



St Francis of Assisi Parish Newsletter “*Laudato, Si*”



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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sea Sunday

“Who is my neighbour?” This is the question asked of Jesus in today’s Gospel. His response has got enormous implications for how we are called to relate to the world around us, particularly to people who are poor and vulnerable.

Today’s Readings

Deuteronomy 30:10-14: Although God is surrounded by mystery, nevertheless God chooses to be known and divine is revealed among us.

Colossians 1:15-20: All things were created through Christ and for him.



RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.

Luke 10:25-37: Jesus recounts the parable of the good Samaritan in answer to a question about who we should see as our neighbour.

THE GOOD SAMARITAN

A scribe (a "lawyer") was a person well-grounded in the Law of Moses. When a scribe asked Jesus what he had to do to gain eternal life, Jesus told him that the answer was found in the scriptures: to love God wholeheartedly and to love your neighbour as yourself. When the scribe asked, "Who is my neighbour?" Jesus told the parable about a good Samaritan. Since there was deep hostility between Jews and Samaritans, the words "Samaritan" and "neighbour" were generally not used together. Yet it was a **Samaritan** who was the one who took the time to rescue a man who had been beaten and left to die by the side of the road. It would have been just as shocking for Jesus to say that the priests and Levites rescued the man as that would have made these religious people "unclean" from being in contact with blood. Jesus said that the priests and Levites went off to do "holy" things in Jerusalem, while the despised Samaritan was moved with God's compassion and treated the wounded man with mercy. Jesus told the scribe, and us as well, to go and do likewise to the "neighbour" we meet along the way.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY. Mon. 11th July 2022 - 11:30am – Mass for the Dead at St. Patricks Cemetery, Leyton. Friday 15th July 2022 – Bubby Club trip to Southend. 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.

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR BAGS
AND VALUABLES UNATTENDED
DURING MASS. THANK YOU.**

MASS FOR THE DEAD.
11th July 2022 at 11:30am at
St. Patricks Cemetery, Leyton.

Teaching Assistant

St Joachim's Catholic Primary School, Custom House, London. Start Date: September 2022 36 hours per week – Term time only
Unqualified Scale 2 point 3- £21,783 (pro rata) Qualified Scale 3 point 5 - £22,575 (pro rata)
Applicants should be enthusiastic, patient, flexible, hardworking, proactive and able to work with a variety of age groups and learning needs.
Deadline for applications: Forms to be returned to St Joachim's by **12:00 on Friday 15th July 2022.**
Tests and interviews will take place on Wednesday 20th July 2022. Further information about our school can be found at our website: www.st-joachims.newham.sch.uk
Application forms can be obtained from our school website: www.st-joachims.newham.sch.uk/jobs or by calling or emailing the school. Applications can be returned to the school by email: jobs@st-joachims.newham.sch.uk referencing in the title Teaching Assistant MA22

**The Bubbly Club -
A Trip to Southend-on-Sea on
Friday 15th July 2022.** The Bubbly Club are planning a trip to Southend on Friday 15th July 2022. **EVERYONE WELCOME!** They will be leaving from Stratford Station at 10am. The Meeting Point, for anyone who wishes to accompany them, is The Steam Train outside Stratford Station Main Entrance. Please bring a packed lunch, OR, there's always Fish & Chips by the sea-side!

**The Bubbly Club & The Knights of St. Columba are planning a Dance, one evening soon, for both the young & the slightly more senior!
Watch this space**

TRAIIDCRAFT STALL.
The Traidcraft stall will be Sunday 10th July 2022 after all Sunday Mases.

Apostleship of the Sea. "Sea Sunday" 10th July 2022.



Stella Maris is the official charity of the Catholic Church, also known as the Apostleship of the Sea. Their concern is for the welfare for seafarers and fisherman. It has Chaplains and volunteers in ports all over the World, and last year your generosity helped to support over 100,000 seafarers in the UK and around the World. Please pray for the Stella Maris Chaplains and volunteers. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church, and as you leave, for your donations.



Friday 15th July. St Bonaventure, Franciscan Friar Minor, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. Bonaventure joined the Franciscan Order of Friars Minor at the age of 22. He studied theology and philosophy in Paris. At age thirty-six, Bonaventure was made General of the Franciscan Order. He emphasized the total dependence upon God, and he wrote guides to mystic contemplation:-
*Thorns and cross and nails and lance,
Wounds, our rich inheritance . . . May these all our spirits fill, and with love's devotion thrill . . . Christ, by coward hands betrayed, Christ, for us a captive made, Christ upon the bitter tree, Slain for man--all praise to thee.*

St. Bonaventure

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Masses

Monday to Friday 12:1 Tuesday, after Mass, St Anthony Novena.
Saturday: Morning Prayer: 9:40am Mass 10am followed by Holy Hour Adoration of Blessed Sacrament until 11:30am.
Confession: 10:30am — 11:30am
Sunday: 6pm Saturday
9am, 10:15am, 12 noon & 4.30pm (Ukrainian)
Confessions: Sat: 10.30 - 11.30am & 5 - 5.45pm

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