



St Francis of Assisi Parish Newsletter

“We have been called to heal wounds, to unite what has fallen apart and to bring home those who have lost their way”.

St. Francis



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH

Grove Crescent Road, Stratford, London, E15 1BJ

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) – 11th June 2023



Today, on the feast of Corpus Christi, we celebrate God’s great gift to us, the gift of eternal life. Jesus feeds us with bread from heaven, his body and his blood, to make us holy and raise us up on the last day.

Today’s Readings:

Deuteronomy 8:2-3. 14-16: Moses asks the people to remember how God saved them from slavery in Egypt and fed them in the desert with the bread-like manna.

Response to the Psalm: O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

1 Corinthians 10:16-17: The bread we break in the Eucharist forms us into one body.

John 6:51-58: The living bread that Jesus gives his faithful people is his flesh, and it bestows on us eternal life.

“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them”

In John's account of Jesus' multiplication of the loaves in the wilderness, he moved from the wisdom theme of Jesus' discourse on the Bread of Life, to the Sacramental theme. The vocabulary changes graphically: “flesh and blood,” and “eat and drink.” Jesus spoke clearly about the nourishment of his body and blood given to us in the Eucharist. His flesh was “real food” and his blood was “real drink.” Jesus is the supreme “sacrament” of God, nourishing the faithful with his own body and blood on their spiritual journey. Without this sacred food, we cannot have eternal communion with him and his Father



Dates for your Diary: NOW UNTIL 30TH JULY 2023– The National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, exhibition exploring ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI. TO CELEBRATE THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FRANCISCANS IN STRATFORD: SAT. 17TH JUNE – PICNIC IN THE OLYMPIC PARK (Weather Permitting) MEET UP AT 12 NOON AT THE TIMBERLODGE CAFÉ. SUN. 18TH JUNE - REFRESHMENTS AFTER ALL MASSES IN THE LARGE HALL. WEDNESDAY 21ST JUNE THANKSGIVING MASS – 7PM. 10TH JULY 2023 – BI-ANNUAL REQUIEM MASS AT ST PATRICK’S CEMETERY AT 11:30AM.

Pray for those who have died, and those whose Anniversaries occur around this time, also, please pray for the sick, and, remember the People of Ukraine. Our thoughts and prayers for the people of Turkey and Syria following the devastating earthquakes.



*21 June 1873 three
Franciscan Friars,
(asked to go to
Stratford in the East
End of London by
Cardinal Manning)*

*arrived at the Grove, Stratford.
21 June 2023 an 150th year Holy Mass
will be Celebrated in
St Francis Church at 7pm.
Followed by a Reception in the Hall.*

Other Celebrations:

Saturday 17th 12 noon Picnic in Olympic Park –
meet Timberlodge Café.

Sunday 18th Special refreshment in the Hall
after all Masses



NOTE: The Catechism of the Catholic Church affirms: *“At the heart of the Eucharistic celebration are the bread and wine that, by the words of Christ and the invocation of the Holy Spirit, become Christ's Body and Blood”.*

**Readers
Reflection &
Training
day:
Saturday 17
June.**

**The
Word
of God**

*Day for all Ministers of the Word.
All readers at Mass are invited to a Day at
Our Lady of Walsingham, Custom House.*

E16 3DR

Begin with Mass and end early afternoon.

Bring packed lunch.

Tea etc provided.



**TUESDAY THIS WEEK
FEAST OF
ST ANTHONY &
NOVENA DAY.**

**Part-time cook required
by the Friars.**

**Apply in the first place
to the Parish office.**

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**Communion Ministers Reflection &
Training Day.**

*Day for all Ministers of Holy
Communion in the Newham
Deanery. All invited to a Day at*

**St Francis Church
Stratford E15 1BJ**

Saturday 24 June..

Begin with Morning Prayer

(9.40 am); Mass (10am) and end early afternoon.

Bring packed lunch.

Tea etc provided.



Ministers of Holy Communion.



REQUIEM MASS

Biannual Concelebrated
Requiem Mass St Patrick's
Cemetery, Leytonstone
Monday 10 July 11.30am.

Pray for our beloved dead.

Franciscans - OFM

St Francis at National Gallery

Major Exhibition

6 May to 30 July

10am to 6pm

FREE

Well worth a visit!

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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).

Fr Patrick Lonsdale, OFM (Guardian)

Fr Michael O'Grady, OFM (Parish Priest)

Fr Brian McGrath, OFM

Fr Yusuf Bagh, OFM

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