

Pope Francis Requiescat in Pace

Pope Francis has died aged 88, the Vatican Press Office has confirmed. He served as the 265th successor of St Peter from his election on 13 March 2013 to 21 April 2025.

At 9:45am, Rome time, Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Camerlengo of the Apostolic Chamber, announced the death of Pope Francis from the Casa Santa Marta with these words:

"Dearest brothers and sisters, with deep sorrow I must announce the death of our Holy Father Francis. At 7:35 this morning, the Bishop of Rome, Francis, returned to the house of the Father. His entire life was dedicated to the service of the Lord and of His Church. He taught us to live the values of the Gospel with fidelity, courage, and universal love, especially in favor of the poorest and most marginalized. With immense gratitude for his example as a true disciple of the Lord Jesus, we commend the soul of Pope Francis to the infinite merciful love of the One and Triune God."

Fr Paul will offer Holy Masses for the Repose of the Soul of His Holiness Pope Francis RIP

Monday 21st April 7pm Holy Mass at St Tarcisius Church,

On Friday 25th April from 6.30pm – 8.30pm There will be a Vigil at St Tarcisius Church 6.30 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Prayer for Pope Francis RIP, Evening Prayer, Holy Rosary & Benediction

Saturday 26th April 8am Holy Mass at St Peter and St John Church,

The Requiem Mass for Pope Francis is from 9am (UK time) on Saturday 26th April 2025. You can follow the Mass on youtube via the Vatican website:

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/events/event.dir.html/content/vaticanevents/en/2025/4/26/messa-esequiale.html

Further Resources and Prayers can be found on the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales website: https://www.cbcew.org.uk/pope-francis-requiescat-in-pace/