



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”

EASTER OF THE LORD’S RESURRECTION 05 April 2026

READ : First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Responsorial Psalm: This is the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-19

Christ is risen!

Today's readings remind us of Easter reality. In the first reading, Peter proclaims that Jesus, who was killed, rose again and commanded them to bear witness to him as Lord and God. St. Paul exhorts the Colossians that as believers in the risen Lord, we have all died and risen with him. As such, we ought to live genuinely as Easter people, setting our hearts on godly matters. The gospel takes us back to the first Easter morning when the disciples could no longer find the Lord's dead body in the tomb.

REFLECT: Easter reminds us that there is life after death. The Lord did not remain forever in the tomb; instead, he rose for you and me. Christ is risen! We who believe in him and are baptized in his spirit share in the power of his resurrection. We are Easter people. This means we are not meant to stay buried in the tomb of our sins, bad habits, severe addictions, or depression.

Nothing can hold us down anymore - sadness, discouragement, doubt, not even death. Amid the darkness of the world, with its hatred and violence, we are reminded that Christ has conquered all and that we have the power to face these challenges. We, too, can conquer all if we put our faith in him who rose from the dead.

RESPOND: Face life's challenges with faith in the power of Christ's resurrection.

Prayer: Lord, give me the grace to remain rooted in you and face the world confidently.

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: 7pm,
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 5 APRIL 2026 – Saturday 11 APRIL 2026

Sun	5 APR 9:00	SI/EASTER BLESSING MRS BON & FAMILY	Wed	8 ARIL 12:15	RIP (F) PEGGY CARRIG
Sun	5 APR 10:15	SI/EASTER BLESSING MELROS GREY AND TG ANN HEANYI		8 APRIL 7PM	MINISTER GENERAL MASSIMO FUSARELLI, OFM
Sun	5 APR 12:00	SI/EASTER BLESSING BERNIE DAVISON AND SR ELIZE CLARE CILLAR	Thu	9 APRIL 12:15	SI - TAMEEN SCANLON
Mon	6 APR 12:00	SI - LAURA IANNICELLI	Fri	10 APRIL 12:15	SI (F) - SHIOBAN & FAMILY
Tues	7 APR 12:15	SI - BRUNO RINALDI	Sat	11 APRIL 10:00	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			Sat	11 APRIL 6:30q	SI/EASTER BLESSING ANN-MARIE O'TOOLE & 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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FRANCISCAN JUBILEE YEAR
Echoes from the Heart of St Francis
of Assisi

“Dearest brothers, we are under a greater obligation than other Religious to follow the example of Christ’s humility and poverty, for it is to this end that we have been called and professed before God and men.”

Words of St Francis from Mirror of Perfection

The Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed from Tuesday 7th April up to and including Friday 10th April 2026 and re-open on Monday 13th April 2026.

Holy Week & Easter Triduum

Easter Sunday 5 April 9am, 10:15am & 12 noon

Sun 12 April – Divine Mercy 9am, 10:15 & 12 noon

Mon 6 April – Fri 10 April Divine Mercy Novena Prayer will be incorporated at 12:15 Mass.

Sat April 11 – Divine Mercy Novena Prayer will be incorporated at 10am Mass.

PILGRIMAGES TO ASSISI
SEPTEMBER 2026

September 18 – 22 2026 (24 People Max)

Chaplain – Fr Desire, OFM

COST £550.00 ALL INCLUSIVE.

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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.

Jesus said to Mary of Magdela, 'Woman why are weeping? Who are you looking for?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said, 'Sir, if you have taken him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and remove him.' Jesus said, 'Mary!' She turned round then and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbuni!', which means Master. Jesus said to her, 'Do not cling to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to the brothers, and tell them: I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'



John 20

EASTER GIFT FOR THE PARISH

If you are thinking of an Easter Gift for the parish, you may consider the following liturgical items/articles.



Please contact the parish priest or parish office for your donation. May the good Lord bless you and your loved ones.

HOLD THE DATE:

Aylesford Pilgrimage for the Inauguration of New Knights of St Columba, will be Sunday June 28th 2026 - £20 per adult - £5 for children – we will accept less for those who cannot afford the full amount.
Contact: Sarah on 07778 868827

HAPPY EASTER

The Friars and staff at St Francis of Assisi Church, would like to wish everyone a very **Happy and Holy Easter.**