



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"

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

15 February 2026

READ First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20
Responsorial Psalm: Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!
Second Reading: 1Corinthians 2:6-10
Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:17-37

To choose Jesus, with Jesus and for Jesus.
Sirach tells us that God created each of us with free will. But how are we going to make the right choice? The same wise man tells us that to remain faithful and be blessed, we must decide with Wisdom. St. Paul says that true wisdom is not just about learning and obeying the Law; it is Christ Himself. Through Christ's Spirit, we can learn to live rightly. In the Gospel, Jesus asserts that he has come to fulfill the Law, not to reject it. The entire Law finds its realization in Him. He is the ultimate teacher of the Law, the embodiment of the Scriptures.

REFLECT: We live in a world with many conflicting ideologies and philosophies. As in Sirach's time, we need a firm foundation to live our lives. Our readings tell us that in Jesus Christ, we can live a blessed and happy life. He has taught us how to live wisely as sons and daughters of the Father. This same Lord also gives us the Spirit, who empowers us to make the right choice and to live out that choice concretely. When confronted with the realities of the modern world, we are reminded to choose Jesus, with Jesus and for Jesus.

RESPOND: Let your "Yes" mean "Yes" and your "No" mean "No."

Prayer: Spirit of God, enlighten me to live out the Gospel and uphold its truth daily.

Source: Bible Diary 2026, 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**

- 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)
- Youth Mass – 1st Sunday of the Month at 10:15am.
- Mon - Fri: 12:15 pm,
Wed: 6:30 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: 6:00 pm**
- Sat: Morning Prayer: 9:40 am

MASS INTENTIONS Sunday 15 Feb 2026 – Saturday 21 Feb 2026

Sun	15 FEB 9:00	RIP - ANN, MARTEEN & JANELLE VAN ROOYEN	Wed	18 FEB 12:15	BD (M) - GABRIEL HANLEY
Sun	15 FEB 10:15	RIP (F) MOIRA O'BRIEN	Wed	18 FEB 6:30	MINISTER GENERAL MASSIMO FUSARELLI, OFM
Sun	15 FEB 12 Noon	RIP - VIORIS & ADINA DOTTING	Thu	19 FEB 12:15	RIP (F) BELINDA FRIERI AND RIP (F) IRENE CABEY
Mon	16 FEB 12:15	RIP (M) - LUCIANO IANNICELLI	Fri	20 FEB 12:15	SI - (F) AMILIA MANGONE
Tues	17 FEB 12:15	RIP (M) - THOMAS KENELLY	Sat	21 FEB 10:00	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			Sat	21 FEB 6:00PM	BD (M) TOM WALSH

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://stfrancisassisistratford.com/newsletters>



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<https://tinyurl.com/4weu2mh6> or
<https://whatsapp.com/channel/0029VbA3Xba6xCSIP3JJa0I>



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



**PILGRIMAGES TO ASSISI
SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2026**

September 18 – 22 2026 (24 People Max)
Chaplain – Fr Desire, OFM

October 9 – 13 2026 (24 people Max)
Chaplain – Fr. Yusuf, OFM

COST £550.00 Excluding Air Fare.

Please see posters at the back of the
Church for details.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross commence on
Friday 20 February 2026 up to
and including
Friday 27 March 2026 at 6:30pm.

**FRANCISCAN JUBILEE YEAR.
Echos from the Heart of
St Francis of Assisi.**

“Since you speak of peace, all the more so
must you have it in your hearts. Let none be
provoked to anger or scandal by you, but
rather may they be drawn to peach and good
will, to benignity and concord through your
gentleness”,

Legion of the Three Companions.

**GLUTTON FREE
HOLY COMMUNION WAFERS**

From Sunday 15 March 2026, we will
introduce Glutton-Free Holy Communion
Wafers. Anyone wishing to receive these,
please let the Friar presiding at the Mass
know when you go up to receive Holy
Communion. Thank you.

**CATHOLIC UNION –
YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION
2026**

Forgiveness – What does it look like to
you? Send your entry in to:
info@catholicunion.org.uk by 22/5/2026.
Open to Age Groups Reception to Year 6.
For full details, see poster at the back of
the Church.

**CATHOLIC UNION – YOUNG
WRITERS COMPETITION
2026.**

Why do we go to Confession?
Open to Secondary School Years 8 to 11.
Essays to be hand written, scanned &
posted to Catholic Young Writers Award
2026, 22 Redcross Way, London SE1 1TA.
No more than 1200 words & should
include specific reference to Scripture,
including Christ giving authority to His
Apostles to forgive sins in his name, to
the Catechism of the Catholic Church, &
to relevant papal documents, incl. Pope
St John Paul’s Reconciliatio et Paenitentia
(1984). Deadline: 30 June 2026.
Contact: Sam Ayertey of the K.S.C.

Golden opportunity to learn how to
download and use the NHS App. On *Wednesday
25 February from 10.30 to 12*, in the Large Hall,
there will be a demonstration and individual help
to download and use the NHS App run by the
Healthy Ageing Irish Group. This is open to all,
refreshments will be available.

**HOME VISITS TO
HOUSEBOUND
PARISHIONERS.**

Do you know any of our Parishioners who
are sick and/or housebound, and would
like Holy Communion and/or Confession?
Please contact the Parish Office with the
details of the person concerned, and a visit
by a Priest will be arranged.