



# St Francis of Assisi

Parish Newsletter

## **800 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE FRANCISCANS ARRIVAL IN THE UK.**



### **ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

*Grove Crescent Road, Stratford, London, E15 1BJ*

**SUNDAY CYCLE: B (MARK)**

**WEEKDAYS CYCLE: C**



**Sunday 20th October 2024**

**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time/  
Mission Sunday**

Pray that God may help us grow in our sense of service and let us serve our family members today to the best of our ability, better yet the entire week.

### **TODAYS READINGS:**

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 53:10-11 - Through his suffering, the servant of Yahweh will justify many.

**RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:** May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you.

**2nd Reading:** Hebrews 4:14-16 - Jesus is the high priest who sympathizes with our weakness.

**Gospel:** Mark 10:35-45 - Jesus teaches that those who wish to be great must be the servant of all.

In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus taught his disciples the true meaning of messiahship, which was the giving of himself for the life of others. However, his disciples were too slow to learn by heart the meaning of his messiahship. Their capacity to learn the way of Jesus was impeded by their distorted understanding of greatness. Their idea of greatness was associated with political power wherein the powerful lord is over the rest. But for Jesus, greatness could only mean service.



Pope Pius XI instituted **World Mission Sunday** in 1926. It calls us to a renewed commitment to our responsibility to spread the Gospel message. Since the Church is by her very nature missionary, evangelisation constitutes a duty and a right for every one of her members (cf. Vatican II: Lumen gentium). The Lord calls us to go beyond ourselves and to share with other people the blessings we've received, beginning with the gift of faith, which cannot be considered as a private privilege but has got to be seen as a gift to be shared with people who have not yet received it. Such activity will benefit faith itself: faith is strengthened when it is shared. (Pope John Paul II, 1992). Pray for all the work of evangelisation in the Church. FMU Envelopes/Mission Boxes are at the back of the Church. Please take one.



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**

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.



## **Retiring Collection: For the sick and the poor.**



**The Repository** will be at the back of the Church **after all Sunday Masses on 27th October 2024.** Candles, Rosary Beads, Church Art Calendars 2025, Boxes of Christmas Cards, plus a small number of Catholic Diaries for 2025. **Cash Only Please.**

## **PART TIME VACANCY FOR A COOK AT THE FRIARY**

The Friars are looking to employ a part time Cook.

If you feel this is something you could do, please contact the Parish Office and leave your details.

**SPECIAL MASS ON THE EVE OF ALL SAINTS – THURSDAY 31ST OCTOBER**  
Mass will be at 7pm.

**ALL SAINTS – FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2024**

A Holy Day of Obligation.  
Masses will be at 12:15pm and 7:30pm.

**ALL SOULS – SATURDAY 2ND ST NOVEMBER**

**2024**

November Dead List Envelopes will be Available at the back of the Church.

## **Bubbly Club Outing to Kew Gardens, Friday 1 Nov 2024:**



We will be leaving from Stratford Station at 10.15. Anyone from the Parish welcome to join the group for the day London's largest UNESCO World Heritage Site with wide Floral Diversity. See the impressive exterior of Kew Palace, King George III's private retreat. Explore the Gardens' breathtaking glasshouses, from the recently restored Temperate House to the tropical rainforests of the Palm House. Experience the drama of life inside a real beehive in the mesmerizing, immersive installation, The Hive. We will take the train from Stratford to Kew, travel is free for those with an over 60s rail card or freedom pass, otherwise normal fares apply. The entry fee is approx.. £14 for seniors. They are just updating their prices so this will be confirmed next week.

There is a cafeteria on site or feel free to bring a packed lunch. Please call Marian 07715 420629 or Sarah 07778 868827 for more information.

## **The Bubbly Club & The Knights of St Columba are hosting A GAMES & DANCE NIGHT**



**Saturday 9th November 2024 from 7:00pm.**

A meal is included in the ticket price, along with soft drinks and snacks. Please bring our own alcohol. £15 for adults. £5 for children from 7 years up to 11 years – under 7 years old, free.

Tickets on sale at the back of the Church.

**Everyone Welcome.**

**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).

Fr Reu Galoy, OFM – Priest in Charge

Fr Yusuf Bagh, OFM

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