



# 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”

### 28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12 October 2025

“To become more aware of God’s presence”

**READ First Reading:** 2 Kings 5:14-17

**Responsorial Psalm:** *The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.*

**Second Reading:** 2 Timothy 2:8-13

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 17:19

Naaman is his leprosy in the Jordan, and he praises God. Saint Paul describes his missionary efforts to bring the message of salvation to people. Christ heals the ten lepers and yet on one return to praise God.

**REFLECT:** Today’s readings prompt us to reflect on our awareness of God’s action in our lives. Do I see a connection between the events of the day and God’s action, or have I overlooked this? Jesus heals the ten lepers, but only one returns. None of the fail to notice that they have been cured, but only one returns to Jesus. It’s not simply a lack of gratitude, but also a lack of awareness of God’s action in that moment. Saint Ignatius encourages us to reflect on the day through a prayer call examen. This retrospective prayer helps us increased awareness prompts us to a greater gratitude; a gratitude for those around us, for what we have in life, and for God’s constant loving care.

**RESPOND:** Spend time today giving thanks to God for his blessings.

**Pray:** Spend time today giving thanks to God for his blessings.

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 12 October 2025 – Saturday 18 October 2025

|      |              |                              |     |              |                             |
|------|--------------|------------------------------|-----|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Sun  | 12 OCT 9:00  | RIP (M) MICHAEL McNAMARA     | Wed | 15 OCT 12:15 | RIP (F) JOSIE DALY          |
| Sun  | 12 OCT 10:15 | RIP ANNIV (M) ROGELIO CANLAS | Wed | 15 OCT 7:00  | THE F.M.U.                  |
| Sun  | 12 OCT 12:00 | SI (M) BRIAN                 | Thu | 16 OCT 12:15 | THE F.M.U.                  |
| Mon  | 13 OCT 12:15 | THE F.M.U.                   | Fri | 17 OCT 12:15 | RIP VIRGINIA & JOSEPH MOMAH |
| Tues | 14 OCT 12:15 | GH (M) FR JOHN-JESUS         | Sat | 18 OCT 10:00 | PEOPLE OF THE PARISH        |
|      |              |                              | Sat | 18 OCT 6:00  | BD (F) ANITA ANIBUEZE       |

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





**Last Opportunity  
to obtain tickets  
to 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.

**Brentwood Catholic Youth  
Service - Youth Gather 2025**

There are still spaces left for Youth Gather 2025 hosted by the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service! This is a weekend long retreat from the 25-26th October at Mersea Island packed full of activities like, archery, zipwires and adventure courses! This is a great opportunities for young people from Year 9- 13 to embark on a spiritual journey, make friends and participate in a diocesan Mass by the sea. It costs £70 with all travel, food and accommodation covered. For more info visit the bcys website and apply ASAP!!  
<https://bcys.net/events/yg25/> "

**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.*

**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, especially to update our System – you may have changed address, telephone number, your children are no longer at the same address as you. 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.

**THANK YOU.**

The Friars would like to thank all our Parishioners for their support and generosity during the Feast of St Francis. So far, we have received £2,930.50 for improvements to the Church and the Sacristy. Thank you all.

**Join Our Mission: Become a  
Trustee and Support Children's  
Wellbeing**

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is currently seeking new Trustees with expertise in fundraising and marketing to help us expand our reach and strengthen our impact. Your skills and experience could play a vital role in shaping the future for children and young people, ensuring we continue providing essential services to children and families in need.

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity or know someone who might be a great fit, please do not hesitate to contact our Director, Bernadette Fisher, at [bfisher@bccs.org.uk](mailto:bfisher@bccs.org.uk). She will be delighted to hear from you.