9.30 Mass is looking for new members. If you are aged 11-25 and enjoy singing, please come along. Choir practices are on Fridays 6.15pm - 7.15pm in the weekday chapel. If you need more information, text/Whatsapp Ann on 07793 751261

CONFIRMATION: 47 candidates will be preparing for several months to receive the Sacrament on 27th April 2024. All candidates will be introduced to the parish at the Mass of Enrolment on 26th November at 11:00.

CPM third Sunday Monthly Prayer meeting of this month will be held today Sunday 19th November 2023 5:00pm in the Presbytery.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER celebration: North London Goans, 3rd December at Cypriot community Centre, Earlham Grove, N22 5HJ. 12pm Mass plus Social. See poster for details.

QR Code for your Sunday Offertory/ Tithe [with your phone]:

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Message of Pope Francis Continued/

hearts and souls. They are our brothers and sisters, with good points and bad, like all of us, and it is important to enter into a personal relation with each of them. This year marks the 150th anniversary of the birth of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus. In a page of her autobiography, *Story of a Soul*, she tells us: "I have come to realize that perfect charity means putting up with other people's faults, not being at all taken aback by their faults, being edified by the smallest acts of virtue that we see practised. But above all, I have come to realize that charity must not remain locked in the depths of one's heart: 'No one', Jesus says, 'lights a candle to put it under a bushel basket, but puts it on a candle-stand, so that it can give light to *everyone* in the house'. For me, that candle represents the charity that must give light and bring joy not only to those dearest to me, but to *everyone* in the house, with the exception of none" (Ms C, 12r°).

In this house of ours, which is the world, everyone has a right to experience the light of charity; no one must be deprived of that light. May the steadfast love of Saint Therese stir our hearts on this World Day of the Poor, and help us not to "turn our face away from anyone who is poor", but to keep it always focused on the human and divine face of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Pope Francis, June 2023.

Please help our ministry to the poor and the homeless by using the Caritas Advent Giving Calendar.

Items may be dropped off at the Presbytery.

Thank you for your generosity.

