



THE PILGRIM

St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church



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“A fraternal and hearty welcome to the new members of our Parish Community and all visiting sisters and brothers”

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

21 September 2025

READ First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: *Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.*

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel Reading: Luke 16:1-13

Amos challenges injustice in business, Saint Paul urges us to pray for leaders and the well-being of society and Jesus calls us to a life of loving generosity.

REFLECT: Today's readings explore the connection our actions and our intentions. Why do we choose to do things that benefit other people? Is our support of the local community merely so we can have a quiet life? Do we help others just so that they will help us? The swindling and corruption attacked by Amos is a much more obvious type of injustice than a manipulation presented in the Gospel. Thae astute servant is making discounts to buy friends. There is no concern for the welfare of the debtors, as he is acting purely out of self-interest. Therefore, in this instance, the wicked servant is astutely using another person's money for personal gain. Jesus encourages his disciples not to be astute in the crafty sense of the word, but wise, as he teaches us to use money well and to “make friends” rather than buy them through our own generosity. Here the concern for the other is genuine, and our love is genuine.

RESPOND: Make a donation to help the poor in your community.

Pray: *Pray for your local community, for your country and for all who hold positions of authority.*

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PASTORAL TEAM

- **Fr. Reu Jose C. Galoy, OFM, Parish Priest**
- **Fr. Yusuf Bagh, OFM, Guardian**
- **Fr. Desire Niyonkuru, OFM**
- **Fr. Mariusz Linik, OFM**

- Ms. Kathleen Allen, Parish Secretary
- Mr. Derek Hoddy, Pastoral Assistant

MASS TIMES

- Sun - 6.00pm (Sat), 9:00 am, 10:15 am, 12:00 pm, 4:30 pm (Ukrainian Mass)
- Mon - Fri: 12:15 pm, Wed: 7:00 pm, Sat 10:00 am

- **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**
Sat: 10:30 am – 11:30 am

Reconciliation

- Sat: 10:30 am - 11:30 am, 5:00 pm - 5:45 pm & by Appointment

Novena/Rosary

- Tue: St. Anthony: 12:45 pm
- Wed: Holy Rosary: 6:30 pm
- Sat: Morning Prayer: 9:40 am

MASS INTENTIONS Sunday 21 September 2025 – Saturday 27 September 2025

Sun	21 SEPT 9:00	RIP (M) LIAM DROMEY	Wed	24 SEPT 12:15	(M) LUCIANO IANNICELLI
Sun	21 SEPT 10:15	SR (M) BONIFACE ANIBUEZE	Wed	24 SEPT 7:00	RIP/BD (F) VALERIJA NAGATTIENE
Sun	21 SEPT 12:00	RIP (M) LIAM DROMEY	Thu	25 SEPT 12:15	RIP (F) VALERIJA NAGATTIENE AND RIP ANNIV (F) ANNE-MARIE GOODMAN
Mon	22 SEPT 12:15	(M) LUCIANO IANNICELLI	Fri	26 SEPT 12:15	TG - ST JUDE TADDEUS & ST ANTHONY
Tues	23 SEPT 12:15	(M) LUCIANO IANNICELLI	Sat	27 SEPT 10:00	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH & BD (F) CONSTANCE MOMAH
			Sat	27 SEPT 6:00	70TH BD (F) OLIVIA SAWAL

TG - Thanksgiving, **SI** - Special Intention, **BD** - Birthday, **WA** - Wedding Anniversary, **ST** - Safe Travel, **GH** - Good Health, **SR** - Speedy Recovery, **RIP** - Death/Death Anniversary

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<https://stfrancisassistratford.com/newsletters>



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<https://tinyurl.com/4weu2mh6> or
<https://whatsapp.com/channel/0029VbA3Xba6xCSIP3JJia0I>



Support our parish and its mission. Donate Now by scanning the QR code below or visiting the Diocese link (please remember to select our Stratford parish):

<https://tinyurl.com/36m53d54> or
<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations>



S.V.P GROUP - DAY OF RECOLLECTION - SAT. 27TH SEPTEMBER 2025.

There will be a day of recollection for the SVP Group in the Large Hall, 10:30am to 4pm. Mass and talk led by Fr George Smulski, OFM. If you are interested in the social work of the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP), then you are warmly invited. Bring a picnic lunch.



**Save the date for
our
Gala Autumn
Festival**



**on Saturday evening
18 October in our Church Hall.**

This is an excellent way to get to know your fellow parishioners, enjoy some dancing and sample a feast of national dishes. All for £15 (Children 7-11, £5). Price includes all food, soft drinks and table snacks. The proceeds raised will be donated to cover the cost of replacing the lights in the Car Park, which are likely to cost us circa £2000. Tickets are on sale at the back of the church after all Masses or you can call Sarah on 07778 868827 or Marian on 07715 420629 to secure your ticket.

ACCESS TO GROVE CRESCENT ROAD BY CAR - ONE WAY SYSTEM.

A number of people have received Penalty Notices because of access to Grove Crescent Road. Please be advised, ***you cannot turn LEFT into Grove Crescent Road when approaching from Stratford Bus Station.*** You MUST access from the right hand side. If you are approaching from Stratford Station, you have to go into Morrison's, turn around, then turn right into The Grove, then right again into Grove Crescent Road.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest.

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10. *N.B. you can use this QR code in which links to a CAFOD virtual envelope where you make their donation.*



ADDITIONAL SCHEDULE OF MASSES:

OCT. 04, 2025 - FEASTDAY OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI (Saturday) Holy Mass - 10:00AM

NOV 02, 2025 - ALL SAINTS
(Sunday) – **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION** Holy Mass
09:00AM, 10:15AM 12:00PM and 06:00PM

NOV 03, 2025 COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE
(Monday) - **FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)** - Holy Mass - 12:15PM and 07:00pm

St Bonaventure's School Open Evening



St Bonaventure's invite you to their
Year 6 Open Events. Open Evening – Thursday
25th September at 6pm.

Open Morning – Monday 29th, Tuesday 30th
September and Wednesday 1st October at
9:30am – appointment only.

REGISTRATION WITH THE PARISH.

We would like all our Parishioners to be registered with us – ***NOT ONLY THE NEW MEMBERS.*** Many of you are registered on our PPS, but we would like ***ALL Parishioners*** to register. Registrations Forms may be obtained at the Back of the Church, or, from the Parish Office. This will make it easier to request letters/documents from the Parish, also if you have changed address etc. Thank you.

REMINDER:

**ANY POSTER TO BE DISPLAYED AT
THE CHURCH MUST TO BE
SUBMITTED TO THE PARISH OFFICE
FOR THE APPROVAL.**

Thank you.