

Parents of children aged to

start school in September

2026 are warmly invited to visit St.

Francis' Catholic Primary School for our

Open Day. Dates: 21st October,

6th November and 2nd December.

Time: 9:00 – 10:00 am and 1:30 – 2:30 pm

Location: Maryland Park (entrance on Bow Street), London E15 1HB. No booking

required just arrive at the specified time

on the days above. Come and see our

wonderful school in action! Meet our

Head Teacher, teachers, and pupils, tour

our Reception classrooms, and discover

how faith, learning, and community are at

the heart of everything we do. We look

forward to welcoming both parish and

local families interested in giving their

child the best start to their education in a

nurturing Catholic environment. Individual

tours are also available by request.

**CONFIRMATION AT
ST FRANCIS CHURCH ON
2ND NOVEMBER 2025.**

Bishop Alan will be officiating at the Confirmation Mass at 10:15am on Sunday 2nd November 2025. We will pray for all our Confirmation Candidates, those involved in their Instruction, their Sponsors and Families.

**MONDAY 3rd NOVEMBER,
COMMEMORATION OF ALL
THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
(ALL SOULS' DAY) – The Holy
Mass will take place at
7:00pm, due to a Funeral
Mass of Linda Potter
at 12:15pm.**

LINDA POTTER R.I.P.

We are sad to announce the recent death of one of our longstanding parishioners
LINDA POTTER.

The Funeral Mass will be on
Monday 3rd November 2025 at 12:15pm.

**A DAY WITH MARY –
WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL –
SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER
2025.**

- 9:45 Entry Procession. Angelus. Crowning.
Sung Litany.
- 10:30 Mass: Celebrant & Preacher Fr
Slawomir Witon, Dean of the Cathedral.
- 11:30 Consecration of the Parish.
The 5 Joyful Mysteries.
- 12:15 LUNCH BREAK in the Hall – please bring a
packed lunch. Tea/Coffee provided.
- 1:20 The Exposition & Procession of the Blessed
Sacrament. The 5 Luminous Mysteries. Silent
Adoration. The 5 Sorrowful Mysteries.
Sermon on Our Lady by Fr Patrick van der
Vorst. Meditation on the Passion. Divine
Mercy Chaplet (sung). Act of Consecration.
Benediction. Procession of Our Lady of Fatima
from Cathedral to Cathedral Hall with the 4
Glorious Mysteries.
- 5:00 Enrolments in the Brown Scapular &
Miraculous Medal in Cathedral Hall followed
by TEA BREAK.

After the tea break, you are welcome to stay for
Evening Prayer at 5:30 and the First Mass of Sunday at
6pm.

**THE BI-ANNUAL MASS
FOR THE DEAD
AT
ST PATRICK'S CEMETERY,
LEYTON.**

The Mass for the Dead will take place at the
chapel at St Patrick's Cemetery,
68 Grange Park Road, on

**Monday
10th November 2025 at 11:30am.**

THE PILGRIM

St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church E15 1BJR

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

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26 October 2025

"Our prayer is to be honest and God-centered"

READ First Reading: Sirach 35:15b-17, 20-22b

Responsorial Psalm: The lowly one called, and the Lord heard him.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:9-14

Sirach teaches the importance of humble prayer. Saint Paul reflects on his faithful ministry and on eternal life. Jesus preaches the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector.

REFLECT: 'O God be merciful to me, a sinner.' Eastern Christianity makes much use of the phrase of the tax collector. His phrase is joined to the words of Saint Peter to become "Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on me a sinner." The "Jesus Prayer" is a simple, honest prayer, which acknowledges our sins, but always in conjunction with a humble petition for Christ's loving mercy. Frequent repetition of the prayer, which allows us to think of our relationship with Christ and how it needs to be healed. Unlike the Pharisee's prayer, which is self-congratulatory, the tax collector's prayer is honest and God-centered, and because of that, he can see how he needs to change. Just as our prayer is to be honest and God-centered, so our proclamation of the Kingdom in word and deed must reflect that honest and divine focus. We are a missionary Church, and our message will be far more effective if we adopt the tax collector's humble, authentic attitude.

RESPOND: After deeds of charity, reflect on how genuine your love has been.

Pray: Take some time today to pray the Jesus prayer.

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 26 October 2025 – Saturday 01 November 2025

Sun	26 OCT 9:00	SI - THE O'DWYER FAMILY	Wed	29 OCT 12:15	SI (F) VICTORIA ANIBUEZE
Sun	26 OCT 10:15	RIP (M) CLAUDE CANAL	Wed	29 OCT 7:00PM	TG ST ANTHONY
Sun	26 OCT 12:00	RIP ANNIV (M) CARL NAGAITIS	Thu	30 OCT 12:15	RIP (M) DAVID WELBY
Mon	27 OCT 12:15	TG ST JUDE TADDEUS	Fri	31 OCT 12:15	RIP (F) KATHLEEN MCCARTHY
Tues	28 OCT 12:15	BD (F) MERCY MOMAH	Sat	01 NOV 10:00	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			Sat	01 NOV 6:00	SI LISA & THE MCCARTHY FAMILY

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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