

### Thirty-Second Sunday

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#### Response to the Intercessions:

To understand your love.

#### Prayer to Our Lady:

Hail Mary

#### Communion Antiphon

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.**

#### Readings next Sunday:

Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Matthew 25: 14-30

#### **Second Collection this week:**

Is for Archbishop Administration Fund, which helps to meet the cost of the central administration of the Diocese.

#### **Second Collection next week:**

Is for the Church Maintenance Fund

**For the first World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis has asked us to create moments of encounter.**

Talk to a homeless person. Pope Francis has not asked us to solve poverty in our area. He asks that we see the humanity in others. If you do not feel comfortable approaching a homeless person, try talking to the person next to you in the supermarket queue. All relationships formed with honesty bring us closer to God. Pray for those who cannot be reached. People truly on the margins of global society, like refugees and those trapped in slavery.

### **REMEMBRANCE DAY**

Today is Remembrance Sunday. After our 11am Mass we will join the community of St Luke's at their memorial, to lay a wreath and pay our respects to those who died for their country.

#### **CHOIR MEMBERS WANTED**

We would love to have more singers - especially men! - in the Choir.

If you are interested, please speak to the Choirmaster, Freddy Dunstan, at the 11.00 Mass or on **020 8670 1582**.

#### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2017-2018**

Parents of children in year 3 and above who wish to do their First Holy Communion in 2018 are reminded that registration takes place on Saturday 25 November at 9:30am in the parish hall.

#### **MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS**

November is the month of the Holy Souls. If you would like your relatives and friends to be remembered at our Masses during November, please put a list of their names and donation in a brown envelope, available at the back of the church.

#### Housecalls Sun 19 Nov

Mrs G Vickers, Ms V Marshman

Mrs J Swain, Mrs A Greentree

Mr C Burford

#### Readers Sun 19 Nov

Mrs D Paz Long (Sat 6:30pm Mass)

Mr M Vamboi (Sun 9am Mass)

Vacant (Sun 11am Mass)

#### Offertory Sun 19 Nov

Mrs A Clay (Sat 6:30pm Mass)

Mrs H Matthews/F Rocca (Sun 9am Mass)

Esiso Family (Sun 11am Mass)

#### Church Cleaning Mon 13 Nov

Ms Marshman

#### Church Cleaning Sat 18 Nov

Mrs V Gyamfi/Mrs A Anson

#### Flower Arranging 18 Nov

Mrs C Fallen

#### Collection Counters

#### This Sunday 19 Nov

Mr A Kelly, Mr S Swain

#### Next Sun 26 Nov

Mr G Jemmott, Mr M Edwards

#### This week's teas and coffee will be served by:

St Vincent de Paul Society

#### Next week's teas and coffee will be served by:

Gooding Family

*If you are unable to fulfil your duty then please arrange for a substitute.*

#### **FINANCE FOR 15 OCTOBER - 5 NOVEMBER 2017**

	GIFT AID ENVELOPES	£	Loose	2nd		B/O	Total	No. at Mass
15 Oct	15	80	338	245	-	460	1123	354
22 Oct	15	73	337		300	460	1170	333
29 Oct	14	89	301	198	-	460	1048	334
5 Nov	12	37	402	173	155	460	1227	364

**Many thanks for your generosity**

# St. Matthew's Church Newsletter

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY  
(YEAR A)**

**12 NOVEMBER 2017**

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## ***From Father Anthony's Desk:***

As you can see, work has begun on the renovating of the sanctuary. After all the time which has passed since the proposal was first mooted, it may have seemed that it had just been a passing idea which had been quietly shelved. There is already much more floor space available, and this will also be true of the sanctuary area itself, once the side chapels have been installed, one for the Blessed Sacrament and the other for Our Lady.

Next Saturday sees one of the highlights of our parish life, the Autumn Fair. It is impressive how much work is going on in preparation and how many parishioners have been selling raffle tickets for the event. There is always room for anyone who would still like to help and I am sure that any offer of assistance will be gratefully received and appreciated.

## ***Parish Sick List***

Michael ,Mrs Dorothy Nichol, Monsignor James O'Neill, Mrs Mary Wallace, Mrs Peggy Phillips, Fr. Anthony Bailey, Mr Patrick Heneghan, Mrs Maureen Sheehan, Mr Martin Fisher, Ms Shelagh Mc Donough ,  
Please keep them in your prayers.

**Visiting our parish for the first time**, we welcome you, please join us in the hall for teas and coffee after the 11am mass.



**Parish Priest : Fr. Anthony Cassidy**

**Confessions: Thurs 10:15-10:45, Sat 5.30-6:00pm & at call**

**Marriage and Baptism Preparation by appointment only**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Thurs 10-11am**

**Office Hours: Mon, Tue, Thurs & Fri 9:30am-2:30pm**

**Mass Times Saturday 6:30pm , Sunday 9 am & 11am**

**Morning Mass 9:30am (Tue, Wed Thurs & Fri)**

**Evening Mass 7pm Tuesdays**

**ONE WEEK TO GO!**

**ST MATTHEW'S AUTUMN FAIR**

**SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER 11am-3:30pm**

**RAFFLE TICKETS:** Lots of tickets still remaining at the back of the church. Please take them to sell to friends, family, neighbours and colleagues. Don't forget to return the cash, stubs/counterfoils and any unsold tickets to the parish office please.

**DONATIONS:** We welcome donations for all stalls, particularly bottled food, bottled drinks, spirits, canned food (please check best before dates), fancy goods, unwanted new gifts. Please deliver donations to the Sacristy.

**NO BROKEN OR JUMBLE ITEMS PLEASE.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** To post flyers through doors in your local area.

**CAKES:** Sealed cakes are also welcomed, with delivery to the hall on 17th or 18th November please.

**HELPERS — YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!**

We are now collecting names of helpers to run each stall and to help before and after the event. We would love to see at least one member of every family stepping forward to help please. Perhaps you can help to set up and decorate the stalls in the hall. Why not pop into the parish hall to help for an hour or so on Friday 17th November. We'd love to see you and would really appreciate your help.

**Free tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided for sustenance!**

We'll hope to see you between 10am and 1pm or between 5pm and 9pm on Friday 17th November or to help from 9am on the day of the fair itself, Saturday 18th November.

**Please let us know how YOU can help on the day.  
Please sign up with one of our volunteers after Mass.**

**Thank you for your support, see you there!**