



Saint Francis of Assisi Church and Parish

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DAY	DATE	TIME	LITURGICAL CELEBRATION	MASS INTENTION
SATURDAY	25th June	5.30pm	VIGIL : THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	✠ Mrs Jose Cartin R.I.P
SUNDAY	26th June	8.30am 10.00am	THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Hannah Johansen & Family Intentions ✠ Devassy Devassy R.I.P Anniversary
MONDAY	27th June	-	NO MASS AT ST.FRANCIS	-
TUESDAY	28th June	10.00am	St Irenaeus, <i>Bishop, Martyr</i>	People of the Parish
WEDNESDAY	29th June	10.00am & 7.30pm	Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles, <i>Solemnity</i>	The Rodgers Family Intentions Holy Souls
THURSDAY	30th June	10.00am	First Martyrs of the Church of Rome, <i>Memorial</i>	Mrs Lee's Intentions - FM
FRIDAY	1st July	7.30pm	St Oliver Plunkett, <i>Bishop & Martyr, Memorial</i>	The People of Ireland
SATURDAY	2nd July	10.00am 10.30am	Our Lady on Saturday Confessions	✠ Eileen Berkeley R.I.P

Fr Kevin writes ...

THIRTEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

This weekend we begin the long journey though the Church's year towards Advent! These many Sundays are given to us so that we can reflect upon and put into practise the truths of Christ's gospel. In the calendar of the Catholic Church for the coming week we will be celebrating a great number of martyrs - those who died for the truth of Christ - Tuesday: St Irenaeus (200 AD); Wednesday: Ss Peter and Paul (65 AD); Thursday: The First Martyrs of Rome (65 AD); Friday: St Oliver Plunkett (1681 AD) - all these men and women, through the centuries, witnessed to the gospel of the Lord. Whilst we may not be required to die for our faith, nonetheless the martyrs' example of fortitude and resolution can inspire us on our Christian journey, to hold fast to the truths of our faith in these times of uncertainty and instability.

- Our Opening Prayer asks God our Father that we may: "... *always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth ...*".
- The first reading is from the first book of the Kings. In this reading we hear how the Lord tells the great prophet Elijah to anoint Elisha >>>

<<< as his successor. After some hesitation Elisha follows Elijah. "... *he ... arose, and followed Elijah and became his servant ...*".

- Our second reading is from St Paul's letter to the Galatians. The Apostle tells the Galatian Christians that they must not misuse the liberty that their new faith has given them. "... *love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community ...*"
- The Gospel readings throughout Ordinary Time this year are from St Luke's Gospel. This week there is a sense of urgency in the reading. Jesus is heading for Jerusalem, he meets various individuals on the way. They all say they want to follow Christ, but then make excuses as to why they cannot do so immediately. This reaction makes Christ declare: "... *no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God ...*".

**IUBILATE DEO IN VOCE
EXSULTATIONIS!**

**CRY TO GOD
WITH SHOUTS OF JOY!**

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, David McCann, Maria Williams, Barbara Siwicka, 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.



BAPTISM We welcome **Louis Holloway** who will be Baptised on Saturday 25th June and also **Yves Talbot** who will be baptised on Saturday 2nd July.



LITTLE FRANCISCAN TODDLER GROUP takes place on **Tuesdays from 11am until 12.45pm**. New families are very welcome!



THIS WEEKEND THERE IS A SECOND COLLECTION FOR 'PETER'S PENCE'. This collection is England's particular expression of loyalty to the Pope and the Holy See.



THE SOLEMNITY OF ST. PETER & ST. PAUL Wednesday 29th June Masses at 10am and 7.30pm.



CELEBRATION OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

This **Sunday 26th June after the 10am Mass**, the Statue of Our Lady will be processed to the Friary Garden while we pray the Rosary for peace in Ukraine.

We will then return to the Church for Benediction of The Blessed Sacrament.

Please pick up a booklet and come and join in if you would like to do so.



ST FRANCIS PRE-SCHOOL 'SUMMER SOCIAL' - Saturday 2nd July at 7pm - Ascot United Clubhouse. See the Noticeboard for more details. Reserve your tickets at info@stfrancispreschoolascot.com or phone 07960-668441.

YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU ! On the weekend of **2nd/3rd July** we will be celebrating all our Parish volunteers - and those who will be offering their time and talents to the Parish! So, begin to consider now, how you can contribute to the mission of the Catholic Church in Ascot by offering your assistance. Full details and appeal will take place next weekend.

WORLD DAY OF FAMILIES This weekend in Rome, the tenth World Meeting of Families is taking place. The theme is *Family Love: a vocation and a path to Holiness*. The World Meeting of Families was instituted by Pope St John Paul II in 1994 and is organised and promoted by the Vatican Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life. A prayer for your family and all families is available in the porch.



EMAIL SCAM There has recently been a spate of Scam emails from bogus parish priests to parishioners in the Diocese asking for money. Fr. Kevin wishes to state that he would **never** email any parishioner concerning money. Should you ever receive any such email, please report it to Fr. Kevin.

**NEXT WEEKEND IS THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR
THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA.**



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 27th June - FRI 1st July

ZOOM ID : 751 0946 6510

PASSWORD : rosary



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