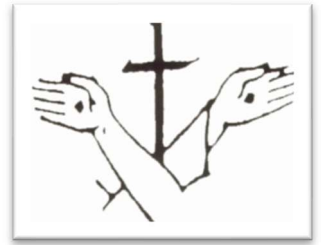




St Francis of Assisi Parish Newsletter “*Laudato, Si*”



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH
Grove Crescent Road, Stratford, London, E15 1BJ



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 31st July 2022

How much of our lives is dominated by concerns over money and possessions? At one extreme we can be desperate to survive from day to day; at the other we can become addicted to increasing our wealth or possessions. Jesus is very firm in his response to this preoccupation. Jesus hopes that we will listen to his voice and not harden our hearts.

Today's Readings

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23: The Preacher reflects on the vanity of human endeavour.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM: O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5. 9-11: Paul tells the Colossian Christians to let their thoughts be on heavenly things.

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21: Jesus warns us to be on our guard against avarice of any kind.

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though you may be rich, your life does not consist of possessions".

In Jesus' time, respected Rabbis were often called upon to settle disputes. When a man approached Jesus regarding a quarrel about the family inheritance, Jesus asked, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?". Jesus refused to intervene in this shameless argument about money. He then began a long discourse on the nature of material possessions. Jesus warned his disciples to be on guard against greed since one's life did not consist in an abundance of possessions. Jesus told a parable about the folly of focusing on material wealth.

In the story, a rich man's barns were full, so he made plans to build even larger ones to store his harvest. He never saw beyond this world; all his plans were made on the basis of his life on earth. The man presumed that he would have many years to enjoy his prosperity, but he gave no thought to God's plans. Nor did he give any thought to sharing his wealth. When death came unexpectedly, the man's earthly riches counted for nothing. He was a "fool" who was so absorbed in his worldly goods, that he lost sight of God's eternal treasures

From Pope Francis' apostolic letter on the liturgy, *Desiderio desideravi*.



**"I have longed and longed to eat this
Passover with you before I suffer".**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY All of the following sessions at St Francis Hall, Stratford are open to all Newham Parishes & begin after the 10am Mass: **Sat 24 Sep: Evangelisation Day.** **Sat 26 Nov: Day for Lectors**

Pray for those who have died, and whose Anniversaries occur around this time, also, please pray for the sick, and, remember the People of Ukraine.

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR BAGS
AND VALUABLES UNATTENDED
DURING MASS. THANK YOU.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

Application Forms are available at the back of the Church, on the Website, and from the Parish Office. The closing date **FOR ALL APPLICATIONS IS MONDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2022.**

The pope's newest apostolic letter reflects on the meaning of baptism, our understanding of mystery, inadequate liturgical approaches, the art of celebrating the liturgy and more.

10 Key Quotes Every Catholic Should Reflect On:

1 Baptism, not magic

Our first encounter with his paschal deed is the event that marks the life of all believers: our Baptism. This is not a mental adhesion to his thought or the agreeing to a code of conduct imposed by Him. Rather, it is a being plunged into his passion, death, resurrection, and ascension, a being plunged into his paschal deed. It is not magic.

2 Theological sense of Liturgy

With this letter I simply want to invite the whole Church to rediscover, to safeguard, and to live the truth and power of the Christian celebration. I want the beauty of the Christian celebration and its necessary consequences for the life of the Church not to be spoiled by a superficial and foreshortened understanding of its value or, worse yet, by its being exploited in service of some ideological vision, no matter what the hue.

TO BE CONTINUED

Invitation: The Franciscan Community invite enquiries from young people aged 18-35 years interested in the religious and/or priestly life? If interested, please contact Fr. Donal as well as via email: brdonalofm@yahoo.co.uk (Franciscan website: friar.org).

St. Ignatius of Loyola – Feast Day 31st July.



"Teach me true generosity./Teach me to serve you as you deserve./To give without counting the cost./To fight heedless of wounds./To labor without seeking rest./To sacrifice myself without thought of any reward/Save the knowledge that I have done your will." ~ St. Ignatius of Loyola, *Prayer for Generosity*

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH Grove Crescent Rd, Stratford, E15 1BJ Masses

Monday to Friday 12:1**Tuesday**, after Mass, St Anthony Novena.
Saturday: Morning Prayer: 9:40am Mass 10am followed by Holy Hour Adoration of Blessed Sacrament until 11:30am.
Confession: 10:30am — 11:30am
Sunday: 6pm Saturday
9am, 10:15am, 12 noon & 4.30pm (Ukrainian)
Confessions: Sat: 10.30 - 11.30am & 5 – 5.45pm

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HOLY HOUR - (Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)

Every week on Saturday after 10am Mass, there is an opportunity for Confession during the time of adoration: 10.30-11.30.