



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.

Friars in Residence:

Fr Patrick Lonsdale OFM (Guardian), Fr Donal Walsh OFM,
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7th Sunday of Easter – 29th May 2022

“Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you”

On this World Communications Day, we pray for the spread of the Gospel. We prepare for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost next weekend. We ask the Lord to breathe forth his Spirit, to make the face of the earth come alive.

Today’s Readings

Acts 7:55-60: St Stephen forgives those who put him to death. His prayer and courageous witness to his faith begin to open the heart of Saul.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord is King, most high above all the earth.

Apocalypse 22:12-14. 16-17. 20: The Lord Jesus invites people to turn to believe in him, the living water, and welcomes them into the banquet of heaven.

John 17:20-26: Jesus prays for his followers to be closely united and witness to him by the love they show to others in the world.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: Sat. 11 June 2022 at 7pm in the Large Hall – Storytelling Evening.

Mon. 11th July 2022 - 11:30am – Mass for the Deal at St. Patricks Cemetery, Leyton.

All of the following sessions at St Francis Hall, Stratford are open to all Newham Parishes & begin after the 10am Mass:

Sat 25 June: Day for Altar Servers

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, please pray for the sick, and, remember the People of Ukraine

May, The
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**MASSES OVER THE JUBILEE BANK
HOLIDAY/PARISH OFFICE:**

Mass on Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd June 2022 will be at 10am, also, the Parish Office will be closed from Thursday 2nd June until Monday 6th June 2022.

FUNERAL MASS: – Monday 30th May at 12:15 – Mr. Clement Regis, R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of Mr. Regis' soul, & the family at this time.

SVP Info Evening.

The rescheduled **INFORMATION MEETING** of the SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society) is on **Wednesday 8th June 2022 at 7pm** in the Large Hall.



'In between Sunday'
This is an unusual "in between" Sunday - in between the Lord's return to the Father's right hand at Ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

The Church's tradition is to spend this time 'in between' in extra prayer, as Mary and the Apostles did, waiting for the promised gift of the Spirit. The Church is itself the community 'in between' the Lord's first and second coming.

A FAMILY STORYTELLING EVENING

11TH JUNE 2022 AT 7PM IN THE LARGE HALL.

An evening of Storytelling has been arranged for the above date. We look forward to seeing you all and hearing your folk tales, fond memories, fables etc. There will also be fantastic food. Free entry.



HOLY HOUR - (Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)

Every week on Saturday after 10am Mass, there is an opportunity for Confession during the time of adoration:10.30-11.30.

NEWHAM DEANERY CATHOLIC MENS CONFERENCE Saturday 18th June 2022 from 10am until 4pm. Hospitality provided by The Knights of St. Columba.



HELP!

We're gradually emerging from Covid. As we get back to normal, we need to rebuild a lot of our structure as a Parish; to rebuild the Community.

Thanks to the small group who have faithfully toiled away through thick and thin. Now we need more help in almost every sphere. We need more: SVP members, Readers, Ministers of Communion, Catechists, Altar Servers, Church Cleaners, Youth collaborators, Helpers at Friary for sandwiches for the poor. If you can help out in any of these ways (or any other way) please speak to one of the priests or to Des, the Pastoral Assistant.

Invitation: The Franciscan Community invite enquiries from young people aged 18-35 years interested in the religious and/or priestly life? If interested, please contact Fr. Donal as well as via email: brdonalofm@yahoo.co.uk (Franciscan website: friar.org).