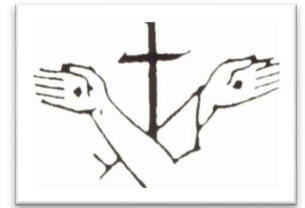




St Francis of Assisi Parish Newsletter "Laudato, Si"



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH
Grove Crescent Road, Stratford, London, E15 1BJ

Masses:

Monday to Friday 12:15pm
Tuesday, after Mass, Novena to St. Antony of Padua.
Saturday: Morning Prayer: 9:40am
Mass: 10:00am followed by Adoration of Blessed Sacrament until 11:30
Confession: 10:30am – 11:30am
Evening Mass: 6:00pm
Confession: 5:00pm – 5:45pm
Sunday: 9:00am, 10:15am & 12 noon.

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2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Divine Mercy Sunday. In today's Gospel reading, the risen Jesus comes among his disciples. As we gather to celebrate the mystery of Easter in our Eucharist, we remember that the risen Lord is just as present here among us as he was with those first disciples

"Eight days later, Jesus came."

Today's Readings

This week's Gospel is chosen because it relates what happened today: "eight days later" - after Easter Sunday. Jesus came again to his disciples. The story of Thomas's doubt and his faith leads us to think about our own doubts and our faith - but always in the context of being part of the family of the Church into which we are baptised.

Acts 5:12-16: Luke gives us a picture of the early community of disciples in Jerusalem and how people were attracted to come to them for blessing and healing.

Responsorial Psalm: *Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love is everlasting*

Apocalypse 1:9-13. 17-19: John recounts the vision that led to his writing this book, the Apocalypse or Revelation. The risen Jesus speaks to him and commissions him to set down all that he sees regarding the present and the future.

John 20:19-31: The risen Jesus makes himself present to his disciples on two occasions. He commissions them to continue his work. Then Thomas makes the supreme confession of faith.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sat 18 June: **Day for Altar Servers**
Sat 24 Sep: **Evangelisation Day**

All sessions at St. Francis Hall, Stratford are open to all Newham and begin after the 10am Mass.
Sat 26 Nov: **Day for Lectors.**

