



# St Francis of Assisi Church

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Fr Phillip writes...

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Our Readings this week reflect the various stages of the Apostles' calling as witnesses to Christ's Resurrection. In the Gospel passage from St Luke we hear how, following their encounter with Jesus on the road to Emmaus and recognising him in the breaking of bread, two disciples returned to Jerusalem to tell the others. Then Jesus himself appears among them and reassures them all, explaining, "how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this."

In the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we see them putting this into practice as Peter preaches to the people, telling them that Jesus has been raised from the dead. As a witness to this, he calls on the listeners to "repent and turn to God".

In the Second Reading, St John is writing to those who have heard the Gospel message and urges them to live their lives according to their faith, reminding them – and us – that "we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away..."

The Lord Jesus has opened up for us a new relationship with the Father: it is a relationship of life, hope and love. Through him, we are offered new life, the forgiveness of sins and, by following him ever more closely, the opportunity to have God's love come to perfection in us. This is truly joyful Good News, just as much today for us and our world as for the Apostles and the first Christian communities in the first century. Let us proclaim this joyfully by the way we live our lives, for we are witnesses to this today.

\*Live stream Sun 10 am: <https://www.youtube.com/@rp54996/streams>

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

- ✠ Saturday 13th April, 5.30 pm: Third Sunday of Easter (Tomlin Family, in thanksgiving)
- ✠ Sunday 14th April, Third Sunday of Easter  
8.30 am (People of the Parish)  
10 am (Dezzie Glennon R.I.P)
- ✠ Monday 15th April: NO MASS AT ST FRANCIS
- ✠ Tuesday 16th April, 6.30 pm: Third Week of Easter (Gerald Griffiths Intentions)
- ✠ Wednesday 17th April, 10 am: Third Week of Easter (David McCann 1st Anniversary R.I.P)
- ✠ Thursday 18th April, 10 am: Summer Term Mass for St Francis Primary School
- ✠ Thursday 18th April, 6.30 pm: Third Week of Easter (Sir David Cooksey R.I.P)
- ✠ Friday 19th April, 11.30 am: Funeral Mass for Barbara Wooding R.I.P
- ✠ Saturday 20th April, 10 am: Third Week of Easter
- ✠ Saturday 20th April, 5.30 pm: Fourth Sunday of Easter
- ✠ Sunday 21st April, Fourth Sunday of Easter  
8.30 am (People of the Parish)  
10 am (Ewan McDonald R.I.P)

\*Confessions after 10 am Mass on Saturdays or by appointment

\*\*THIS WEEKEND 20/21 April: Collection for Clergy Training Fund

### WE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:



MARIA WILLIAMS, BRIAN LYNCH, PAT SASSI, SIMON SAINT, ERNESTO AND NAPOLEON MANNOIS, JANE THOMAS, DANIEL OFFER, MARIE HALL, NINA MULLINS, GEORGIA MACKINLEY, EILEEN HOARE, SR. JOSEPHINE COLLIER, PAULINE PAINTER, GERALD GRIFFITHS & MAGORZATA CORDOBA.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO ADD A NAME TO THIS LIST, WITH CONSENT, OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE A NAME REMOVED, KINDLY EMAIL OR PHONE THE PARISH OFFICE. WHATSAPP: 07851 092431

"Without justice and love, peace will always be a great illusion"

- Dom Helder Camara  
Brazilian Archbishop



Rosary said every Saturday at 9.30 am, before Mass, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima.



### Little Franciscan Toddler Group

Toddler group will be back on **April 16th**. During term time, every **Tuesday** from 11am to 12.45pm. All welcome!

### Children's Liturgy of the Word Will resume on April, 21st.

Every Sunday, during the 10am Mass (during term-time). We accept children from 3y-o to Year 3. Enrolment forms available in the Narthex.

For further queries, email **Sue Roche** on: [sue.roche1@btinternet.com](mailto:sue.roche1@btinternet.com)

Enjoy refreshments after Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday 10 am Mass!



### Save the Date: Youth Event Sat, 27th April - St Edward's Church, Windsor

Event for young people aged 13-30, led by the One Hope Project. It will be a day of worship & workshops and fun finding your faith. **It starts at 11.30am until 5pm.** Check out the One Hope Project!



### SVP TABLE SALES!

SVP - TABLE TOP SALES return this week, **LOTS OF BARGAINS** - take a look -

lovely selection of China and many other items, your donations needed and always welcome. Thank you.



### Accommodation Plea

One of our new parishioners - a nurse from Heatherwood Hospital - is looking for accommodation (a studio flat or a bedroom in a house share). Her budget is £600-700 pcm. If you know someone who could help her with this, kindly contact the Parish Office. Many thanks!



### FUNERAL MASS FOR BARBARA WOODING R.I.P

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Barbara Wooding who died recently. Her Funeral Mass is this Friday, 19th April at 11.30 am.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."

Prayer for the departed



### Marriage Care Volunteers & Trustees Needed

Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation specialising in relationship support. We are looking for Marriage Preparation Course Facilitators to prepare couples for the Sacrament of Marriage (full training is provided for this role), Qualified Relationship Counsellors to support couples in distress and Trustees to provide governance and strategic direction for the organisation. For more information please visit: [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) or email: [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk)

### Wedding Celebration Andrea and Stuart

This Saturday 20th April at 1 pm, Andrea Mae Francisco and Stuart Alasdair Bradly will be getting married at St Francis Church. Please pray for the couple so the Lord blesses their union. May their marriage be filled with trust, respect, and love, but above all else, may it be filled with abundant joy.



### Information & signup booklet available in the Church Porch

*Week of Accompanied Prayer for Windsor and Ascot*

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

A **Week of Accompanied Prayer** may be the special retreat time just for you!

✓ *Do you find yourself wanting a deeper personal relationship with Jesus?*

✓ *Would you like to know more about different ways of praying?*

✓ *Do you sometimes find it difficult to pray?*

**Who is this week for?**

For YOU. It is a like a "mini retreat in daily life" just 5 days, led by professionally trained Retreat Guides.

**The week at a glance:**

✓ Sunday 19 May at 5pm a Welcome opening liturgy/meeting

✓ Daily one-to-one meeting with your Prayer Guide, for 30 minutes only, at a convenient time for you

✓ Friday 24 May at 6.30pm a Closing liturgy/session at which you and all other pilgrims and guides meet and reflect on the week's experience.



**ST FRANCIS**

**FATIMA DEVOTIONS**

**KSC HOME PRAYER GROUP**

**Monday - Friday at 1.30pm**

**30 Minutes of praying the Rosary**

**As requested by Our Lady**

**ZOOM ID & PASSWORD BELOW**

**MON 15th April - Fri 19th April 2024**

**ZOOM ID : 793 7547 8014**

**PASSWORD : rosary**



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