



**THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF  
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**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ( C )  
13 NOVEMBER 2022**

**REMEMBRANCE DAY  
WORLD DAY OF THE POOR**

Dear Parishioners

As we draw nearer toward the end of the church year, our readings direct our attention to reflect on the end times. Today's Gospel reading provides Jesus' teaching on the theme of the future. An enduring faith proves to be a great lesson for those difficult times that indicate the end of the world. When we feel overwhelmed by what we see, hear and touch: the presence of evil and suffering, faith in Christ's glorious return gives us the hope that the kingdom of peace and justice will be established.

In this month of the Holy Souls, we continue to pray with love and affection to all our loved ones departed before us. Thank you to all those who came to both Masses for the commemoration of the Holy souls at the beginning of the month, and on Wednesday this week, Mass for the deceased of the parish. Please join us on Sunday for the deanery procession on Remembrance Sunday in Hither Green Cemetery at 2.15pm.

God Bless  
Fr Habte



## **TODAY'S READINGS -**

Malachi 3:19-20, 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12, Luke 21:5-19

## **SCRIPTURE REFLECTION**

Luke was writing his gospel after the devastation of Jerusalem by the Roman armies in 70 AD, and the way he frames the words of Jesus suggests that he had witnessed the devastation. Massive blocks of stone, thrown down from the walls, are still lying there as they fell, scattered at the base of the Temple. The message of this passage is, then, the same as Paul's in today's second reading: the end is sure, but is not yet. Jesus prepares his followers for what is to come before the cataclysmic finale. He warns against false Messiahs, political leaders or other saviour-figures who claim to 'put the world to rights'. His followers will be continually challenged to give an account of their beliefs, harassed and martyred in every age, betrayed by those they thought their friends. There is a promise that Jesus will provide the words and wisdom for Christians to make a reply to their persecutors; there is a promise too of protection from real harm - but there is no promise that it will be a quiet and easy life. A constant theme in Luke's Good News is that the followers of Jesus must follow him in his difficulties and trials. Only with like endurance will they stay true to him and keep in his footsteps. *Reflection: Recall an occasion when the Lord gave you wisdom beyond your own.*

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

## **NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS -**

2 Samuel 5:1-3, Colossians 1:12-20, Luke 23:35-43

## **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY [this weekend]**

We shall remember and pray for those who died in the last year in our parish and light candles for each of them during all weekend Masses.

## **DEANERY PROCESSION: HITHER GREEN CEMETERY**

### **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - 13th NOVEMBER 2022**

We assemble from 2.15am at the Main Gate in Verdant Lane and our procession begins at 2.30pm with a hymn, led by the Bromley Concert Band. We recite the Rosary prayer as we walk, in small groups, and pause to sing hymns on the way. Please make use of this opportunity to bless the graves of our departed beloved ones.

We are asked to vacate the cemetery by 3.45pm.

## **CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2023 - SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2022**

If your child is in Year 10 or above and they would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, there will be an information meeting for Candidates & Parents in the church on Sunday 13th November 2022 at 6pm.

## **ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL SECOND COLLECTION TODAY**

This collection replaces the previous second collection which was called the Archbishop's Administration Fund.

Many thanks for your support

## **TODAY is WORLD DAY OF THE POOR**

Today is the sixth World Day of the Poor, with the theme of "For your sakes Christ became poor" (2 Cor 8:9).



**World Day  
of the Poor**

Pope Francis, in his message for the day, laments that just as the world was emerging from the "tempest of the pandemic", a new catastrophe appeared on the horizon: the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the brutal war which has followed. The war has displaced millions of Ukrainian people and caused global economic turbulence, with food shortages and rising energy costs which will affect the poorest this winter.

The Pope reminds us of the generosity of people in welcoming refugees from recent conflicts in the Middle East. He understands that host communities can feel burdened, and it is difficult to maintain relief efforts, but he says, "This is the moment for us not to lose heart but to renew our initial motivation. The work we have begun needs to be brought to completion with the same sense of responsibility."

The Pope's message in full can be found at:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/world-day-of-the-poor/>

***"The family of Jan Szczegolski would like to express their thanks to everyone who attended Gina Szczegolski's funeral. Thank you for your love and support. We all gave her a fitting send off."***

## RCIA/JIF

### CONFIRMATION - SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2022

We are very pleased to announce our Confirmand Vivian Griffin will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 11.30am Mass on Sunday 20th November 2022 the Feast of Christ the King. Please keep Vivian and her sponsor Betty in your prayers.



