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THE PARISH OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI BARKINGSIDE

A parish church in the Catholic tradition of the Church of England, part of Redbridge Deanery in the Barking Episcopal Area of the Diocese of Chelmsford

A warm welcome to all newcomers and visitors to St. Francis Church
Please do join us for refreshments after the 10.15am Mass

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B

29 November 2026

Drop down ye heavens from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness
Advent prose

TODAY'S SERVICES

10.15am Parish Mass

Today's celebrant is Rev Rosemary Potton

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah
(64: 1 - 9)

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence -- as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil –
to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Psalm 80 (1 – 7, 16 – 18)

R. Restore us, O God of hosts; Show us the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim. In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us. **R.**

O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people? You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink. You have made us the derision of our neighbours, and our enemies laugh us to scorn. **R.**

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, the son of man you have made so strong for yourself. And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name. **R.**

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (1: 3 - 9)

My brothers and sisters:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind - just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you - so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus

Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (13: 24 - 37)

Jesus said to his disciples:
'In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.
But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

Post Communion Collect

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: -

…the sick and suffering and those who care for them, those who are alone, isolated and vulnerable, and especially for

Connie Barnes, Vicky Berrill, Helen Forbes, Brian Good, Judy Harvey, Liz Leatherbarrow, Stevan Piper, Graham Sandy, Sofia Savvas, Adrian Shelton, Pauline Sheridan, Christine Street, Norman Street, Anita Watts, Mary Vadsala.

PLEASE ADVISE DAVID L. OF ANY ALTERATIONS.

… *the recently departed:*

….*those whose anniversaries of death occur this week, including:*

29th Lyn Hackett, Stan Philpott
30th Thomas Philpott, Florence Cator, Ellen Hicks, Lilian Dowding, Annanciata Diana Denhere
1st Elise Silk, Elizabeth Wheatley, David Lamin
2nd Alice Dixon, Ella Dickson
3rd William White, Rosemary Hood
4th Walter Cracknell
5th Cyril Hawkins, John Seaman, Wiilam Wood, Leslie Andrews, Arthur Wollard, Irene Dunand.

….*all those living or working in:.*Tudor Crescent, Vincent Close

THE LICENSING AND INSTALLATION OF FR. BERNARD EATON as our new incumbent will take place on Monday 21 December at 7.30pm

A COPY OF READINGS for 13 December (Rebecca) is now available. Please collect from the back of church.

REMINDER

The next PCC meeting is due to take place on Wednesday 2 December at 7.30pm.

WELCOMERS AND READERS
Rotas for December to February inclusive are now available. Please remember to take your personalised copies.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: A handbill listing the services during the Christmas period is now available.

OTHER SERVICES THIS WEEK

Wed. 2 December **PCC MEETING**
7.30pm

Sunday 13 December 3rd Sunday of Advent
10.15am Parish Mass

FUTURE DATES AT ST. FRANCIS FOR YOUR DIARIES

Monday 14 December **CAROL SERVICE**
with Fairlop Brass
7.30pm

Monday 21 December **THE LICENSING AND INSTALLATION OF FR. BERNARD EATON to the Parish of St. Francis of Assisi, Barkingside.**
7.30pm.

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