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



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

01 March 2026

READ First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

Responsorial Psalm: May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-19

Remain open to God's words.

The overarching thread for today's liturgy is "Journey." The first reading presents God's call to Abram to leave his country and journey to a land God has prepared for him to become a great nation. In the second reading, St. Paul exhorted Timothy to remain committed to his journey as a minister of the gospel of the Lord. The gospel presents the Lord's transfiguration as he journeys from Galilee to Jerusalem.

REFLECT: The Lord's transfiguration showed the glory that awaits him. That same glory was meant to inspire Jesus's disciples as they journeyed with him to his passion and death in Jerusalem. In our life's journey, the Lord accompanies us and reminds us of our destination, the glory reserved for the faithful disciples. We can only be successful in this journey and reach our goal stay focused faithful to the Father's words in the gospel: "This is my beloved Son, listen to him." on the journey, let us remain open to God's words that remind us of the right way, pace, and attitude. We also remember that we are all pilgrims in this synodal journey toward the Father, so let us be sensitive and help each other along the way.

RESPOND: Give a helping hand or a listening ear to a person in need.

Prayer: God, our Father, give us hearts that remain sensitive to your voice.

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.

Daily Mass

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 -06:00 pm

- Saturday Morning Prayer -09:40 am

FRANCISCAN JUBILEE
The Church is OPEN
every WEDNESDAY
after the 12:15pm MASS for
ADORATION and PRAYER

MASS INTENTIONS Sunday 1 Mar 2026 - Saturday 7 Mar 2026

Sun	1 MAR 9:00	SI - BRIAN McCARTHY	Wed	4 MAR 12:15	FUNERAL MASS - CATHERINE CARTY
Sun	1 MAR 10:15	SI - KATHLEEN MARIE McDONAGH	Wed	4 MAR 6:30	POPE LEO XIV
Sun	1 MAR 12 Noon	SI - MADELEINE SARLET PONTIN	Thu	5 MAR 12:15	RIP ANNIV (F) MARVA TURNHAM
Mon	2 MAR 12:15	RIP ANNIV (F) CHIMYEL EZIGWE	Fri	6 MAR 12:15	RIP (M) FR NINIAN ARBUCKLE, OFM
Tues	3 MAR 12:15	RIP ANNIV (F) FELOMINA PEREZ	Sat	7 MAR 10:00	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			Sat	7 MAR 6:00PM	RIP (M) - FRANKIE KERRIGAN

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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FRANCISCAN JUBILEE YEAR

Echoes from the Heart of St Francis of Assisi.

"When a man is too sure of himself, he becomes less wary of the enemy, and if the devil can call his own even one hair of a man's head, he will lose no time in making a rope of it

Words of St. Francis from *Bonaventure* 01 March 2026

PILGRIMAGES TO ASSISI

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2026

September 18 – 22 2026 (24 People Max)

Chaplain – Fr Desire, OFM

October 9 – 13 2026 (24 people Max)

October Dates to be Confirmed.

Chaplain – Fr. Yusuf, OFM

COST £550.00 ALL INCLUSIVE.

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, followed by Mass.

FAMILY FAST DAY/CAFOD

ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.

SISTER HALOGUE MELLETT

I'm sure many of our Parishioners remember Sister Halogue. Unfortunately, she is extremely unwell. We would request you remember her in your prayers. Thank you.

THE FUNERAL MASS

OF CATHERINE CARTY, RIP WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH AT 12:15PM.

REPOSITORY:

The Repository will be open after all Sunday Masses on 8 March 2026. St Francis of Assisi Candles, Statues, Prayer Cards, Tau Crosses etc., as well as the usual Candles, Rosary Beads and so forth. *Cash only please.*

HOT MEALS ON SATURDAY FOR THE HOMELESS.

We are providing a Hot Meal on Saturday for the Homeless. All donations from our Parishioners are very much appreciated. 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 COMPLETION 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.

LENTEN APPEAL – ST FRANCIS LEPROSY GUILD.

As part of our Lenten Appeal, we are celebrating the 800 Year Anniversary to the Death of St Francis. Our Lenten Appeal will be for the St Francis Leprosy Guild. There will be a box at the back of the Church for you to place your donations all during Lent. As always, we thank you sincerely for your generosity.

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.