



***St Francis of Assisi***  
***Parish Newsletter***  
**800 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE**  
**FRANCISCANS ARRIVAL IN THE UK.**



**ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

*Grove Crescent Road, Stratford, London, E15 1BJ*

**SUNDAY CYCLE: B (MARK)**

**WEEKDAYS CYCLE: II**

**14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024 -**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER.**



Today's Gospel shows us that Jesus sees our loveliness before he sees our brokenness. He can heal the cracks and flaws which we try to hide even from ourselves. Jesus never tires of forgiving us. He makes our very brokenness an opportunity for healing and new life.

**Today's Readings**

**Acts 3:13-15. 17-19:** God glorified Jesus by raising him back to life.

**RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:** **Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.**

**1 John 2:1-5:** True love of Jesus means listening to him and obeying his word.

**Luke 24:35-48:** Jesus appears to the disciples hiding in the Upper Room and, instead of condemning their Good Friday cowardice, offers a greeting of peace.

**"It was written that the Messiah would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day".**

The disciples of Emmaus returned to Jerusalem and reported to the eleven apostles that they had witnessed the Risen Christ. The Apostles in turn exclaimed that Christ had also appeared to Simon Peter. While they were still speaking, Christ appeared in their midst and proclaimed "Peace" to them. He assured the terrified disciples that he was not a ghost. When he invited them to touch him and asked for food, the disciples were overjoyed. Again, Jesus explained everything that had been written about him in the "Law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms". These three divisions of the Hebrew Scriptures are the law "Torah," the Prophets "Nebi'im," and the Writings "Kethubim" (acronym: "TaNaK"). Then Jesus commissioned his disciples to preach the message of salvation in his name: "repentance for the forgiveness of sins, beginning from Jerusalem"



SUNDAY	14 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024 – THE REPOSITORY WILL OPEN AFTER ALL SUNDAY MASSES.
TUESDAY	16 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024 – NO 12:15 MASS/NOVENA
WEDNESDAY	17 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024 – THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA – MEETING AT 7PM IN THE LARGE HALL
WEDNESDAY	24 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024 - JOURNEY OF FAITH – 7PM IN THE FRIARY

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, and all countries where there is war. We also pray for peace in the Holy

## EASTER

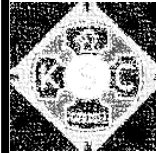
This Greatest Feast lasts 50 day – until Pentecost on 19<sup>th</sup> May. Easter, like Christmas, is not a day, but a season—in fact, the longest “season” of the liturgical year. The challenge to us is how to keep the light and life of Easter before us for the whole fifty days. An answer is to let our Churches and our Liturgies flow with fire, light and water for fifty days. Each time we gather, we sing or say “Alleluia!”, an affirmation that we rise in the Risen Christ: during Easter, the Word of God speaks to us, day by day, about the great “mysteries”, Baptism and the Eucharist, whereby we become and are the Body of Christ. The culmination of the Easter Season is the great solemnity of Pentecost. The time of new birth is behind us: now we live as the Church, empowered and enflamed by the Spirit. Pentecost leads to “Ordinary” time, when we will learn once more, year by year, about what it means to follow Christ.



There will be **NO 12:15 MASS/NOVENA** on the above date, due to the Friars being away that day at a meeting.

**Tuesday April 16:** is the anniversary of the verbal approval of the Franciscan Rule and Life by Pope Innocent III. The annual renewal of profession by the friars may be made on that day, or, on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November which is the Feast of All Saints of the Franciscan order.

### KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA MEETING



There will be a meeting of The Knights of St Columba on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7pm** in the Large Hall.

### JOURNEY OF FAITH

The next Journey of Faith meeting will be on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7pm** in the Friary.

### GIFT AID ENVELOPES FOR 2024/2025.

The new Gift Aid Envelopes are available for collection at the back of the Church.

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making donations go further

### REPOSITORY:

The Repository will be open after all Sunday Masses **TODAY 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024**. Candles, Holy Communion Cards, etc. **Cash only please. Thank you.**

**NO 12:15 MASS/NOVENA ON TUESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024**

### PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024.

**Only 4 seats left!** Call Sarah McKiernan on 07778868827 if you want one of these last seats.



There are 4 people who have booked seats but not yet paid, **please note seats are not secured unless they are paid for in advance**. Sarah will be at Mass on Saturday evening 4 May and Sunday morning 5 May until start of 12 Mass for those who have not already done so, to pay.

Grove Crescent Rd, Stratford, E15 1BJ 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).

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