



St Francis of Assisi
Parish Newsletter
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Grove Crescent Road, Stratford, London, E15 1BJ

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SUNDAY 7TH JULY 2024 -

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

How can we serve God and the society we live in? Jesus urges us today, as people of faith, to be prophetic in promoting Gospel values. Let us turn our thoughts to God, present among us.

TODAYS READINGS:

Ezekiel 2:2-5 - Ezekiel is commissioned by God to speak to the disobedient Israelites. God tells him to deliver the message as commanded, even if they do not want to listen.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM: Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy.

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 - Paul says that when he is weak, he is strong in Christ.

Mark 6:1-6 - Jesus teaches in the synagogue at Nazareth but the people reject him. He is amazed at their lack of faith, and he is only able to heal a few sick people because of their unbelief.

“A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house”.

When Jesus returned to his hometown of Nazareth, his neighbours were astonished by his teachings. They wondered where he'd got his wisdom and amazing power from. They asked a lot of questions: Who did Jesus think he was? Wasn't he just a carpenter? (Greek, tekton, a “craftsman”) Didn't his mother and family live in their community? Jesus was upset that his neighbours were offended by him. Moses had promised the people that there would be a great prophet who would arise among their kinsmen and that they would listen to him. But Jesus declared, “Prophets are only despised in their own country and among their own relation and friends.” Like the prophets of old, Jesus was not accepted by the very people to whom he was sent. Because they lacked faith, Jesus was able to perform only a few miracles among his own people. Jesus went on to teach in other villages, but there were few “mighty deeds” done in his own hometown.



MONDAY:	8TH JULY 2024 – BI-ANNUAL CONCELEBRATED REQEIUM MASS AT ST PATRICKS – 11:30AM.
FRIDAY:	12TH JULY 2024 – MASS FOR THE BUBBLY CLUB AT 9:15AM – EVERYONE WELCOME TO THE MASS.
FRIDAY:	12TH JULY 2024 – BUBBLY CLUB TRIP DOWN THE THAMES – SEE NEWSLETTER FOR DETAILS.
SATURDAY:	27TH JULY 2024 – PARISH SOCIAL EVENING, LARGE HALL 27TH JULY 2024 – SEE POSTER FOR DETAILS..
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.

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.

MASS AT 9:15AM & DAY TRIP **ALONG THE THAMES ON** **12TH JULY 2024.**

Mass at 9:15m for the Bubbly Club – everyone is welcome to the Mass. After which, meet at Stratford Station at 10.15am (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. It's 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 07778 868827

Summer Outing to Broadstairs **on the Kent Coast -** **Saturday 10 August 2024** **SOLD OUT!**



KNIGHTS OF ST **COLUMBA**

Monthly meeting of the
Knights on Sunday July 14th at 1.30pm
in the Large Hall.



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.

REQUIEM MASS

Biannual Concelebrated Requiem Mass
St Patrick's Cemetery, Leytonstone
Monday 8 July 11.30am.

Pray for our beloved dead.

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



HOLY YEAR 2025.

The first-ever “Holy Year” was instituted by Pope Boniface VIII in 1300 and was initially celebrated every 100 years. Then, following biblical tradition, it was marked every 50 years, and finally Pope Paul II, in 1490, decided to observe the jubilee year every 25 years, so that everyone could experience one in his or her lifetime. Jubilees, designed to be a time of conversion and increased emphasis on God's mercy and the forgiveness of sins, are begun by the opening of the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica. The last Ordinary Jubilee was the Great Jubilee of 2000, celebrated by Pope John Paul II.



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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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