

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"



THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 November 2025

"You are God's Building."

READ First Reading: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

Responsorial Psalm: *The water of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place, the abode of the Most High.*

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17

Gospel Reading: John 2:13-22

Ezekiel has a vision of water flowing from God's temple, giving life. Saint Paul says that God dwells in us, and we are God's temple. Jesus describes his body as the temple, which will be destroyed and rebuilt for our salvation.

REFLECT: Saint Paul tells us, "You are God's building." The people are more important than the bricks and mortar, but our churches are treated with respect because they are consecrated to God, and because they are the central place in which the community of faith gathers to pray. So we have a church building because first of all we are a living church united in the Catholic faith. If we are living stones, what binds us together? Our baptism – professing the one faith in Jesus. It is through the Mass, the sacraments and prayer that we become the living stones making up a spiritual temple of praise. On this feast of the Lateran Basilica in Rome, the mother church, and the symbol of the Church's unity, let us celebrate our being Church, and rejoice in the blessings we receive from God mediated by his church.

RESPOND: Is there something you could do to help your local church, your parish community?

PASTORAL TEAM

- Fr. Reu Jose C. Galoy, OFM, Parish Priest
- Fr. Yusuf Bagh, OFM, Guardian
- Fr. Desire Niyonkuru, 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)
- 2nd Sunday of the month Youth Mass 10:15 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

Pray: Pray for the Pope and for the unity of the Church

MASS INTENTIONS Sunday 9 November 2025 – Saturday 15 November 2025

Sun	9 NOV 9:00	RIP ANNIV (F) PRUDENCE RODERICK	Wed	12 NOV 12:15	MARY O'SULLIVAN & FAMILY
Sun	9 NOV 10:15	RIP (M) MICHAEL CALNAN	Wed	12 NOV 7:00PM	BISHOP ALAN WILLIAMS, SM
Sun	9 NOV 12:00	TG - GLORIA EBBE	Thu	13 NOV 12:15	RIP (F) DOREEN KERRIGAN
Mon	10 NOV 12:15	RIP ANNIV (F) CHINYEL EZIGWE	Fri	14 NOV 12:15	SI & GH CATHERINE GREGG
Tues	11 NOV 12:15	80TH BD & WA - FLORENCE & WINSTONE ANDERSON	Sat	15 NOV 10:00	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			Sat	15 NOV 6:00	F.M.E.

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

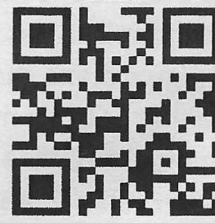
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Parents of children due to start school in September 2026

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.

**YOUTH MASS
9TH NOVEMBER 2025
AT 10:15**

After the Mass, please join the Youth Ministry in the Large Hall for one hour - everyone welcome. There will be an announcement by Paula of the Youth Ministry at the end of 10:15 Mass.

**THE WRECK OF THE
DEUTSCHLAND**

**150 year Anniversary,
Saturday 6th December 2025 at 7:15pm.**
A Memorial Service for the five Franciscan Sisters who perished in the wreck will take place on the above date.
Food and drink in the Hall after the Service.
More details to follow

**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 Patricks Cemetery, 68 Grange Park Road, on
**Monday 10th November 2025 at
11:30am**

**REMINDER:
GHANAIN COMMUNITY
25TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATIONS.**

**THIS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE LARGE
HALL ON SUNDAY 16TH NOVEMBER
AFTER 10:15AM MASS.
THE FRIARS, AND EVERYONE IN THE
PARISH ARE WELCOME!**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
MEETINGS 2025/2026**

The Introductory Meeting for all Parents/Guardians/Candidates, who have submitted their application forms, will be on **16th November 2025 at 2pm in the Church.** All parents/guardians should have received an email detailing ALL the meetings. Please contact the Parish Office if you have not received the email. Thank you.

THE REPOSITORY

The Repository will be open after all Sunday Masses on both the **9th & 16th November 2025.** Christmas Cards, Church Art Calendars, Catholic Diaries, plus the usual Candles, Rosary Beads Crucifixes etc. All items can also be purchased, during the week, from the Parish Office, between 9:30am and 3:00pm
Monday to Friday.
CASH ONLY PLEASE.