



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

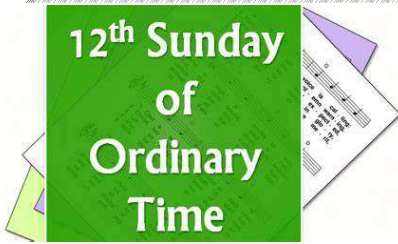


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**SUNDAY CYCLE: B (MARK)**

**WEEKDAYS CYCLE: II**



**SUNDAY 23<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024 -**  
**12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,**

Christianity came from a people of the sea and of the desert. That vastness taught them to be humble. Sometimes!  
 We stand before the majesty of God.

**TODAYS READINGS:**

**Job 38:1. 8-11** - Creation is only a metaphor for God, a sign of something greater than we can know.

**RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:** O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures forever.

**2 Corinthians 5:14-7** - We are a new creation, because God has given us in Christ a new kind of love.

**Mark 4:35-41** - The wind and the sea obey Christ. The obedience of human beings is harder to obtain.

**“Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?”.**

Jesus had been teaching his disciples using parables. Now he teaches them a parable in action. When Jesus and his disciples crossed the Sea of Galilee, a storm suddenly arose and threatened to capsize their small craft. The disciples were terrified and reprimanded Jesus who was asleep in the stern of the boat. Jesus exercised the same authority that God used at creation (Gen 1:2). He restored order to the elements with a simple command: “Peace, be still!” This event is an encouragement to the Church, the ship of Peter, which is often in danger, making no apparent headway, and sometimes feeling the Lord's absence. In times such as these, with the abiding presence of Jesus, we can ride out the winds and the storms that bring sickness, failure, and disappointment in our lives.



<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2024 – THE REPOSITORY WILL BE OPEN AFTER ALL SUNDAY MASSES.</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024 - YOUTH MASS 7:30PM AT BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL.</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>8<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024 – BI-ANNUAL CONCELEBRATED REQUEIUM MASS AT ST PATRICKS – 11:30AM</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>12<sup>TH</sup> JULY – DAY TRIP ALONG THE THAMES - SEE NEWSLETTER FOR DETAILS.</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2024 – PARISH SEA SIDE OUTING TO BROADSTAIRS – SEE NEWSLETTER FOR DETAILS.</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024 – PARISHIONERS CHRISTMAS LUNCH - DETAILS TO FOLLOW.</b>

Pray for those who have died, and those whose Anniversaries occur around this time, also, please pray for the sick, also remember the People of Ukraine, and all countries where there is war. We also pray for peace in the Holy Land.

### **BEWARE !!!**

Someone was seen rummaging about in the Church recently. Please be AWARE of where your belongings are. Do not leave them unattended – even when going to receive Holy Communion.

### **BI-ANNUAL REQUIEM MASS AT ST PATRICKS CEMETERY.**

The Bi-Annual Concelebrated Requiem Mass will take place at St Patricks Cemetery, Leyton at 11:30am on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

### **BCYS Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage, 20<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

A couple of last minute places have become available if anyone in school year 10+ still wishes to join this pilgrimage with the BCYS. Full details on the pilgrimage and how to apply can be found at [www.bcys.net/events/sl24](http://www.bcys.net/events/sl24) or email [gabriellaskinner@brcdt.org](mailto:gabriellaskinner@brcdt.org)

### **MILLENNIAL SAINT:**

Pope Francis has cleared the way for a teenage computer programmer who died of leukaemia aged 15 to become the first saint from the millennial generation. Born in London in 1991, **Carlo Acutis** moved to Milan as a young child. A devout Catholic, he stood up against bullies, gave his pocket money to homeless people, and created websites to help spread his faith. The first of two posthumous miracles was attributed to him in 2020 and, two weeks ago, the Pope confirmed the second, allowing for his canonisation. Both miracles involved the healing of young people.

### **THE REPOSITORY**

The Repository will be open today 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 after all Sunday Masses. Candles, Rosary Beads, etc. Cash only please.

### **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 -**

### **Solemnity of**

### **Saints Peter and Paul:**

We honour the Martyrdom in Rome of the Apostles Peter and Paul, which is normally on 29 June. This is an ancient Christian Feast. Retiring collection next Sunday for PETER'S PENCE

### **Summer outing to Broadstairs on the Kent coast Saturday 10 August 2024**

Coach leaves from outside Church at 9.00, for a day out in Broadstairs, leaving Broadstairs at 4.30pm for return. Minimum cost is £10 per person, however coach hire is double this and if people are able to pay more to cover the costs this would reduce the amount we would need to supplement it by and would be much appreciated. Children under 12 are £5. There is only one coach going, so if you want to book a place please call Sarah McKiernan on 07778 868827 to secure a place and arrange payment

### **Walsingham House Anniversary Mass, 31<sup>st</sup> August at Walsingham House at Abbotswick**

We invite anyone who may have been involved with Walsingham House over the years to celebrate 40 years of volunteer teams with us, beginning with Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan at 12pm and followed by celebrations at our beautiful retreat house just outside Brentwood.

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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).

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