

Services & Diary Dates

Monday	7 th	1000 Early Years Educators Group
Tuesday	8 th	1000 Baby Group 1930 Said Eucharist 2100 Online Compline
Wednesday	9 th	1000 ToddleTime 1030 Said Eucharist 1100 Coffee for All 2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting
Thursday	10 th	2100 Online Compline
Friday	11 th	1900 Juniors Choir Practice
Saturday	12 th	
Sunday	13th	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Parish Communion

£ Raised from online shopping:

We have just received an e-mail from **easyfundraising** informing that they have given £61.56 to St Francis Church - easy, free, and effortless donations since you are already shopping online anyway. Thank you.

From **Smile.amazon.co.uk**, a more modest £27.02 has been given (@ Feb 2021).

Please continue to use these web-sites when shopping online and if you are new to this and like more info, just ask the Parish Office.

News

Please remember to bring your Order of Service for Ordinary Time booklet which will be in use until All Saintstide (1st November).

Sun 27th June: Celebration of Rachel's Ordination to the priesthood
The usual 9:15am Parish Communion service on that Sunday will be moved to 4pm.

This will hopefully be followed with celebratory drinks in the Hall and outside (more details to follow). Please come to support Rachel and her family on this important day.

Message from Carole Moore-Hill:
"Thank you for all the support and love I have received from friends at St. Francis at a most difficult time following the sad death of my darling husband Rob. Also thank you to those who were able to attend his funeral and to Jenny & David for conducting a most wonderful service. Rob would have loved it. "

Welcome

Sunday 6th June 2021

First Sunday after Trinity

Services Today

REMINDER: Social distancing rules apply, use hand sanitiser gel upon entry & exit and keep your masks on!

8am	Said Eucharist	
9:15am	Parish Communion	Coffee in the Hall - Suspended for now.
<i>Youth & Children's Church</i>	YACC on holiday No groups today.	

Music

No hymns to be sung by the congregation for now.

Choir: On half-term holiday

Organ: Werde Munter	Percy Whitlock (1903-46)
Toccata Antica	Andrew Moore (b.1954)

This week we pray for all who live and work in Wilkins Grove and Longcroft Gardens.

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Collect

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Genesis 3: 8-15

The man and the woman heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.'

2 Corinthians 4: 13-5: 1

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture - 'I believed, and so I spoke' - we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Mark 3: 20-35

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his companions could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin' - for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.' Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

Next Readings: Sunday 13 June 2021
Ezekiel 17: 22-24; 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10, 14-17; Mark 4: 26-34