



St Francis of Assisi

Parish Newsletter

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Grove Crescent Road, Stratford, London, E15 1BJ

SUNDAY CYCLE: B (MARK)

WEEKDAYS CYCLE: C

Sunday 6th October 2024
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time.



Let us pray for all married couples and all the families. Let us organize an informal gathering of our respective families, which can further strengthen our family bond.

TODAYS READINGS:

1st Reading: Genesis 2:18-24 - God creates woman from Adam's rib.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM: May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11 - Christ was made perfect through suffering so that we might all be consecrated.

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16 - Jesus teaches against divorce and welcomes the children.

Mark's Gospel puts the issue of the value of marriage and of the care for children side by side with each other. In the Gospel passage, Jesus explained God's divine intention for man and woman who decide to enter in marriage – that they shall become one body (cf. Gen. 2:24). The certificate of dismissal in order to divorce (cf. Dt. 24:1-4) was allowed by Moses due to the stubbornness of the people. Moreover, Jesus showed how much he would care for the little children. In every broken marriage, the first ones to suffer are the children. Undoubtedly, Jesus placed so much importance on family life.



DIocese OF BRENTWOOD

From: Rt Rev Mgr Gordon Read, Diocesan Chancellor and Judicial Vicar

Tribunal@brcdt.org

If you know the whereabouts of any of the following person/people, please contact the Tribunal Office, (using the above email address), quoting the reference number given. It is important that we make contact with them, if possible, in order to protect their rights under Canon Law.

MRS CALLEY MACKAY 42/23

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.

URGENT NOTICE: After the huge clean out of the large Hall, we have been left with some electric hi-fi equipment that is taking up a full shelf in one of the large cupboards by the entrance to the hall. This shelf is required for one of our paying hall users. If the equipment belongs to you please contact the Parish Secretary to let her know when it will be moved. If it is not removed by 19 October, it will be disposed of.

THE REPOSITORY

The Repository will be at the back of the Church **after all Sunday Masses on 13th October 2024.** Candles, Rosary Beads, Church Art Calendars 2025, Boxes of Christmas Cards and Catholic Diaries 2025.
Cash only please.

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please collect the Laundry Rota from the Sacristy. Also, please collect altar laundry to wash and iron from the Sacristy. Thank you.

VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD:

The next “Enquirers Evening” for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on Tuesday 8 October at Brentwood Cathedral. The speaker will be Fr Mark Reilly.

For further information please contact Fr Mark Swires: vocprom@brcdt.org

THANK YOU

Message from Fr Brian and Fr Michael:
We would like to say how deeply grateful we both are to the people of the Parish for their kindness, support and best wishes as we begin our new ministries. It has been our humble privilege to be with you during these years. For all the cards, gifts and prayers, and kind words of encouragement – thank you.

We would also like to say thank you to the new Fraternity here at Stratford, and the Priests of the Deanery who have supported us. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

May God Bless You All.

St Francis, pray for us.

CONFIRMATION 2024/2025

Application Forms for Confirmation Candidates are available at the back of the Church, from the Parish Office. Please that they are handed into the Friary Office or to one of the Friars **in an envelope marked “Confirmation Application 2025”**

The Closing Date for applications is:

11th October 2024.

A Day With Mary at Westminster Cathedral.

“A Day With Mary” is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 12 October (9.45am to 5.00pm). Further information is available at <https://www adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/>

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
Fr Desire Niyonkuru, OFM
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