



St Francis of Assisi

Parish Newsletter

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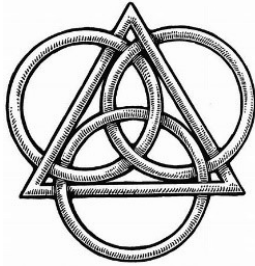


ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH

Grove Crescent Road, Stratford, London, E15 1BJ

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

4th June 2023.



Where do we begin to understand God, who is totally beyond our human capacity to grasp? Let us come humbly before our God to hear what might be revealed to us today. The Lord is a God of tenderness and compassion, so let us acknowledge our sins and ask for forgiveness. Lord, you are slow to anger. Lord, have mercy. Lord, you are rich in kindness. Christ, have mercy Lord, you are faithful in your love for your people. Lord, have mercy.

Today's Readings:

Exodus 34:4-6. 8-9: Moses bows before the Lord, acknowledging the guilt of the people.

Response to the Psalm: To you glory and praise for evermore.

2 Corinthians 13:11-13: Paul encourages us to be happy as we live in love and peace with God and each other.

John 3:16-18: God's love for the world is such that God's only Son was sent into the world so that through him the world might be saved.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son"

This verse summarizes Christian faith: God's love sent the Son to redeem the world. We choose to accept or reject God's grace. Rejecting it leads to self-condemnation. Believers have the indwelling Spirit for guidance. Our belief is in the triune God: Father, Son, and Spirit, representing creative, redemptive, and sanctifying love. The Trinity emphasizes relationships, with the Son obedient to the Father. Though not in Scripture, Paul mentioned the Trinity in Corinthians. The concept has scriptural roots and is defined in the creeds of the Church.



***NOTE:** The first Sunday after Pentecost celebrates the Christian faith doctrine, the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity. It became a feast of the universal Church in 1334. In the early years of Christianity, there was no special feast dedicated to this mystery. The term "Trinity" was coined by Tertullian (145-220) to explain God's nature. Its definition was later established by Church councils in the fourth and fifth centuries, particularly the Council of Nicaea in the fourth century, which discussed this doctrine.*

Dates for your Diary: NOW UNTIL 30TH JULY 2023 – The National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, exhibition exploring ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI. TO CELEBRATE THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FRANCISCANS IN STRATFORD: SAT. 17TH JUNE – PICNIC IN THE OLYMPIC PARK (Weather Permitting) MEET UP AT 12 NOON AT THE TIMBERLODGE CAFÉ. SUN. 18TH JUNE - REFRESHMENTS AFTER ALL MASSES IN THE LARGE HALL. WEDNESDAY 21ST JUNE THANKSGIVING MASS – 7PM. 10TH JULY 2023 – BI-ANNUAL REQUIEM MASS AT ST PATRICK'S CEMETERY AT 11:30AM.

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 earthquakes.

21st June 1873 – June 2023

**150 years of the Franciscans serving
the people of Stratford.**

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**Parish celebrations to mark this
Anniversary:**

Saturday June 17: Picnic in the Olympic Park
(weather permitting) - meet at the Timberlodge
Café in the Olympic Park at 12 noon.

Sunday June 18: Refreshments in the Large
Hall, after all Masses.

Wednesday June 21: Thanksgiving Mass 7pm,
followed by a reception in the Large Hall.

ST. FRANCIS LEPROSY GUILD

**Following the recent appeal by Eileen
Murray on behalf of the above Guild, both
Eileen and the Community here, would like to
thank you all for contributing so generously.**



REQUIEM MASS

Biannual Concelebrated
Requiem Mass St Patrick's
Cemetery, Leytonstone
Monday 10 July 11.30am.

Pray for our beloved dead.

Franciscans - OFM

**Part-time cook required
by the Friars.
Apply in the first place
to the Parish office.
0208 534 1964**

FRANCISCAN FRIARS

Enquiries invited from single Catholics aged 18-40
thinking about a vocation to the religious and/or priestly
life, and Franciscan life - (website: www.friar.org).
Initial enquiry to any of the Friars or to Br Dónal ofm
brdonalofm@yahoo.co.uk

BUBBLY CLUB PARISH SEASIDE COACH TRIP.



**SATURDAY 29TH JULY
ONLY 4 SPACES LEFT ON THE COACH.**

**Coach trip to Walton on the Naze.
Saturday 29 July.**

Coach from Church at 9.30am.

Return: leave Walton at 4.30pm.

Cost £10 per adult & £5 per child.

Children under 2 (and not occupying a seat): free.

**A place can only be secured on payment of
ticket money. We cannot accept payment on the
day, so please book early to secure your place.**

**To secure Ticket: CONTACT: Sarah McKiernan
07778 868827. A lively, fun outing**

St Francis at National Gallery

Major Exhibition

6 May to 30 July

10am to 6pm

FREE

Well worth a visit!

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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: Saturday: 10:30am - 11:30am & 5pm - 5:45pm

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

Fr Patrick Lonsdale, OFM (Guardian)

Fr Michael O'Grady, OFM (Parish Priest)

Fr Brian McGrath, OFM

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