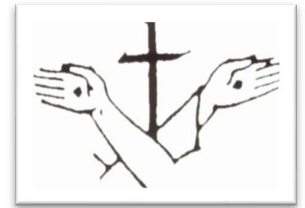




# St Francis of Assisi Parish Newsletter "Laudato, Si"



**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 Prayers: 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),  
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## **PALM SUNDAY - 10<sup>th</sup> April 2022**



Today we begin our journey with Christ: Cheering with the crowds as he triumphantly enters Jerusalem and standing in silent awe as he embraces the agony of the cross for us. Christ did not cling to his equality with God, but emptied himself of his glory for our sake. Let us confidently approach his throne of mercy.

### Today's Readings

**Isaiah 50:4-7: The suffering servant places his trust in the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm: "My God, My God, why have You forsaken me?"**

**Philippians 2:6-11: Christ humbled himself in obedience, but the Father raised him beyond all others.**

**Luke 22:14 – 23:56: St. Luke's account of the Passion of our Lord: Christ's death on the cross revealed the depth of his passion for us.**

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

Sat 18 June: **Day for Altar Servers**

Sat 24 Sep: **Evangelisation Day**

Sat 26 Nov: **Day for Lectors.**

*All sessions at St Francis Hall, Stratford are open to all Newham & begin after the 10am Mass.*

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

**Good Friday is a Day of Fasting.**

All Catholics between the age of 18 and 59 should reduce the amount of food they take on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. You can have one full meal plus two light meals on fast days. Liquids, including milk and fruit juices, don't break the fast.

You can use your own judgement about adjusting to circumstances for both fasting and abstaining from meat.

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED**  
**ON "GOOD FRIDAY" 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022 AND**  
**"EASTER MONDAY" 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022.**

**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

**TRAIDCRAFT STALL:**

**"We are Back".** Starting today, **Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup>** after all Sunday Masses, the stall selling and promoting Fair Trade and Traidcraft products will be at the back of the Church on **Every second Sunday of the month.** Please stop by.

**YOUTH ENCOUNTER DAY: SAT. 23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL 2022 – 10AM TO 4PM** for all young people of the Deanery, to be held at **St. Anne's Church, Custom House.** An opportunity for prayer, worship, and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Light refreshments will be provided.

**HOLY WEEK &**  
**EASTER 2022 ST.**  
**FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

**PALM SUNDAY:** 9am, 10:15am & 12 noon.  
Palms to be blessed in the Church.

**Monday April 11<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April**  
Mass at 12:15

**HOLY THURSDAY:** Morning Prayer in Church:  
10am  
Mass of the Lords Supper:  
7:30pm  
Watching at the Altar of  
Repose until 9:30pm  
Night Prayer in Church:  
9:30pm.

**GOOD FRIDAY:** Morning Prayer in Church:  
10am.  
Children's Stations of the  
Cross: 10:30am  
Celebration of the Lords  
Passion: 3pm  
Stations of the Cross:  
7:30pm

**HOLY SATURDAY:** Morning Prayer: 10am  
Blessing of the Food: 11am

**EASTER SUNDAY:** Easter Vigil (Saturday):  
8:00pm (Sunday) 9am,  
10:15 & 12 noon.

**EASTER WEEK:** **MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL –**  
**FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL: Mass**  
**10:00am.**