



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



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Grove Crescent Road, Stratford, London, E15 1BJ

SUNDAY CYCLE: B (MARK)

WEEKDAYS CYCLE: II

SUNDAY 21ST JULY 2024

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Recognising that he was surrounded by a lot of people who needed his support and his wisdom, Jesus abandoned his plans for rest and relaxation, and instead spoke to the crowd and healed those among them who were sick. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who cares for each one of us.

TODAYS READINGS:

Jeremiah 23:1-6 - God promises, through Jeremiah, a shepherd who will care for his sheep, take away their fears and bring home those which are missing from the flock.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM: For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.

Ephesians 2:13-18 - Through his death and resurrection, Jesus has united humanity and offered us peace.

Mark 6:30-34 - Jesus had compassion on the crowd because they were like sheep without a shepherd.

“His heart was moved with pity for them; they were like sheep without a shepherd”.

When Jesus' disciples returned from their mission, they reported everything they had said and done in his name. Like Jesus, the disciples were servants of the people. As the disciples ministered to the people, so many of them came to them that they did not have time even to eat. As a wise shepherd of his flock, Jesus knew that his followers must look after their bodies as well as their spiritual needs. He invited them to come with him to a secluded place to rest. The crowds saw Jesus going away, and guessed where. So they went around the lake on foot. When Jesus and his disciples arrived by boat to what they thought was a “deserted place,” the people were already there waiting to meet them. Instead of being annoyed by this inconvenience, Jesus took pity on them for they were “like sheep without a shepherd.” Ignoring his own need for rest, Jesus began to “teach them many things



SUNDAY:	21 ST JULY 2024 – REFRESHMENTS IN THE LARGE HALL AFTER 12PM MASS – EVERYONE WELCOME.
SUNDAY:	21 ST JULY 2024 – THE REPOSITORY WILL BE OPEN AFTER ALL SUNDAY MASSES.
SATURDAY:	27 TH JULY 2024 – PARISH SOCIAL EVENING, LARGE HALL 27 TH JULY 2024.
SATURDAY:	31 ST AUGUST 2024 – WALSINGHAM HOUSE ANNIVERSARY MASS – SEE NEWLETTER FOR DETAILS.
SATURDAY:	17 TH SEPTEMBER 2024 – MASS OF CELEBRATION & THANKSGIVING HERE AT ST FRANCIS AT 6PM WITH BISHOP ALAN WILLIAMS, S.M. 800 YEARS OF THE FRANCISCAN IN ENGLAND.
SATURDAY:	21 ST SEPTEMBER 2024 – ANNUAL DIOCESAN MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS AT BRENTWOOD – 1:30PM.
SUNDAY:	29 TH 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
Mass.

BUBBLY CLUB &

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

SOCIAL EVENING 27TH JULY '24.

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.

**Retiring
Collection**
today for the Sick
and the Poor.



REFRESHMENTS IN THE LARGE

**HALL TODAY,
SUNDAY 21ST JULY 2024**

You are all invited to take part in Refreshments in the Large Hall after 12 noon Mass today.
Everyone welcome.

**MASS OF
CELEBRATION &
THANKSGIVING –
17th SEPTEMBER 2024**

AT 6PM. There will be a Mass here at St Francis on the above date, with Bishop Alan Williams, S.M., to celebrate the 800-year anniversary of the Franciscans



in the UK, also, refreshments in the Large Hall afterwards.

Everyone welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

The Application Forms for First Holy Communion next year are available at the back of the Church, from the Friary Office and On-Line. Please ensure you read the covering letter, and ensure the applications have a copy of the child's Baptism Certificate, and that they are handed into the Friary Office or to one of the Friars in an envelope marked "Holy Communion Application 2025".

The Deadline for the Application is:
24th September 2024.

Roman Catholic Diocese of

Brentwood invites all its Altar Servers and their families to the annual Diocesan Mass for Altar Servers at on Saturday 21 September 2024 at 2pm Principal celebrant Rt, Rev. Alan Williams S. M. Bishop of Brentwood

**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.

THE REPOSITORY

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

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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