



St Francis of Assisi Parish Newsletter

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

OFFERTORY

Last Week: £1,744.74
S/O: £ 160.00
Total: £1,904.74

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 – 5.30pm the
Blessed Sacrament will be exposed
for quiet prayer and adoration.

300 CLUB

Next draw on 25/08/2017

Newsletter Notices

To be left in Friary by Tuesday

WOULD YOU LIKE A CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER DELIVERED TO YOUR DOOR?

Please take a leaflet from the back
of church entitled 'The Universe'
and it will tell you what to do.

Save the date!

Nigerian Independence Day
celebration on October 1st.

Everyone invited.

Please bring something to share.

SUNDAY 20TH AUGUST 2017 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Cycle A)

First Reading: (Isaiah 56:1,6-7) Come to the mountain of the Lord

Second Reading: (Romans 11:13-15, 29-32) God shows mercy to all mankind

Gospel: (Matthew 15:21-28) a tribute to great faith

Reflection: In the Eucharist we are offered the life which Jesus shares with the Father!

Response to the Psalm: "Let the people praise you, O God, let all the people praise you"

Monday is the Memorial of Pope Pius the tenth, Tuesday the Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Thursday the Feast of the Apostle Bartholomew, Friday Memorial of St Lawrence of Brindisi.

BLESSED TANSI ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE

The Blessed Tansi Prayer Group invites everyone to their pilgrimage to Mount Saint Bernard Abbey on **Saturday 26 August**. Coach leaving our Church 7am.

Please contact Francesca Uche on 07931 652056

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 Yr 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 Sr Bernie, marked "First Communion Preparation" by **Friday**

1st September 2017

CONFIRMATION 2018

If you, or one of your family, wishes 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 college, or at work.

THOSE WISHING TO MARRY

Those wishing to prepare for marriage are reminded that the bishops have asked that they give 6 months' notice of their intention. This time is needed to obtain documents and process them if the wedding is to be held abroad. More importantly, time is needed for the couple to think and pray about the sacrament they will celebrate together.

LAUNDRY ROTA

Can you please collect Rota for Minister of Holy Communion Laundry. Many thanks

JOB VACANCY St John's RC Special School, Woodford Bridge

Full-time class assistants to work with students aged 5-25 with a wide range of special needs.

9.00am to 3.30pm, term time only, experience preferred. 020 8504 1818 or email

office@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk. www.stjohnsrcschool.co.uk

TUTOR REQUIRED

GCSE-level Maths and Physics Please contact Bernadette Whyte on 07988538907.

A TOUR TO ROME

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy Tangney Tours are offering a tour to Rome, San Giovanni and Assisi from 2nd to 9th October. Price is £749:00 half board flights are not included. If you wish to have their insurance price is £31.00, single room supplement is £180:00. If you are interested please telephone 01732 886666 and ask for Gill. They have asked Fr Stephen Myers to lead this pilgrimage.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK MONDAY 21st AUGUST TO SUNDAY 27TH AUGUST 2017

Monday	12.15pm	Deceased Members of the Davidson Family	Saturday	10.00am	Deceased Members of the Duckett Family
	12.15pm	Deceased Members of the Roderick Family	Saturday	6pm	Enid Carroll - R.I.P
Wednesday	12.15pm	Sheila Joy – R.I.P	Sunday (Trinity)	9.00am	Sheila Joy – R.I.P
Thursday	12.15pm	Marco Conceicao Faria - Birthday		10.15am	People of the Parish
Friday	12.15pm	Sheila Joy – R.I.P		12.00 Noon	Deceased Members of the Holyburton Family

Please pray for our sick: Dorothy Hawkins . **Please also pray for all our recently dead, and for those whose anniversary occurs around this time:** Enid Carroll

May their souls rest in God's love and peace.

LOURDES - SUMMER 2017

Enjoy our “virtual pilgrimage” - Video clips of 2-10 minutes that capture the flavour of the recent Diocesan pilgrimage, including all homilies, and interviews with Bishop Alan and Fr Bob Hamill. Find them via www.bcys.net or search “Virtual Pilgrimage – Lourdes 2017” on YouTube.

WORLD YOUTH DAY, PANAMA - JANUARY 2019

If you will be in Yr 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 “once in a lifetime” experience is 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*.

EXTRACT FROM POPE FRANCIS' AMORIS LAETITIA LIFE IN THE WIDER FAMILY

The nuclear family needs to interact with the wider family made up of parents, aunts and uncles, cousins and even neighbours. This greater family may have members who require assistance, or at least companionship and affection, or consolation amid suffering.²⁰⁸ The individualism so prevalent today can lead to creating small nests of security, where others are perceived as bothersome or a threat. Such isolation, however, cannot offer greater peace or happiness; rather, it straitens the heart of a family and makes its life all the more narrow. First, let us think of our parents. Jesus told the Pharisees that abandoning one's parents is contrary to God's law (cf. Mk 7:8-13). We do well to remember that each of us is a son or daughter. “Even if one becomes an adult, or an elderly person, even if one becomes a parent, if one occupies a position of responsibility, underneath all of this is still the identity of a child. We are all sons and daughters. And this always brings us back to the fact that we did not give ourselves life but that we received it. The great gift of life is the first gift that we received”.

Hence, “the fourth commandment asks children... to honour their father and mother (cf. Ex 20:12). This commandment comes immediately after those dealing with God himself.

Indeed, it has to do with something sacred, something divine, something at the basis of every other kind of human respect. The biblical formulation of the fourth commandment goes on to say: ‘that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you’. The virtuous bond between generations is the guarantee of the future, and is the guarantee of a truly humane society. A society with children who do not honour parents is a society without honour... It is a society destined to be filled with surly and greedy young people”.

There is, however, another side to the coin. As the word of God tells us, “*a man leaves his father and his mother*” (Gen 2:24). This does not always happen, and a marriage is hampered by the failure to make this necessary sacrifice and surrender. Parents must not be abandoned or ignored, but marriage itself demands that they be “*left*”, so that the new home will be a true hearth, a place of security, hope and future plans, and the couple can truly become “*one flesh*” (ibid.). In some marriages, one spouse keeps secrets from the other, confiding them instead to his or her parents. As a result, the opinions of their parents become more important than the feelings and opinions of their spouse. This situation cannot go on for long, and even if it takes time, both spouses need to make the effort to grow in trust and communication. Marriage challenges husbands and wives to find new ways of being sons and daughters.

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 CofE, 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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