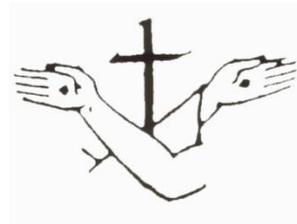




St Francis of Assisi Parish Newsletter



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**THE PARISH OFFICE IS
OPEN MONDAY - FRIDAY
9.30am-12.30pm**

OFFERTORY

Last Week: £ 1716.87
S/O: £ 160.00
Total: £ 1876.87

Coffee shop at Trinity

After 9.00am Mass on
1st Sunday of the Month.
Proceeds to SVP
Please come for a chat!

Novena of St Antony

Tuesdays after 12.15pm Mass

Rosary in Church

First Saturday of month
After 10am Mass

Charismatic Prayer Group

In Church Hall Sat 7-8.45pm

Newham General Hospital

Mass 12.30pm each Wednesday.

Lost Property Box in Sacristy

Drop in Bereavement Centre

For all who have suffered
bereavement

187 Grange Rd, Plaistow E13

Tel: 020-7511 6444

M: 0798 325 7502

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Saturday evening 5 – 5.30 p.m. the
Blessed Sacrament will be exposed
for quiet prayer and adoration.

300 CLUB

End of July. Winner of £50
Ms. C. Ferguson – No. 101

Newsletter Notices

To be left in Friary by Tuesday

WOULD YOU LIKE A CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER DELIVERED TO YOUR DOOR?

If so then take one of the leaflets at
the back of church entitled 'The
Universe' and it will tell you what
to do.

SUNDAY 6TH AUGUST 2017

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

First Reading: (Book of Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14). His sovereignty lasts forever.

Second Reading: (Peter 1:16-10). We heard this ourselves.

Gospel: (Matthew 17:1-9). He was transfigured.

Reflection: The old law leads to the new.

Response to the psalm: **The Lord is king most high above all the earth.**

Tuesday is the feast of St. Dominic, Wednesday is the feast of St. Teresa Benedicta, Friday is the feast day of St. Clare.

THAT WAS THE ROAD SHOW THAT WAS !

Very many thanks to all those who had a stall at the Road Show and thanks to those who encouraged people to go down to it. There was a definite 'buzz' in the hall and I hope that you had interesting conversations with each other and we have a number of people signed up for various activities in the parish. I am very aware that many families are struggling and have little time to do anything beyond keeping going. So, if you could not attend I understand but you will also appreciate that the parish has to develop the service of those who do have some time. Together we try to recognise Christ among us and minister to people. Father Michael

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

Forms are available for collection in the Church Porch. Children to be prepared must be baptised Catholics, living in the Parish of St Francis, who will be in Year 3 or above by this September 2017. Forms must be returned with a **COPY** of the child's Baptismal Certificate and left at the Parish Office or given to Sister. Bernie, marked "First Communion Preparation" by Friday 1st September 2017 but it would help to have them as soon as possible.

TRIP TO AYLESFORD PILGRIMAGE ON SUNDAY 13TH AUGUST 2017.

Coach leaves St Francis of Assisi Church at 9.15am – Cost: £12.00 for adults and children £5.00. For further information, please contact Dorothy Hawkins on 020 8534 0458.

JOB VACANCY

St John's RC Special School, Woodford Bridge is recruiting full time Class Assistants to work with students aged 5-25 with a wide range of special needs. Hours 9.00am to 3.30pm, term time only, experience preferred. For an application pack please contact the school office on 020 8504 1818 or email office@stjohnsreschool.co.uk. Applications open throughout the summer. Successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS check. www.stjohnsreschool.co.uk

TUTOR REQUIRED

I am looking for a Maths and Physics tutor, GCSE level, to start as soon as possible. Please contact Bernadette Whyte on 07988538907.

A DAY WITH MARY – 19TH AUGUST 2017.

You are invited to A Day with Mary at St. Anne Line, Grove Crescent Woodford, London E18. The theme of the day will be the Centenary of Our Lady at Fatima. The day commences at 9:15am until 4.15pm – please bring a packed lunch. Full details are on the poster at the back of the church.

CONFIRMATION 2018

If you, or one of your family, is interest in joining a group of parishioners wishing to be prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please write your name, address, date of birth, email address and your telephone/mobile number, and hand it into the Parish Office in an envelope marked "CONFIRMATION APPLICATION". Applicants should be going into Year 12, attending a Sixth Form College or at work.

BROTHER MICHAEL O'GRADY – Deaconate Ordination

Brother Michael O'Grady would like to say how grateful he is for all the prayers and support he received for his Deaconate Ordination last Saturday, and to the friars and parishioners for their help and kindness in making the celebration a time of prayer and thanksgiving. Peace and goodwill to all.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK MONDAY 7TH AUGUST TO SUNDAY 13TH AUGUST 2017

Monday	12.15pm	Sheila Joy – R.I.P.	Saturday	10.00am	Prudence Roderick – R.I.P.
Tuesday	12.15pm	Lily Casey – Intentions	Saturday	6pm	Finuala Connolle – Sick
Wednesday	12.15pm	Anna Jackson – R.I.P.	Sunday (Trinity)	9.00am	Sheila Joy – R.I.P.
Thursday	12.15pm	Michael Wallace – R.I.P.		10.15am	People of the Parish
Friday	12.15pm	Paddy Bradley – R.I.P.		12.00 Noon	M. Sabaroche – R.O.I.P.

