

Catholic Church of Saint Francis of Assisi

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Dear New Parishioner,

Welcome to the Parish of St Francis of Assisi. Whether you have moved here for the duration of a short term work contract or plan to make Ascot your home indefinitely, I do hope your participation in the faith, worship and social life of our parish here will be a happy one.

The Parish Church of St Francis has stood here since the 1880s and for almost a century was served by a community of Franciscan Friars (hence the dedication of the Church to St Francis, and the size of the Friary!). The Friars withdrew from the parish in the early 1980s since when the parish has been served by the Diocese.

The growing Parish community is characterised by the large number of young families many of whom attend the Parish Primary School. On Sunday mornings we are hoping to restart our Children's Liturgy of the Word during 10.00 Sunday Mass (in term time) for ages Preschool to Year 3 (pre-First Holy Communion). In addition, a full sacramental programme is provided as advertised in the Newsletter. Preparation for Baptism is under the care of the Parish Priest who may be approached after Sunday Mass for the arrangement of Baptism. A First Communion course is run annually with enrolment just before Christmas leading to First Communion in May. A Confirmation programme generally runs every two years. If a wedding is intended, an approach should be made to the Parish Priest before any other arrangements are made.

You may wish to participate in the various societies and groups within the Parish; details of which can be found on the Notice Boards.

It would be helpful, if you would complete the enclosed registration form for the Parish records, and return it to the Parish Priest. Also enclosed are an explanation of Gift Aid and appropriate forms should you wish to make your financial support of the Parish in this way.

With every blessing for a happy and holy time in Ascot.

Yours sincerely,

The Parish Office

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