## HOLY SOULS

In the month of November, the Church offers special prayers for Holy Souls. On the tables at the entrance and exit of the church there are sheets along with envelopes which you can use to make an offering for Mass for your deceased loved ones during the month of November. Please write the names of your deceased loved ones on the sheets and put your envelope in the Box specially prepared for your Offerings on the Sanctuary. Please note Holy Souls Masses are not attributed to a particular family but are offered for all the dead as we remember all those that have gone before us. Individual names and families are remembered collectively at Holy Souls Masses. Thank you.



## PARISH CAROL SERVICE, SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER

Our annual Parish Carol Service will be on Sunday 18th December at 4.30pm. There'll be a meeting to think about and plan it on **Thursday 17th November, 8pm**, in the Lower Hall. Please come along and share your thoughts and ideas on how we can make our Parish Carol Service a real celebration involving everyone. To find out more, contact us at [liturgy.swoy@gmail.com](mailto:liturgy.swoy@gmail.com)



## RED WEDNESDAY - AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

The annual ACN #RedWednesday event raises the plight of persecuted Christians to governments and societies across the West, informing them on how to alleviate the suffering of the world's most innocent victims of indiscriminate violence, harassment and oppression.

London's Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral will host a very special #RedWednesday 2022, as we stand in solidarity with the suffering people of Ukraine. Please join us for the events on **23rd November** which start at **5.45 pm** with the Rosary followed by the Divine Liturgy, both held at the cathedral, 21-22 Binney Street, London W1K 5BQ.

## GIFT SUNDAY

We will once again be collecting gifts this year to pass on to local charities for their Christmas appeals. Voluntary Services Lewisham has now closed and their work has been passed onto other charities and groups. This year, we are collecting toys and gifts for the Salvation Army appeal and Christmas food items will be donated to the local food bank. We will be collecting gifts at all masses over the weekend of 26-27 November, during the following week and again on 3-4 December.

This year, we are asking for donations of

- Toys or gift vouchers for children and teenagers

- Small Christmas food and other items - e.g., Christmas puddings, biscuits, chocolates, crackers

## UPDATE ON THE SYNODAL PROCESS

The working Document for the Continental Stage of the Synod has now been published. The Working Document for the Continental Stage was based on the syntheses coming from the churches of the five continents after consultation with the faithful and others. The Continental Synodal Assemblies will take place between January and March 2023. These Continental Synodal Assemblies will be convened to reread the journey made and to continue the listening and discernment.



Please find below a link to the working Document for the continental stage for further information and to download the document.

<https://www.synod.va/en/highlights/working-document-for-the-continental-stage.html>

## **STEWARDS NEEDED**

In order to plan the December and January rota and arrange the Christmas Masses once again this year we need the help of Stewards. The more stewards we have easier it is especially during this busy festive season. Please contact Mary if you will be able to assist, please email [foresthill@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:foresthill@rcaos.org.uk) or telephone 020 8690 4540 Many thanks

## **CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE SOUTH-EAST PASTORAL AREA**

All parishioners in the deaneries of Bexley, Bromley, Camberwell, Greenwich Lambeth and Lewisham are warmly invited to a Christmas Carol Service to be held at St Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, 103 Woolwich New Road, SE18 6EF on Sunday 11th December 2022 at 7.30pm.

The Reverend Canon Victor Darlington will be the Principal Celebrant.

## **THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER**

For children who suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

## **WORLD YOUTH DAY - AUGUST 2023**

The Archdiocese is taking a group of pilgrims (aged 18-35 at the time of travel) to World Youth Day in Lisbon in 2023. Provisional dates are 31st July to 7th August. To register your interest and receive more information, please go to [bit.ly/wydsouthwark](https://bit.ly/wydsouthwark)

Further information about World Youth Day is at [www.lisboa2023.org/en/](http://www.lisboa2023.org/en/)



**Next Sunday is World Youth Day with our annual collection for the Catholic Youth Services to raise funds to support youth ministry in our Parish and in our Diocese.**

**Many thanks in advance for your support.**

## FINANCES

### OCTOBER 2022

The monthly Offertory Collection - £1,939.57  
Donations for CAFOD -Family Fast Day - £957.68  
Donations for World Mission Sunday - £602.64  
Donations for the Parish Crisis Fund - £921.59  
Donations for Bishop Patrick Lynch - £170.00  
From monthly standing orders/bank transfers we collected - £4,788.00  
From contactless & website donations we collected - £347.97

