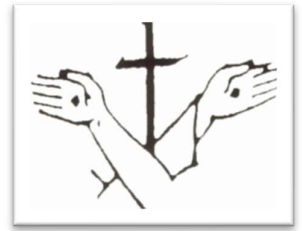




St Francis of Assisi Parish Newsletter "Laudato, Si"



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH

Grove Crescent Road, Stratford, London, E15 1BJ

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

9th April 2023.

Friends in Christ, brothers and sisters of the Lord, let us rejoice in the resurrection of our saviour from the dead. Let our thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth. All who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name. So let us come to him in penitence, full of thanksgiving and with the assurance of faith



Today's Readings.

Acts 10:34. 37-43: Those who saw the Lord ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

Response to the Psalm:

This day was made by the Lord: We rejoice and are glad.

Colossians 3:1-4: St Paul, thrilled by the true life Christ gives us, calls on us to raise our eyes and thoughts to the things that are in heaven.

John 20:1-9: Mary Magdalene, Peter and John find the Lord's tomb empty on Easter morning.

SOLEMNITY OF EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

"He saw and he believed"

The night was over: the morning light of the new creation was beginning to dawn. In the garden of the resurrection, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb while it was still dark, grieving over the death of her beloved Lord. When she discovered that the stone closing the entrance to the tomb had been rolled away, she feared that the body of Jesus had been stolen. Mary ran to tell Peter and John, and the two disciples raced to the tomb to see for themselves. John (the "disciple whom Jesus loved", arrived first and peered into the empty tomb. The shroud was still there; the body had not been stolen. Then John allowed Peter, the elder Apostle, to enter the tomb first and see for himself. Peter was slow to understand the meaning of the empty tomb, but John was convinced of Christ's resurrection; he "saw and he believed". Like John, we see no physical evidence of the Risen Christ, yet we know in faith that he is alive in the world and in the hearts of all who believe in him.

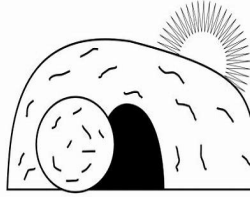


Dates for your Diary: STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT AT 7:30PM.

9th APRIL 2023 – EASTER SUNDAY. FROM 10TH – 14TH APRIL 2023 – DAILY MASS WILL BE AT 10:00AM INSTEAD OF 12:15PM. The Parish Office will be closed from Good Friday 7th April until Monday 17th April 2023. 29th JULY 2023 – PARISH COACH TRIP TO THE SEA SIDE - WALTON-ON-THE-NAZE – Watch for more info.

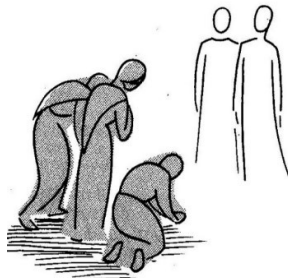
Pray for those who have died, and those whose Anniversaries occur around this time, also, please pray for the sick, and, remember the People of Ukraine. Our thoughts and prayers for the people of Turkey and Syria following the devastating earthquake

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Following an ancient tradition, the Church regards the eight days (an octave) from the Paschal Feast of the Resurrection to the Second Sunday of Easter as a single unit of celebration: one eight-day Feast of Easter. The preface for Easter day is used again on the Second Sunday of Easter: "We praise you with greater joy than ever on this Easter day." The celebration of the liturgy is full of joy! The Easter season of 50 days continues until Pentecost Sunday.

*He is not
here!
He is
Risen!*



*Christ is Risen!
A Happy Easter
to all our
readers!*

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED FROM
FRIDAY 7TH APRIL 2023 UNTIL
WEDNESDAY 12TH APRIL 2023.**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES.
THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY
15TH APRIL 2023 AT 10:30AM
IN THE CHURCH.**

**EASTER SUNDAY
THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
9 April**

**Mass of the Easter Vigil:
8pm Saturday**

9:00am, 10:15am & 12 noon.

MASS IN EASTER WEEK

Monday: Friday 10 - 14 April 10 am

Saturday: 15 April

Morning Prayer 9.40am.

**Holy Hour after 10am Mass Confessions
usual**

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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).

Fr. Patrick Lonsdale, OFM (Guardian)

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