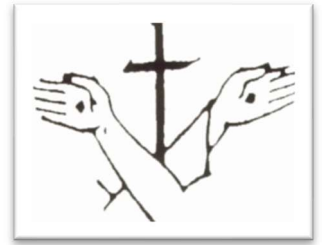




St Francis of Assisi Parish Newsletter “Laudato, Si”



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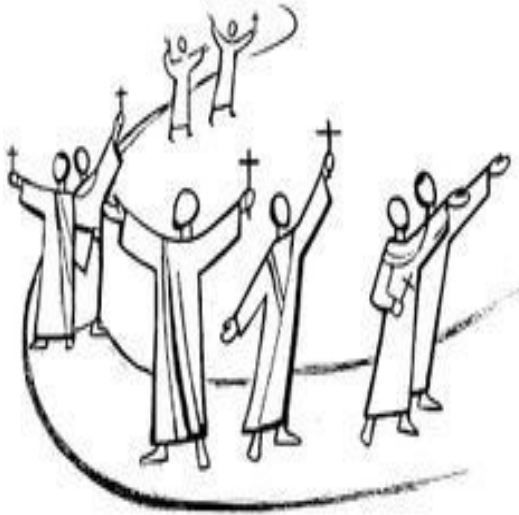
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C – 3rd July 2022

Comfort for a Christian is never merely personal: in our lives and in our prayers, we are one with the Church.

In bringing peace, we find peace. Let us ask the Lord’s forgiveness for the times that we have not followed the way of peace.

Today’s Readings

Isaiah 66:10-14: A river of peace flowing out from the Lord, which we see in the Gospel as the flowing forth of the disciples as they are sent out on their first mission. From the Lord of Peace, others, like ripples in a pool, flow out carrying his simple message: “Peace to this house!”



RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Cry out with joy to God, all the Earth.

Galatians 6:14-18: The Christian way of transformation is through the cross. This is how we are to be reborn.

Luke 10:1-12. 17-20: The mission of Christians is never a case of going where we want to go, but of going where we are called to go.

"The harvest is rich, but the labourers are few"

Jesus sent forth 72 disciples to prepare the soil for the abundant harvest that was to come. The number 72 was symbolic to the Jews ($6 \times 12 = 72$). It was the number of elders who were chosen to help Moses lead the people in the wilderness. It was also the number of the Sanhedrin, the supreme council of the Jews. It was also thought (wrongly!) to be the number of nations in the world. Since Luke was a Gentile, it may well be that he looked forward to the day when every nation would know the Lord. The 72 followers of Christ represented Jesus in every home they entered. Jesus warned his disciples that they would be like helpless sheep exposed as prey and they’d got to depend entirely upon God’s providence and protection. Yet, as God’s messengers, they deserved the support of the people who benefited from their proclamation of God’s reign. The ones who rejected the call to repent were warned that divine judgment was at hand. The seventy-two returned from their mission jubilant because they’d witnessed the power over the forces of evil. Jesus told them that they should rejoice more in the fact that they belonged to God.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY. **Mon. 4th July -7pm** – SVP 2nd induction Meeting (via Zoom). A small group will meet in the Friary. **Tues. 5th July – 5pm** – Ukrainian Enculturation – Small Hall. **Wed. 6th July - 12noon** - Funeral John Joseph Kiernan St Pat’s Cemetery Chapel RIP. **Fri. 8th July – 12:15** – Requiem Hessel Gerald Lockhart RIP. **Mon. 11th July 2022 - 11:30am** – **Mass for the Dead 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 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.

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UKRAINIAN ENCULTURATION

Tuesday 5th July 2022 at 5pm
in the Small Hall.

CEMETERY SERVICE

Wednesday 6th July 2022 - 12noon at St. Patricks Cemetery, Leyton – John Joseph Kiernan, R.I.P.

REQUIEM MASS at ST. FRANCIS

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MASS FOR THE DEAD.

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St Francis Catholic Primary School

A Religious Inspection of St Francis Catholic Primary School was carried out under Section 48 of the Education Act 2005 and 2011, on 17 June 2022.

St Francis excelled in all key grades. Here are the headline categories.

Overall effectiveness of this

Catholic school **OUTSTANDING**

Catholic life **OUTSTANDING**

Religious education **OUTSTANDING**

Collective worship **OUTSTANDING**

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PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR BAGS OR BELONGINGS UNATTENDED IN THE CHURCH.

SAINTS IN JULY

11th St Benedict *Patron of Europe*

Patriarch of western monks. Born Norcia and sent to Rome to be educated. Appalled at lack of morals there and disappeared to Subiaco in the mountains. After three years of solitude some disciples began to gather and he set up a number of monasteries there. Later went down to Monte Cassino, south of Rome, where he established his principal monastery. As well as looking after the monks, he ministered to the sick and poor of the area.

15th St Bonaventure, *Doctor of the Church*

Born Viterbo, Italy; became a Franciscan. Studied in Paris and become known as the Seraphic Doctor. He received his degree with St Thomas Aquinas. Preached with great energy and wrote many books on Catholic doctrine. A successor of St Francis and managed to sort out serious disputes within the Franciscan order. Later he was appointed bishop of Albano. He died in 1274 while carrying out work to effect the reunion of the Greeks and Rome.

23rd St Bridget of Sweden, *Patron of Europe*

Married mother of eight. Aged 30 served as Lady-in-waiting in court of King of Sweden. She tried, without much success, to moderate the riotous and indecent life of the royal court. After a pilgrimage at Compostela, Bridget and her husband Ulf decided to spend the rest of their lives in monasteries. Ulf died in 1344, but Bridget went on to found a double monastery (men and women) as the start of a new monastic order. In 1350 she travelled to Rome for the Holy Year, and spent the rest of her life there caring for the poor and the sick, denouncing the excesses, and robustly telling the Pope to return to Rome from Avignon..

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