

# **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 N		s, 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.
Friars in Residence:		Fr Patrick Lonsdale OFM (Guardian), Fr Donal Walsh OFM,
		Fr Brian McGrath OFM, Fr Michael O'Grady OFM (Parish Priest),
Postal Address:		The Friary, 160 The Grove, Stratford, London E15 1NS
The Parish Office:		Open Monday to Friday 9:30am – 3:00pm
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### 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

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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.

#### <u>Responsorial Psalm</u>: 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:	All sessions at St. Francis Hall, Stratford are open to all Newham and
Sat 18 June: Day for Altar Servers	begin after the 10am Mass.
Sat 24 Sep: Evangelisation Day	Sat 26 Nov: Day for Lectors.

Pray for those who have died, and whose Anniversaries occur around this time, also, remember the People of Ukraine.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES FOR 2022/2023 are available at the BACK OF THE CHURCH. PLEASE SEE THE STEWARDS.

## KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA & THE "BUBBLY CLUB".

You are invited to an evening of Fun & Games on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022** at St. Francis Church Hall at 7:30pm. Disco – Racing – Music. **TICKET PRICE £10 PER ADULT.** Food will be Catered by the Bubbly Club Master Chefs. Soft Drinks & Bingo tickets included. Please bring your own alcoholic drinks.



#### Neighbors helping neighbors<sup>2</sup> SVP - Turn your concern into action

The aim of the St Vincent De Paul (SVP) is to tackle poverty both material and emotional through the provision of practical assistance to people in need. The SVP tackles the needs of the local community by helping and supporting people and by special projects. The SVP serves the most disadvantaged regardless of background or religion. A significant proportion of the work is visiting people who are sick, lonely, in prison, or suffering from addiction. The essence of the work is very much person-to-person contact and spending time with people is our greatest gift. The SVP needs more volunteers to represent this parish of St Francis in Stratford. Martyn Camilleri from the central SVP will be giving a short address at end of Mass on Saturday the 23rd and Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> of April to appeal for new members, volunteers, to join the local SVP conference for this parish. There will be short follow up meetings to provide further information for anyone who is interested starting on Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 at 7pm in the parish hall. If you would like to find out more in the meantime, please contact the membership support officer for Brentwood Martyn on 07799 904732 and martync@svp.org.



**2021 Synod 2023** For a synodal Church communion | participation | mission

During this time, the entire People of God is invited to reflect on the theme of **"Praying and Walking Together".** The aim of the Synod is "to plant dreams.....allow hope to flourish, inspire trust, bind up wounds, weave together relationships.....give strength to our hands". In a spirit of Synodality, of walking together, let us begin in a spirit of prayer, to listen. Any topic can be aired including things like sexuality, liturgy, who can receive Holy Communion, people in irregular unions, social justice, racism, and clericalism.At the same time the Pope emphasises that it is not a parliament or an investigation into opinions, **The three key words are: communion, participation** and **mission**.

#### I would like to talk about: