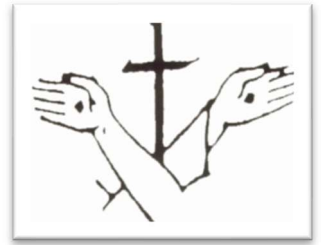




# St Francis of Assisi Parish Newsletter “*Laudato, Si*”



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

## **23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time – 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Pope Francis, as well as many scientists, politicians and activists, has frequently reminded us of the dangers facing our planet through climate change. To use his word: “our Sister, Mother Earth cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her”. He echoes the call of Jesus for a simpler lifestyle

### **Today’s Readings**

**Wisdom 9:13-18:** Human reasoning is unsure, but Wisdom, the light of the Holy Spirit, teaches us what pleases God.

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

**Philemon 9-10. 12-17:** St Paul speaks about Onesimus, a runaway slave whom he converted to Christianity; he asks his master to take him back not as a slave any more but as a “dear brother”.

**Luke 14:25-33:** Jesus commends a radical life without possessions and human ties, providing we weigh up the costs.



Jesus used two examples to explain the need to be prepared.



1. Before a builder could begin construction, he must make an assessment of his materials; otherwise, he might not be able to complete the job.
2. A ruler should weigh the strength of his army before going into battle, or else he might be defeated. Only people who were fully prepared would be able to follow Jesus to the cross that awaited him.

### **LIST OF APOSTLES IN THE GOSPELS AND ACT**

**There are three lists of the different in order.**

- Matthew:** First, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip; Bartholomew; Thomas; Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus; Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.
- Mark:** Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); James son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder); Andrew; Philip; There are three lists of the Twelve in the Synoptic Gospels and one in the Acts of the Apostles. Each list is different in order.
- Luke:** Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew, and James and his brother John; Philip; Bartholomew; Matthew; Thomas; James son of Alphaeus; Simon, who was called the Zealot; Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.
- Acts of the Apostles:** Peter and John, and James and Andrew, Philip; Thomas; Bartholomew; Matthew; James son of Alphaeus; Simon the Zealot; Judas son of James; and Matthias, chosen to take the place of Judas Iscariot who betrayed the Lord.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:** First Holy Communion Application Forms to be returned to the Parish Office by 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022. 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> October – The Relics of St, Bernadette at Brentwood. 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> October – The Relics of St, Bernadette at Our Lady of Lourdes, Wanstead.

## **POPE JOHN PAUL I – 1912 - 1978**

On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September, Pope Francis will canonise Pope John Paul I, affectionately known as 'The Smiling Pope', who was Pope in 1978 for 33 days. Elected Pope on August 26<sup>th</sup>, he chose the name John Paul to honour his predecessors. To the shock of the world and the Church, he died on September 28<sup>th</sup>. His funeral Mass was held on October 4<sup>th</sup> 1978 – the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.



The following is taken from the homely given by Pope John Paul I at the Inauguration of his Pontificate September 3<sup>rd</sup> 1978:

"In this sacred celebration, which is the solemn beginning of the ministry which has been placed on our shoulders, the ministry of Supreme Pastor of the Church we first turn our mind in adoration and prayer to the infinite and eternal God.

Our presiding is charity is about service, and in saying this, we are thinking not only of our Catholic brothers and sisters and sons and daughters, but of all those who try to be disciples of Jesus Christ, to love God and to work for the good of humanity."

Pope Saint John Paul I, pray for us that we too for love of God work for the good of humanity.

## **MARRIAGE PREPARATION:**

Please note, for those couples thinking of getting married, we require **at least 6 months notice** in order to prepare, both sacramentally and with regard to the necessary paperwork. This is especially important if you are thinking of getting married abroad. We would strongly suggest that you make an appointment as soon as your are considering getting married.

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](mailto:brdonalofm@yahoo.co.uk) (Franciscan website: [friar.org](http://friar.org)).

## **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 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022**

## **JOURNEY OF FAITH**

The next meeting of the Journey of Faith group will be at 7pm on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022 in the Friary.



**St Bonaventure's  
OPEN EVENING**

**YEAR 5 & 6 PARENTS**  
For Year 7 Admission September 2023



6th October 2022, 6 - 8pm

OPEN MORNINGS 10th - 13th October, 9:30 - 11:30am



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## **THE PILGRIMAGE OF ST. BERNADETTE'S RELICS**

The pilgrimage of St. Bernadette's relics offers us a welcome opportunity to bear active witness to our Faith, joining with one another across our many communities to encounter God's love and find spiritual emotional and psychological healing and renewal. The relics will be at **Brentwood on 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022**, and at **Our Lady of Lourdes, Wanstead on 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022**. The Reservation System is now open and can be accessed via [stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour](http://stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour)

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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 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**

**Friars in Residence:** Fr Patrick Lonsdale OFM

(Guardian), Fr Donal Walsh OFM, Fr Brian McGrath OFM, Fr Michael O'Grady OFM (Parish Priest),

Address: The Friary, 160 The Grove, Stratford, London E15

1NS. **Parish Office:** Monday to Friday 9:30am -3pm

Parish Secretary: Kathleen Allen