



Newsletter- November 2025

Dear Brother and Sisters,

In Luke's Gospel this month Jesus warns us that in the end, being rich in possessions (or power or popularity) means nothing if you and I are not rich in what matters to God (Luke 12:21).

What matters to God?

As I reflected on this question, the men and women who come to our soup kitchen came to mind.

One offers his skills in the garden.

One brings food to us from the overflow at St Margaret's food pantry.

One always makes sure to bring multiple copies of the local newspaper for the friars and the other guests to read.

One is ready and willing to do whatever odd job needs doing where things need fixing.

Some of the men are simply eager to help break down the tables and stack the chairs at closing time.

A few always make sure to say 'Thank you' to our volunteers before they leave.

What matters to God?

Lord make us rich in what matters to You.

Fr Francesco.





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November 1 Discipleship Day Schedule

10 am: Holy Mass

11:30 am: Ministry (in and outside the Friary)

1:30 pm: Lunch

2:30 pm: Presentation on the virtue of HOPE

3:30 pm: Adoration, Evening Prayer & Benediction

4:30 pm: Clean-up/ Departure

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available during the day.

LUNCH: "BRING SOME/ SHARE SOME"!

Everyone is invited to bring along something for Lunch which may be able to be shared with others. We will have a team of "disciples" to prepare/ arrange the lunch while others are involved in ministry. This should allow for a more leisurely and fraternal gathering for our midday meal.

Always Forward' Men's Hike

Join Fr Emmanuel and the friars for a walk in Richmond Park on Sunday, November 16. Please feel free to contact Fr Emmanuel for more details about Mass time and practical arrangements.





ANNOUNCEMENTS (3/5)



Advent Parish Mission

The friars will be leading a parish mission at St Stephen's Catholic Church, Manor Park, E125PJ. It will run from November 29-December 4. The friars will celebrate the parish Masses over the weekend and on the weekdays. The main mission services will start in the evenings (Monday to Thursday) at 7pm. The daily mission Mass will be at 9:15am, followed by a talk of the Virtues. For more information, please visit www.ss-stephenandnicholas.org



New Website

Our new website (<https://www.franciscanfriars.co.uk/>) is now up and running. This is now our main mode of communicating information. Please visit our website if you would like to keep in touch with us.

Consent Forms

If you would like to receive this newsletter each month via email, please sign up on our website (<https://www.franciscanfriars.co.uk/>). Alternatively, you can contact Fr. Bernard on 0207 474 0766 or send an email to london@gmail.com to receive and fill in a consent form.

Parking Permits

Due to new rules affecting us, we can no longer offer parking permits to those driving to the friary. If you travel by car, you may park within the friary compound, however, since spaces are limited, this is offered on a first come-first served basis.

Rosaries

If you would like to help with donating rosaries for our Discipleship Day evangelization team, please contact Fr. Francesco on 0207 474 0766.





ANNOUNCEMENTS (4/5)

✓ Friar Benet's Kitchen:

We run Friar Benet's kitchen on **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11:00am to 1pm.**

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, we start our day by preparing and cooking the meal for our guests at about 9am and finish with clean-up and prayer together at about 2pm.

On Wednesdays, we begin our day at about 9:30am. We offer clothes donated by our local communities and friends, during which tea, coffee and pastries are available.

We finish with clean-up and prayer together at about 1:30pm.

We already have some amazing volunteers, but are always grateful to welcome new ones.

If you have time and energy and want to be part of this work of Mercy, **please contact Fr Charles-Benoit** on 0207 474 0766 or send an email at fbk.cfr.london@gmail.com

✓ Clothing needs:

We are always grateful for donations of clothing to our soup kitchen. Here are our current needs if you would like to donate to our clothing pantry.

CLOTHING NEEDS

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|---|-------------------------------|
| > Jumpers/Hoodies (Size: S/M/L/XL) | > Tee-shirts (Size: S/M/L/XL) |
| > Joggers/Tracksuits bottoms (S,M,L,XL) | > Jeans (Size: 28 to 36) |
| > Jackets / Fleece Jackets (Size: S/M/L/XL) | > Socks |

OTHERS

- | | |
|---|----------------------------|
| > Toiletries (shower gel, deodorant, razor) | |
| > Bleach and Bleach spray | > Anti-bacterial hand wash |
| > Laundry detergent (liquid). | |

Drop-offs can be done on soup kitchen days (Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9am-2pm).

If you wish to come outside of these hours, please call the friary (020 74740766) to arrange a drop-off time.





ANNOUNCEMENTS (5/5)

✓ DONATIONS:

If you want to help us out by making a donation, you may do so:

-by scanning the QR code



Thank you

OR

- Online : <https://bit.ly/cfrstfidelis>

OR

-by making a Direct Transfer:

The Community of the Franciscan Friars

Sort Code: 40-13-22

Account Number: 11568574



We are truly grateful to
all who support us in
our work !
May God reward you !

✓ Thank you: We are truly grateful to all who have supported us in our work through the past year! May God greatly reward you!

✓ December Discipleship Day: The Discipleship Day in December will be on Saturday the 6th - Please join us!





FRANCISCAN FRIARS
of the RENEWAL

ANNOUNCEMENTS (6/6)

**Discipleship
Day
1st November**

**We are destined to
be Saints
with
All the Saints**

talk by
Fr Emmanuel

To Begin

IS FOR EVERYONE

To Persevere

IS FOR SAINTS

**“...that we might
become heirs
in HOPE
of eternal life
(Titus 3,7)**

All are welcome!

Start at 10am

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