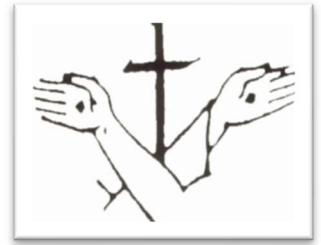




St Francis of Assisi Parish Newsletter “Laudato, Si”



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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 24th July 2022



Today's readings speak to us of drawing closer to God in prayer. It's through prayer that we can grow in friendship and communion with God. Jesus teaches us that we will be forgiven in the same measure that we forgive others. Let us ask his forgiveness and mercy.

Lord, you proclaimed that the kingdom of God is close at hand. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, you feed us with your body and blood.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, you forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lord, have mercy.

Today's Readings

Genesis 18:20-32: Abraham, the friend of God, asks God to have mercy on a sinful city.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM: On the day I called You, You answered me, O Lord.

Colossians 2:12-14: Paul assures us that God's forgiveness of sin is total and absolute.

Luke 11:1-13: Jesus teaches those who follow him to call God "Father" and invites them into his own life of prayer.

"Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples"

All through Luke's gospel, Jesus is shown praying at every important moment of his life. It was seeing Jesus at prayer that moved his disciples to ask him to teach them how to pray, and he gave them the "Lord's Prayer". In Matthew's gospel, the Lord's Prayer begins with "Our Father". We experience God's fatherhood not as isolated individuals but as members of the Church. By contrast, Luke's gospel simply says, "Father", which expresses Jesus' unique relationship with God whom he called "Abba, Father." Spend time meditating on each line of the Lord's Prayer in Luke's gospel, making it your own: "Father" ... Do I live like a son or daughter of God? ... "Hallowed be your name" ... Do I respect the Lord's name? ...

"Your Kingdom come" ... Do I work to bring about the reign of God? ... "Your will be done" ... Do I pray for God's will or my will to be done? "Give us each day our daily bread" ... Do I trust God to provide for my daily needs? ... "Forgive us our sins" ... Do I believe that God can absolve me of my sins?

"As we forgive everyone who trespasses against us" ... Am I willing to forgive and forget the sins of other people? ... "Deliver us from evil" ... What is the greatest evil that I need to resist?

Pray that you will not fail God in times of trial.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY. MONDAY 25TH TO FRIDAY 29TH JULY – CHURCH CLOSED FOR REPAIRS/RENOVATION WORK. 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.**

**URGENT NOTICE TO ALL
PARISHIONERS**

**From Monday 25th July to Friday
29th July 2022**

THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED.

**This is due to renovation and
necessary repairs. It is best that
the works are carried out that
week whilst the Church is
closed. It will re-open on 30th
July 2022 for Morning Prayer at
09:40.**

**THE FRIARS WISH TO THANK ALL THE
PARISHIONERS OF ST. FRANCIS FOR
THEIR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY.**

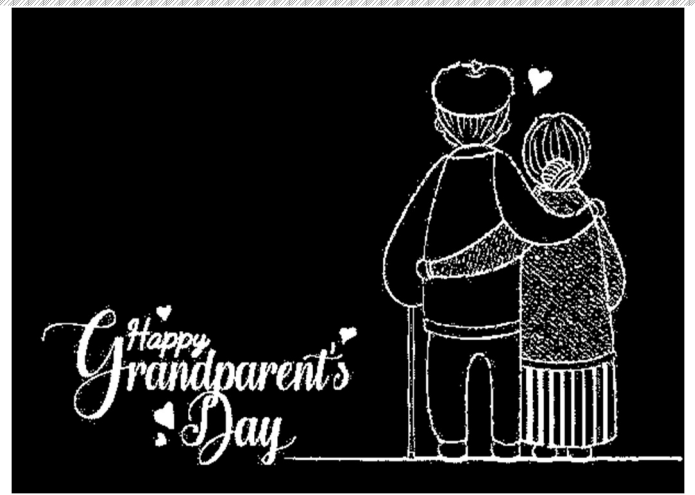
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

**Application Forms are available at the back
of the Church, on the Website, and from
the Parish Office. The closing date
FOR ALL APPLICATIONS IS
MONDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2022.**

*Pray
every
MORNING,
every
NIGHT,
and often in
between.*

When we see the child in the
sweet shop nagging and
moaning at mum or dad for
something, we probably
don't think of it as a model of
our prayer lives! And yet, if
we take the word of God

seriously today, that is exactly what our
faith teaches us to do. The message is
persistence - never giving up, even if
prayers do not seem to be answered. We
shouldn't ask why they are not answered on
the spot, but should just continue beating
on the door of heaven in faith and hope.



Today is a special day to remember grandparents (and
all the elderly)

Grandparents by a 7-year-old boy.

A grandparent is a man or woman, who has no children
of her own, so they love the boys and girls of other
people. Grandparents have nothing to do, they only
have to be there. If they take you for a walk, they go
slowly past beautiful leaves and caterpillars. They never
say "Come along quickly", or "Hurry up for goodness
sake". They are usually fat, but not too fat to tie up
your shoelaces. They wear spectacles and sometimes
take out their teeth. They can answer any question, for
instance why dogs hate cats and why God is not
married. When they read to us, they never leave
anything out. They do not mind if it's always the same
story. Everyone should have a grandparent especially
people who do not have a television. Grandparents are
the only grown-ups who have got plenty of time.

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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

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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Parish Secretary: Kathleen Allen

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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)