Please pray for our sick: Finuala Connolle and Graziano Palagi.

Anniversary: Paddy Bradley.

Please also pray for all our dead, and for everyone whose Anniversary occurs around this time. *May their souls rest in God's love and peace.*

Lourdes, Summer 2017 – turn your computer on, and enjoy the “virtual pilgrimage.” Video clips of 2-10 minutes capture the flavour of the recent Diocesan pilgrimage, including all the homilies, and interviews with Bishop Alan and Fr Bob Hamill. You can find these via www.bcys.net or search “Virtual Pilgrimage – Lourdes 2017” on YouTube.

World Youth Day, Panama, January 2019. If you will be in year 12, or aged 17-27, in January 2019, then join the BCYS group travelling to Costa Rica and Panama for an encounter with 2 million young people from all over the world, and the Pope. This is truly a “once in a lifetime” experience and an amazing opportunity to discover and celebrate faith in Latin America. For more information, visit www.bcys.net or email frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org by 15th September 2017.

The Nigerian Catholic Community is organising a picnic on Sunday the 13th of August. All members of the parish are very welcome to join us to celebrate the summer, and enjoy the company of our parish family. Bring whatever you have to share - food, drinks, music and games. We will all meet in the church car park after the 12:00 Mass, and travel down together as a family. If you can't meet us in the car park, please find your way to the park - the children's play area, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

The Blessed Tansi Prayer Group invites everyone to their annual pilgrimage to Mount Saint Bernard Abbey on Saturday the 26th of August. A coach will be leaving from the front of our church 10: 00 am. For more details, contact Francesca Uche on 07931 - 652056

BEACH TRIP

The Ghana Community is organising a beach trip to Clacton on Sea on Saturday 19th August 2017. Interested parishioners wishing to join the trip should text ‘Beach’ followed by name and telephone number to 07956 431673. Fare: Adult: £20.00, under 18 years, £15.00. Limited spaces and is strictly first come, first served. Deadline for payment 22nd July 2017.

CAKE SALE – THANK YOU

I would like to thank everybody at St Francis Church for their support and generous donations towards my cake sale last Sunday. I raised over £250 towards my three months International Citizen Service (ICS) placement in South Africa. All the money will go directly to the work of the Christian charity Tearfund and their partners, to enable more young adults have the opportunity to make a difference in disadvantaged communities. Elizabeth Annor-Agyei.

THEACT FROM AMORIS LAETITIA, THE POST-SYNODAL APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS EXTRACT FROM POPE FRANCIS' AMORIS LAETITIA

Discerning the body. Along these same lines, we do well to take seriously a biblical text usually interpreted outside of its context or in a generic sense, with the risk of overlooking its immediate and direct meaning, which is markedly social. I am speaking of 1 Cor 11:17-34, where Saint Paul faces a shameful situation in the community. The wealthier members tended to discriminate against the poorer ones, and this carried over even to the agape meal that accompanied the celebration of the Eucharist. While the rich enjoyed their food, the poor looked on and went hungry: “One is hungry and another is drunk. Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the Church of God and humiliate those who have nothing?” (vv. 21-22). The Eucharist demands that we be members of the one body of the Church. Those who approach the Body and Blood of Christ may not wound that same Body by creating scandalous distinctions and divisions among its members. This is what it means to “discern” the body of the Lord, to acknowledge it with faith and charity both in the sacramental signs and in the community; those who fail to do so eat and drink judgement against themselves (cf. v. 29). The celebration of the Eucharist thus becomes a constant summons for everyone “to examine himself or herself “ (v. 28), to open the doors of the family to greater fellowship with the underprivileged, and in this way to receive the sacrament of that eucharistic love which makes us one body. We must not forget that “the ‘mysticism’ of the sacrament has a social character”. When those who receive it turn a blind eye to the poor and suffering, or consent to various forms of division, contempt and inequality, the Eucharist is received unworthily. On the other hand, families who are properly disposed and receive the Eucharist regularly, reinforce their desire for fraternity, their social consciousness and their commitment to those in need.

WE CELEBRATE MASS

1st Mass of Sunday: Sat 6pm; Sun 10.15am (with Children's Liturgy);
12.00 Noon and 6pm (Polish)
(Also Holy Trinity CoE, Holloway Rd, E11: Sun 9am)
Weekdays: Mon to Fri 12.15pm. Sat. 10am
Holydays of Obligation: 8am; 12.15pm and 8pm.

WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sat 10.30am to 11am and 5pm to 5.30pm.
Friars in residence: Michael Copps (Guardian & Parish Priest)
Francis Conway OFM, Fr Tony Baya OFM, Jorge Ortiz OFM, Bro Michael O'Grady OFM, **Parish Sister:** Sister Bernie

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