Thank you for your continued support  
Please Gift Aid where possible

### MASS ATTENDEES

22/23 Oct - 226      29/30 Oct - 222      5/6 Nov - 314

### PARISH DIARY

<b>Sunday 13 Nov 2.45pm</b>	<b>Deanery Procession</b>	<b>Hither Green Cemetery</b>
<b>Sunday 13 Nov 6pm</b>	<b>Confirmation 2023 Information Meeting</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>Monday 14 Nov 7.30pm</b>	<b>Finance Meeting</b>	<b>Presbytery</b>
<b>Tuesday 15 Nov 2pm</b>	<b>Knit 'n' Natter</b>	<b>Cafe York</b>
<b>Wednesday 16 Nov 8pm</b>	<b>Singing Practice</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>Thursday 17 Nov 8pm</b>	<b>Carol Service Planning Meeting</b>	<b>Lower Hall</b>
<b>Saturday 19 Nov 9.15am</b>	<b>Instrumentalists</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>Sunday 20 Nov 5pm</b>	<b>Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	<b>Church</b>



**Thirty- Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ( C)**

**Remembrance Day**

**World Day of the Poor**

**Saturday 12 November 2022**

**18:00** Costello & Leen Families

**Sunday 13 November 2022**

**09:30** Holy Souls - For the Parishioners

**11:30** Rita Tildesley RIP

**Monday 14 November 2022 - Feria**

**09:30** Garvey & O'Connor Families

**Tuesday 15 November 2022 - Feria**

**09:30** John O'Sullivan RIP

**Wednesday 16 November 2022 - Feria**

**09:30** Malcolm Smith RIP **(live-streamed)**

**Thursday 17 November 2022 - Feria**

**09:30** Penny Becker Birthday Thanksgiving

**Friday 18 November 2022 - Feria**

**09:30** Ian Tildesley RIP

**Saturday 19 November 2022 - The Blessed Virgin Mary**

**10:30** Celia Dunning

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe ( C)**

**World Youth Day**

**Saturday 19 November 2022**

**18:00** Rita Tildesley RIP

**Sunday 20 November 2022**

**09:30** Holy Souls - For the Parishioners

**11:30** Sue Hepworth RIP

Please access the live streaming by visiting:

[www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/](http://www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/)

Reconciliations - Saturday 11-12 noon





## Knit n' Natter

### Calling all crafty crocheters and nifty knitters!

At our carol service this year we want to have a host of heavenly angels to share with the congregation. So we would like you to get busy with knitting (or crocheting) angels. There are two simple patterns below to get you started but feel free to make your angel as simple or fancy as you choose (though they must be child friendly) There are copies of the patterns in the narthex and the links are below.

Please get busy and bring your angels to church by 17<sup>th</sup> December. If you would like to share ideas or just have chat while you knit, we will be holding a "Knit and natter" session in Café York on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00pm. All are welcome!  
For further info contact Maureen Swift  
(or any member of the Art Group)

Knitted angel <http://www.christmasangel.net/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Christmas-Angel.pdf>

Crotchet angel [https://Christmas angel crochet pattern \(version 2\)](https://Christmas angel crochet pattern (version 2))



CHRISTMAS ANGEL

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1992-2022



CHRIST THE KING  
SIXTH FORMS

Christ the King  
Catholic Sixth Forms  
warmly invite you to a

# Celebration Mass of Thanksgiving

on the occasion of the  
**30th Anniversary**  
since its founding

In the presence of Canon Victor Darlington,  
Episcopal Vicar for the South East Pastoral Area

Taking place at St George's Cathedral, SE1 6HR

**Wednesday 16th November, 2pm**

Refreshments will be served in the Amigo Hall afterwards

[rsvp.l.harrison@ctksfc.ac.uk](mailto:rsvp.l.harrison@ctksfc.ac.uk)



## **12<sup>th</sup> Forest Hill (St William of York) Scout Group 50th anniversary**

Sunday 27th November

11.30am Blessing and promise renewal at St  
William of York Church followed by social event at  
District HQ, St Germans Rd

Members and leaders past and present welcome,  
dust off your scarves and join us to look back and  
to the future.

**RSVP Antonietta Hesketh**

[ahesketh@12thswyoyscouts.org](mailto:ahesketh@12thswyoyscouts.org)



You are warmly invited to the:

# Christmas Carol Service

Of the South-East Pastoral Area, Archdiocese of Southwark  
Parishes in the deaneries of Bexley; Bromley; Camberwell; Greenwich; Lambeth and Lewisham



Date:

**Sunday 11th December 2022**

Gaudete Sunday

Time:

**7.30pm**

Venue:

**St Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, 103 Woolwich New Road  
London, Woolwich, SE18 6EF**

Theme:

*Rejoice, Rejoice Emmanuel shall come to you*

Featuring:

**St Peter's Chior**

**Voice of Africa Choir**

**St Paul's Thamesmead Choir**

Principal Celebrant:

**The Reverend Canon Victor Darlington**

Episcopal Vicar for the South East; Episcopal Vicar for the Commissions for Education; Promoting Racial & Cultural Inclusion; and Director of CARITAS for the Archdiocese of Southwark, London

