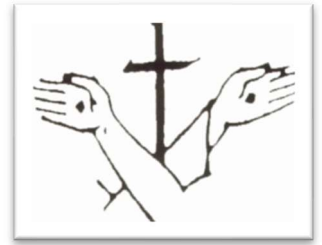




# St Francis of Assisi Parish Newsletter “*Laudato, Si*”



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

## 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2022



During His hidden life in Nazareth, and especially during His public life when He travelled through the towns and villages of Palestine, our Lord met sinners of all kinds. There is not a single record of a harsh word spoken by Him to any of them. In fact, He was accused of mixing too freely with them. His answer was that "it was those who were ill who needed a doctor, not those who were in good health." The sinners He met knew that they were ill. They regretted their sins. He forgave them.

### Today's Readings:

**Ecclesiasticus 35: 12-14 16-18:** The prayer of the humble pleases the Lord.

**Response to the Psalm:** This poor man called; the Lord has heard him.

**Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18.** At my first defence no one appeared on my behalf, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them!

**Luke 18:9-14:** God be merciful to me, a sinner. Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else.

### **THE DAILY DECALOGUE OF POPE JOHN XXIII (Part Two)**

- **Only for today:** I will do one good deed and not tell anyone about it.
- **Only for today:** I will do at least one thing I do not like doing; and if my feelings are hurt, I will make sure that no one notices.
- **Only for today:** I will make a plan for myself, I may not follow it to the letter, but I will make it. And I will be on guard against two evils; hastiness and indecision.
- **Only for today:** I will firmly believe, despite appearances, that the good Providence of God cares for me as no one else who exists in this world.
- **Only for today:** I will have no fears. In particular, I will not be afraid to enjoy what is beautiful and to believe in goodness. Indeed, for 12 hours, I can certainly do what might cause me consternation; were I to believe I had to do it all my life.



**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 & VALUABLES UNATTENDED DURING MASS.**

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION - 2023.**

On SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2022 there will be an Introductory Meeting at 2pm in the Church for all the parents/guardians who have made formal applications, and their children. **Please do not attend this meeting IF YOU HAVE NOT MADE A FORMAL APPLICATION for next years' Sacrament.**

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION - 2023**

The application forms for next years' Confirmation Candidates are available at the back of the church, on line & at the Parish Office. The forms MUST be returned to the Parish Office by **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2022.**

**TEA & COFFEE MORNING AFTER EACH MASS TODAY, 23<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER.**

You are invited to a "Tea & Coffee Morning" in the Large Hall today. Everyone is welcome.

**ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY CHURCH, WOODFORD - 30<sup>th</sup> October.**

11:30 Mass Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at St. Thomas of Canterbury, Woodford, for deceased members of St. Francis Football Club, Stratford & Forest Gate, remembering especially Bill Purdy's boys of the 1950's. After Mass, Tea & Biscuits in the adjoining Hall, with a suggested donation of £5; or there is private room above THE TRAVELLERS PUB opposite the Church, with a bar and food if required. RSVP [eileencowell38@gmail.com](mailto:eileencowell38@gmail.com), with your preference.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

***13<sup>th</sup> November – Sacrament of Holy Communion Introductory Meeting 2pm at the Church – parents & children (only for those who have made a formal application for Holy Communion in 2023). Confirmation 2023 – Application Forms to be returned to the Parish Office by 5<sup>th</sup> November '22.***



We now have only have three places left on the *World Youth Day*, and we expect these places to go in a couple of days! The details on the web: <https://bcys.net/wyd23/> Please ensure that any young person who has shown an interest, and has not applied, get their application in quickly, so as not to miss out on this unique opportunity,

**THE PRIESTS OF ST JOHN AT ST ANTONY OF PADUA, FOREST GATE** are celebrating 10 years in the Parish on Thursday. Please keep them in your prayers

**Safeguarding:** The Stratford Friars are taking part in our safeguarding training this couple of weeks. We, as a Friary and as a Parish must keep this matter constantly before our eyes. We must all contribute to making a Culture of awareness and protection of the vulnerable.

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**Masses**

**Monday to Friday 12:15. Tuesday, after Mass, St Anthony Novena.**

**Saturday:** Morning Prayer: 9:40am Mass 10am followed by Holy Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:30am.

**Confession:** 10:30am — 11:30am & 5pm –5:45pm

**Sunday:** 6pm Saturday,  
9am, 10:15am, 12 noon &  
4:30pm(Ukrainian).

**Friars in Residence:**

Fr Patrick Lonsdale, OFM (Guardian).

Fr Michael O'Grady, OFM (Parish Priest)

Fr Brian McGrath, OFM.

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