



THE PILGRIM

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

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5 OCTOBER 2025

"Increase our faith"

READ First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

Responsorial Psalm: *O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'*

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Gospel Reading: Luke 17:5-10

REFLECT: The disciples ask Jesus, "Increase our faith." Elsewhere, Jesus describes his disciples as men of little faith for their reluctance to believe or to understand God's ways. Yet here Jesus helps them to realize the power of even a little faith if we really let it have a impact on our lives. We have to use God's gift to its full potential. That's why Saint Paul write, "fan into a flame the gift of God you received. The image of the flame of faith also appears in the Rite of Baptism, when the priest presents a candle and prays that "these children will keep the flame of faith alive in their hearts." So. It's not so much that Christ has to give us more faith. Rather by cooperating with the Spirit we let the gift of faith we have received become a more effective power in our lives.

RESPOND: "Do not be ashamed," says Saint Paul. Do not hide your faith in public.

Pray: Meditate upon the gift of faith you have received from God.

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 5 October 2025 – Saturday 11 October 2025

Sun	5 OCT 9:00	RIP (M) COTTIE O'DONNELL	Wed	8 OCT 12:15	RIP (M) MICHAEL McNAMARA
Sun	5 OCT 10:15	RIP (F) HANNAH BOFFA	Wed	8 OCT 7:00	SR (F) NORA HANLEY
Sun	5 OCT 12:00	SI (F) GLORIA	Thu	9 OCT 12:15	RIP (F) ROMIE MORGAN
Mon	6 OCT 12:15	BD (F) FATIMA AND BD (M) MATTHEW MOMAH	Fri	10 OCT 12:15	POPE LEO
Tues	7 OCT 12:15	RIP (M) MICHAEL McNAMARA	Sat	11 OCT 10:00	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			Sat	11 OCT 6:00	BISHOP ALAN

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://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.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest - 5th October

2025. 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. CAFOD Envelopes are at the back of the Church for your donations too.*



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.

**2ND COLLECTION ON
19TH OCTOBER 2025
IS FOR THE S.V.P.**

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 can also be obtained from the Parish Office between 9:30pm & 3pm - Monday to Friday. Cash only please.*

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.

CONTRIBUTORS TO THE NOVENA MASSES AT ST FRANCIS

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