



St Francis of Assisi
Parish Newsletter
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SUNDAY 14TH JULY 2024

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEA SUNDAY

Following Jesus, taking on his mission of service and putting other people before ourselves, is not an easy option. Today is Sea Sunday and, in a special way, the Gospel can be applied to seafarers and their families.

TODAYS READINGS:

Amos 7:12-15 – God called Amos away from caring for sheep and sent him to shepherd the people of Israel.

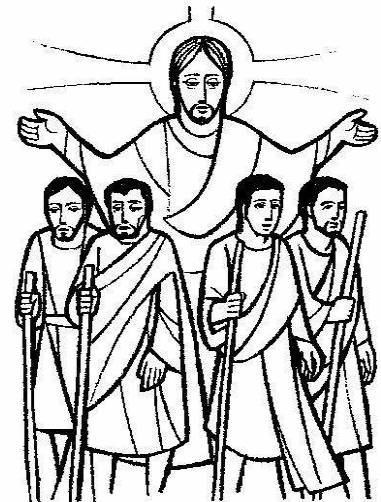
RESPONSE TO THE PSALM: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

Ephesians 1:3-14 – God chose and blessed us even before creating the world.

Mark 6:7-13 – Jesus sends his disciples out on a mission with no guarantees of personal safety and comfort.

“He summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits”.

Jesus had been rejected by his neighbors, yet he continued to teach in the area around Nazareth. He summoned his apostles and sent them out “two by two” (the Greek word ‘apostollos’ means “one who is sent with a message”). The apostles did not go under their own volition but under the power and authority of Jesus. Strengthened by one another, they had to imitate Jesus by trusting in God's providence. If they were shown hospitality when they brought the good news, they should remain in that place. But if doors and ears were closed their message, they had to shake the dust from their feet when they left that place. (The Rabbinic law said that the dust of a Gentile country was defiled, when people entered the Holy Land from another country, they should shake off every speck of dust of the unclean land.) Empowered by the Lord, the new missionaries set out to announce God's reign, expel demons, and heal the sick by anointing them with oil (early evidence of the Sacrament of the Sick).



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| SUNDAY: | 21ST JULY 2024 – REFRESHMENTS IN THE LARGE HALL AFTER 12PM MASS – EVERYONE WELCOME. |
| SUNDAY: | 21ST JULY 2024 – THE REPOSITORY WILL BE OPEN AFTER ALL SUNDAY MASSES. |
| SATURDAY: | 27TH JULY 2024 – PARISH SOCIAL EVENING, LARGE HALL 27TH JULY 2024 – SEE POSTER FOR DETAILS. |
| SATURDAY: | 21ST SEPTEMBER 2024 – ANNUAL DIOCESAN MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS AT BRENTWOOD – 1:30PM. |
| SUNDAY: | 29TH SEPTEMBER 2024 – PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AFTER 12:15 MASS. |
| FRIDAY: | 13TH DECEMBER 2024 – PARISHIONERS “CHRISTMAS LUNCH” - DETAILS TO FOLLOW. |

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. We also pray for those people in the Caribbean, victims of the recent hurricane.

New Parishioners & Visitors **WELCOME !**

We are delighted to welcome new members to our parish community! Whether you have recently moved into the area, or are visiting, we hope you find our parish a warm and welcoming place. Please make yourself known to one of the Priests after Mass.

BUBBLY CLUB & **KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA** **SOCIAL EVENING**

Social evening in the Large Hall on **Saturday July 27th**. Full details on the poster at the back of the Church where tickets are available.

REFRESHMENTS IN THE **LARGE HALL ON** **SUNDAY 21ST JULY 2024**

You are all invited to take part in Refreshments in the Large Hall after 12 noon Mass on 21st July 2024. Everyone welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION **APPLICATION FORMS FOR** **2024/2025:**

The Application Forms for next years' First Holy Communion candidates are available at the back of the Church, from the Friary Office and on-line.

GARDENERS

The Monday and Friday Gardening Group is looking for new recruits for gardening and all kinds of odd-jobs. A couple of hours on a Monday or Friday morning (or both!) in a congenial environment – what could be better ! Let the Parish Office know of your interest or ask at the back of the Church



SEASUNDAY/STELLA MARIS:

Targeting support to seafarers in crisis – no one should be left adrift in a Crisis. We are asked to pray for all those who make their living on the sea, one of the most dangerous professions in the world. The charity supports chaplains and volunteers who work for those seafarers. A retiring collection will be taken.



“As the first twenty-five years of the new century draw to a close, we are called upon now, to enter into a season of preparation that can enable Christian people to experience the Holy Year in all its pastoral richness,” This will only happen, Pope Francis says, “if we are capable of recovering a sense of universal fraternity and refuse to turn a blind eye to the tragedy of rampant poverty that prevents millions of men, women, young people and children from living in a manner worthy of our human dignity,” especially migrants and refugees forced to flee their homes. “May the voices of the poor be heard throughout these months of preparation for the Jubilee, which is meant to restore access to the fruits of the earth to everyone.”



The Wedding of **JOSEPH CROSSLEY &** **JESSICA MURFITT**

Please keep this couple in your prayers, Joseph & Jessica will be getting married on 27th August 2024 in Bishops Stortford, Hertfordshire.

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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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