



**St Francis of Assisi**  
**Parish Newsletter**  
**800 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE**  
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**ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

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**SUNDAY CYCLE: B (MARK)**

**WEEKDAYS CYCLE: II**

**SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024**

**10<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



As we gather as the family of God, we give thanks as a community of faith for the grace that renews us every day. Jesus tells us that everyone who does the will of God is his brother and sister and mother.

**TODAYS READINGS:**

Genesis 3:9-15 – Adam and Eve are tempted in the garden by the serpent.

**RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:** With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

**2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1** – We believe that God, who raised the Lord Jesus to life, will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and that there is an everlasting home built by God for us, in the heavens.

**Mark 3:20-35** – Jesus tells us that our sins will be forgiven and that everyone who does the will of God is a brother or sister or mother of Jesus.

**“Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother”.**

News of Jesus' ministry reaches members of his family who have got difficulty understanding his lifestyle as an itinerant preacher. They fear he has lost his mind and cannot handle his own affairs. Some scribes attributed Jesus' power over disease as coming from Beelzebub ('lord of the lofty dwelling,' the pagan god Baal of Syria). Jesus shows the foolishness of a divided kingdom. His every word and deed were an attack on Satan's domain. When Jesus was informed that his mother and relatives were outside looking for him, he said that what makes a person his “brother and sist.” Is not just blood relationship, it is in doing God's will. *In Semitic languages, “brothers” or “sisters” can mean children of the same parent, but can also imply extended members of a family such as cousins, and so on. If Mark intended to say that Mary had other children, he would have said, “The sons and daughters of your mother are here,” which would explain that they were Jesus' natural brothers and sisters. The doctrine of Mary's perpetual virginity was defined by the Lateran Council in 649 AD.*



SUNDAY	9 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024 – CELEBRATION MASS FOR THE FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN & FAMILIES – 10:15 -
-	TEA & COFFEE IN THE LARGE HALL AFTERWARDS
SUNDAY	9 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024 – THE REPOSITORY WILL BE OPEN AFTER ALL SUNDAY MASS
SATURDAY	15 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024 – 12 NOON MASS FOR THE 70 <sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY OF MOTHER MARIA CHIOMA EMEAGI
MONDAY	8 <sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024 – BI-ANNUAL CONCELEBRATED REQUEIUM MASS AT ST PATRICKS – 11:30AM
FRIDAY	12 <sup>TH</sup> JULY 2025 – DAY TRIP ALONG THE THAMES – SEE NEWSLETTER FOR DETAILS.
SATURDAY	10 <sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2024 – PARISH SEA SIDE OUTING TO BROADSTAIRS – TICKETS ON SALE SOON.

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.

### **CELEBRATION MASS TODAY**

The children who received their First Holy Communion this year, and their families, will be attending a Celebration Mass at 10:15am. Afterwards, there will be tea & coffee in the Large Hall

### **THE REPOSITORY**

The Repository will be open after all Sunday Masses today. Candles, Rosary Beads etc. Cash only please.

### **MOTHER MARIA CHIOMA EMEAGI MMSP**

70th Birthday Mass: Saturday 15 June 12noon.  
With Bishop Alan. Reception in the Hall.

### **Youth Mass, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024, Brentwood Cathedral**

Bishop Alan will celebrate Mass and commission all those travelling to Lourdes this Summer. Meet in the Parish Hall from 6pm for pizza, refreshments and a time to reconnect and relax with friends before the Summer. Mass in the Cathedral at 7:30pm. If you wish to sing, play an instrument, read or serve then please bring along your alb or instrument, and let us know as you arrive. Absolutely everyone is very welcome!

### **DAY TRIP ALONG THE THAMES 12<sup>th</sup> JULY 2024.**

Meeting at Stratford Station at 10.15 AM (by Robert the big red train engine) travel by tube to Greenwich where we get the Uber boat return ticket, then travel by boat along the Thames to Battersea, where we usually picnic in the park. There is cafe where you can buy coffee/tea and snacks. Its a great opportunity to see what we get up to and enjoy a day out. People would have to cover their own travel and refreshment costs. If you want to know more please call Marian on 07715 420629 or Sarah on 07778 868827.

### **PARISH SEA SIDE OUTING TO BROADSTAIRS - SAVE THE DATE.**

The Bubbly Club would like to invite any adult parishioners – children welcome if accompanied by adults - to join us on what has previously proved to be a lovely day out on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2024. Save the date, details to follow:

**CARLO ACUTIS** who died of leukaemia in 2006 aged 15 has already been beatified (“called Blessed”) and is now to be a Canonised Saint – the first saint of this millennium.

Born in London in 1991. Although an ordinary boy, loving football and all kinds of sports; enjoying his friends and loving animals (devoted to our own St Francis and Assisi) he, from the age of six, became interested in Computers and, at nine started studying computer programming.

A lot of people have saluted his short life as evidence of holiness highlighting his clear love of God, his kindness to other people as well as his dedication to spreading the word of God by designing websites for his school and for his church. He was also known for his love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and he launched a website just days before his death in which he documented every reported miracle linked to the Eucharist. A miracle attributed to Carlo’s intercession, was the curing of a university student in Florence who suffered brain trauma. This miracle has been confirmed as due to the intercession of Carlo so he will be canonised by Pope Francis and among those who will attend the canonization ceremony will be his father Andrea Acutus, his mother Antonio and their twins, a boy and a girl, Michelle and Francesca – born after Carlo’s death – themselves a bit of a miracle, born when the mother was 44 years old.

### **WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Edoardo Toso &**

**Madeleine Shaw Roberts**

on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024 in Italy

**Keiran McMahon & Nicola Burrell**

at St Antony’s, Forest Gate on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

**Ryan Salucideen**

**& Szabina Somogyi**

on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2024 in Hungary.

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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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