

## PRAY FOR THE SICK



### Lately dead:

- ◇ Yvonne Poulter
- ◇ Jean Baker
- ◇ Bernard Henderson
- ◇ Harold Hetherington
- ◇ Raymund McGill
- ◇ Evarita Sidonie

*May they rest in peace*

### Anniversaries:

Angelo Francescotti, Andrea Battistini, Antonio Canello, Gerald Duggan, Charles Green, Anne Alfano, Walter Pert, Derek Faulkner, Kathleen Ivens, John Mulligan, Teresa Camp, Mary James, Betty Neilson, Gladys Ratnayake, Mary Roberts, Cecelia Chaplin, Annie Connolly, Harry Deamer, Sister Cyril Donnelly, Brendan O'Loughlin.

## Mass Timetable

*All our services are live streamed*

### SUNDAY MASSES

1st Mass Sat. 6pm;  
8.30am; 10am & 11.30am  
(The 11.30am Mass is recorded)

### WEEKDAY MASSES

10am

### CONFESSIONS

By Appointment

### BAPTISMS

1st and 3rd Sundays  
Of the month

Please wear a facemask, sanitise your hands, observe appropriate distancing

Don't forget to provide test & trace information by using the QR code



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## 33rd Sunday in Ordinary time (B)

14th November 2021

Please note the nearest Fire Exit to you whilst you are in the Church

We are coming to the end of the liturgical year and our scripture readings encourage us to be aware that time is important and not to be taken for granted.

### First Reading Daniel 12:1-3

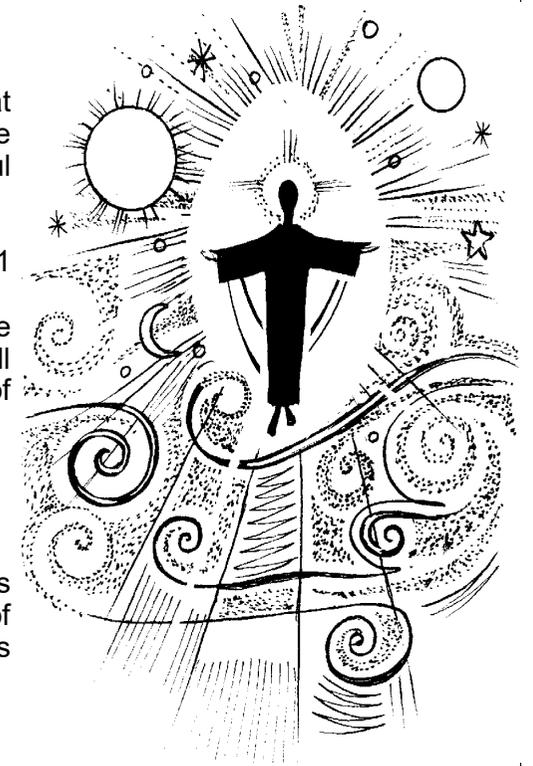
There will come a time of great suffering and distress, but the Lord will protect his faithful people.

### Second Reading Hebrews 10:11-14. 18

Christ has offered himself as the supreme sacrifice to forgive all sin, and awaits the fulfilment of God's kingdom and glory.

### Gospel Mark 13:24-32

Jesus speaks to his disciples about the coming of the Son of Man in glory and its consequences



### Responsorial Psalm

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

## What a week

I have mused on the impact on us of Cop26 and the political tragi-pantomime of the past week.

We have seen apocalyptic pictures of floods, forest fires, drought with all harvest ruined, extremes of temperature, millions starving, babies dying by the million. Our own very mild experience of some of these, tells how well insulated we are. Our government melts in sleaze. What is all this doing to us as we sit in our comfortable armchairs? Where do you look to find meaning?

## How the suffering react

John Simpson the battle-hardened BBC correspondent was reduced to tears on TV this week as he told of the babies dying in Afghanistan. The Pope has directed our gaze to the Amazon region where the lungs of the world and indigenous cultures are being destroyed by uncaring governments. Years ago we heard of small groups of Catholics there, suffering acutely, lacking priests and leaders, coming together to read the bible carefully and slowly. No laments. No self-pity. Instead the question: What does the bible say we should be doing? And then they acted.

## And we?

It is a lesson for us in our affluence. Our minds and hearts can be calloused by the enormous suffering. We are affected more than we realise by all the news – for good or ill. We can be mere spectators and that is death of our spirit. Pope Francis' vision of the new way to be a Church starts when we really come together to hear God speaking to us in our context. In order that we may do together as he tells us. The Synod process begins here.

## STOC Sponsorship walk

Some of the 15th Woodford Brownies will be doing a sponsored walk to raise some money for St Thomas' Church.

The church would normally be holding a Christmas Fayre to raise money for themselves at the end of November, but because of COVID have decided to hold off for another year.

The charity walk will be 5k (3.2 miles) starting at the Beckett Centre on Sunday 21st November.

If anyone would like to sponsor the girls, please see link:

<https://www.paypal.com/pools/c/8EeTQu5lkG>

## COP26

We have been provided with a reflection from the Glasgow Franciscan parish of Duns Scotus, plus a photo of the Franciscans International group from several countries who came together there to make good use of COP26 for vulnerable communities in several parts of the world.

Please visit our website for more information.

## Thank you

The family of the late Elizabeth Szukics wish to thank everyone for their kind wishes.



## Mass Intentions

### **Sunday 14th November**

8.30 Deceased staff Card Wiseman school  
10 November deceased list  
11.30 Brendan Nolan RIP

### **Monday 15th November**

Annie Keenan v ill  
Sr Eileen McLoughlin intentions

### **Tuesday 16th November**

Stubbings family thanks  
Mary Ryder RIP

### **Wednesday 17th November**

Graham Mace RIP  
Damian Gaughan surgery

### **Thursday 18th November**

David Stacey RIP  
Ken Gibson RIP  
Trinity intentions

### **Friday 19th November**

Leslie Shaw RIP  
Eona Foord RIP

### **Saturday 20th November**

10 am Deceased relatives Murphy and Costello  
6 pm People of the parish

### **Sunday 21st November**

8.30 Nell Farrelly  
10 Dmytrij Syzonenko anniversary  
11.30 Annie Long RIP  
November Deceased List

## Church Cleaning

**Friday 19th November at 9am**  
Claire Hobbs, Christine Acons, Julia Bever, Susanna Barnoin, Liz Atkinson, Josie Kiernon & Michelle Liddle

## Our next Baptism course

Will take place for first time parents on 26 January and 3 February 2022. Application forms can be found on our website.

## Trinity Vacancy

Teacher of Theology/Religious Education is needed for Trinity School. More details are on the school's website.

## Church Diaries

Are available at the back of church

## Advent 2021

Commences on 28th November, we are planning to issue the Advent & Christmas timetable next weekend.

## Reminder

The **Bi-Annual Concelebrated Requiem** Mass at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Leytonstone E11 4HL, will take place on Monday **22nd November 2021 at 11.30.am.**