



Saint Francis of Assisi Church and Parish

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DAY	DATE	TIME	LITURGICAL CELEBRATION	MASS INTENTION
SATURDAY	30th April	<u>5.30pm</u>	VIGIL : 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER	Tomlin Family Intentions
SUNDAY	1st May	<u>8.30am</u> & <u>10.00am</u>	THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	✠ Alcina da Silva R.I.P ✠ Deceased Members of the Berkeley Family
MONDAY	2nd May	-	NO MASS AT ST.FRANCIS	-
TUESDAY	3rd May	-	NO MASS AT ST.FRANCIS	-
WEDNESDAY	4th May	7.30pm	The English Martyrs, <i>feast</i>	People of the Parish
THURSDAY	5th May	10.00am	Of the 3rd Week of Easter	✠ Ann Ross R.I.P
FRIDAY	6th May	7.30pm	Of the 3rd Week of Easter	Cullen Family Intentions
SATURDAY	7th May	<u>11.00am</u>	First Holy Communion Mass	✠ Eileen Berkeley R.I.P

Fr Kevin writes ...

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Our Easter celebrations continue! Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, speaking of this Third Sunday of Easter, reflects on the gospel appearance of the Risen Christ to the disciples by the lakeside. The disciples are lonely and dejected; they try to combat their depression by going fishing; their fishing is unsuccessful - then they see the Lord, and that changes everything. For us in today's world, Pope Benedict says, *"at a superficial level it sometimes seems that the darkness of evil and the toil of everyday life have the upper hand, the Church ... [however] ... knows with certainty that the light of Easter now shines eternally on those who follow Christ. The great message of the Resurrection fills the hearts of the faithful with inner joy and renewed hope."*

- Our Opening Prayer thanks God our Father for renewing our Easter *"youthfulness of spirit"* and goes on to pray that *"... we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection"*.
- The first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles. The Jewish authorities in Jerusalem tell the apostles to stop preaching about Jesus rising from the dead. St Peter tells them: >>>

<<< *"... obedience to God comes before obedience to men ... we are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him ..."*

- Our second reading is from the Book of the Apocalypse. This week, in St John's great vision, he sees the glory of the Risen Christ. He is worshipped by: *"... an immense number of angels ... thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands shouting 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength honour, glory and blessing ' ..."*
- The Gospel reading is St John's account of the Lord's appearance at the lakeside. We hear, at the end of the reading, St Peter's threefold confession of faith in Christ (which, as it were, figuratively cancels out his threefold denial of Jesus). The Lord tells St Peter to lead the Church and to: *"... 'Feed my lambs ... Look after my sheep ... Feed my sheep' ..."*

**IUBILATE DEO, OMNIS TERRA ...
ALLELUIA**

**CRY OUT WITH JOY TO GOD, ALL THE
EARTH ... ALLEULIA**

PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF THE WORLD

WE PRAY for the Sick and Housebound of our Community and for those who care for them: Sue Powell, Darryl Sinclair, David McCann, Maria Williams, Barbara Siwicka, Gianluca Greenwood, Brian Lynch, Pat Sassi, Frances Wilde, Simon Saint, Peter Hermon, Ernesto and Napoleon Mannois, Jane Thomas, Daniel Offer, Marie Hall, Geraldine McAllister, Georgia Mackinlay, Nina Mullins, Eileen Hoare. If you would like to add a name to this list, with consent, or if you would like a name removed, please email or phone the Parish Office.



PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the soul of **Brenda Marshall R.I.P** who has died recently. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers.

BAPTISM We welcome **Olivia & Otis Fraser** who were baptised Saturday 1st May.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES will take place next **Saturday 7th May at 11am** and **Sunday 8th May at 2pm**. Please keep the children, their families and the catechists in your prayers.

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL These prayers are popularly known as 'The Bidding Prayers'. Would you like to help the Parish pray? We have a dedicated team of 'bidding prayer' writers. However, Fr. Kevin would also like to invite others to participate in this important ministry at Mass. If you are interested please contact Mr David McCann at davidmccann@hotmail.com who will be more than happy to give you more information, instruction and support.

COMING BACK SOON! Now that we again are celebrating our 10am Mass on Sundays, the time has come to begin considering re-introducing some social activity after Mass the re-introduction of tea & coffee. We need to re-constitute a Rota for this very important aspect of Parish life. If you can help please contact the Parish Office.

CHURCH CLEANING As we return to once-a-week church cleaning, we are looking for willing volunteers to join our new rota. The sign-up sheet can be found on the porch noticeboard for the month ahead. If you can spare an hour, the team would be delighted to welcome you on board! For further information contact **Sue Roche 07810 485636 / sue.roche1@btinternet.com**

THAMES HOSPICE Fr Kevin our Parish Priest and Fr Kevin Jones will be joining the walkers at Saville Gardens on **Sunday 15th May** to help the Knights fundraise for the Hospice. Please stop and sponsor Fr Kevin as you leave church. You may wish to pick up a sponsor sheet and walk with your friends and family. There are also Jam-Jars and donation envelope, Bank transfer options details available to help you place your donations. Thank you.



THANK YOU ALL FROM CAFOD! Thank you to everyone at St Francis for your gift of **£2,467** to our Lent appeal, which we received recently. Your parish's prayers and collective Family Fast Day donation of **£2,467** is so appreciated.



DURING EASTER-TIDE THE 'HAIL MARY' IS REPLACED BY THE 'REGINA CAELI':

REGINA CAELI

O Queen of heaven, rejoice ! Alleluia!
For he whom you did merit to bear, Alleluia
Has risen as he said. Alleluia!
Pray for us to God. Alleluia!

**THIS WEEKEND IS THE SECOND COLLECTION
FOR CLERGY TRAINING FUND**

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 2nd May - FRI 6th May

ZOOM ID : 749 8694 1462

PASSWORD : rosary



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