



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”

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

28 September 2025

READ First Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Responsorial Psalm: *My soul, give praise to the Lord.*

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Gospel Reading: Luke 16:19-31

Amos challenges those who live a luxurious life while ignoring the poor who have remained faithful to God. Timothy is urged to live a life of holiness. The two ways are contrasted in Christ's parable of the rich man and Lazarus.

REFLECT: “Alas for you who have wealth, for you have been comforted now” (Lk 6:25). Luke's version of Christ's Beatitudes contrasts the fate of the rich and the poor. The poor will inherit the Kingdom of God and those who use their riches selfishly will see their comfort come to an end. The parable of the rich and Lazarus expands on this teaching. Lazarus means “God has helped. It seems ironic at first, given his pitiable state, but Lazarus remains faithful, like the remnants of the house of Joseph in the first reading. They are *anawim*, the poor who live for God and because of their trust, the Lord helps and saves them. And so, Lazarus is carried to eternal peace. Do I remain faithful to God in affliction? Do I share my riches with others, that their suffering might be alleviated? May we be poor in spirit – always open to God.

RESPOND: Look around you to see who needs your help.

Pray: *Pray for a poverty of spirit and generosity of heart.*

Source: Bible Diary 2025, Claretian Publications Foundation, Inc, QC, Phil.

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 28 September 2025 – Saturday 4 October 2025

Sun	28 SEPT 9:00	SI (F) LORRAINE	Wed	1 OCT 12:15	SI (M) MAURO IANNICELLI
Sun	28 SEPT 10:15	70TH BD (F) MARY RINGROW	Wed	1 OCT 7:00	POPE LEO
Sun	28 SEPT 12:00	RIP ANNIV (M) EAMON WALSH	Thu	2 OCT 12:15	SI ANN & FAMILY
Mon	29 SEPT 12:15	BD (M) - JERRARD CABEY	Fri	3 OCT 12:15	RIP (M) MICHEL MCNAMARA
Tues	30 SEPT 12:15	SI - BRIAN, AND HIS MUM KATHLEEN MARIE	Sat	4 OCT 10:00	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			Sat	4 OCT 6:00	RIP (M) BENEDICT IBE MGWHLEBA

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://tinyurl.com/4wen2mh6> or
<https://whatsapp.com/channel/0029VbA3Xba6xCSIP3JJia0I>



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





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



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.

**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.

**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

**CONTRIBUTORS TO THE NOVENA
MASSES AT ST FRANCIS**

Sept.	25	Francis & Leony Umali/Ms Bella
	26	Ruel Sampilo & Family/ Domingo Annani.
	27	Merlyn Montebon/ Venefemia Qunano
	28	Hunt Family
	29	Jaime & Espie Velenia
Oct.	30	Linda Bartolome & Family
	01	Charisse Montebon/ Nancy Rambarran
	02	Mildred Martinez/Carmen Soliman Nilda Willett.
	03	Merle Payne

**PART TIME VACANCY FOR
COOK/HOUSEKEEPER AT
THE FRIARY.**

The Friars at St Francis Church are looking for a Part Time Cook/Housekeeper. If you are interested in applying for this role, please contact the Parish Office with your name, contact details, and a brief summary of any experience you have had in the role. We look forward to hearing from all interested parties. Thank you.

**SPECIAL MINISTERS –
LAUNDRY ROTA**

Please collect the Laundry Rota from The Sacristy. Thank you.

The Repository

The Repository be open again after all Sunday Masses on 12 October 2025. Christmas Cards, Church Art Calendars, Catholic Diaries, *Candles*, , *Rosary Beads etc.* These items can also be obtained from the Parish Office between 9:30am & 3pm - Monday to Friday. Cash only please.