



THE PILGRIM

St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church E15 1BJ.

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Second Sunday of Easter
12 APRIL 2026

READ First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Responsorial Psalm: Give praise to the Lord, for he is good.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

Our Lord, and our God.

The early Christian community was dedicated to living out their faith in the Lord, fostering a common life of sharing and prayer. Through them, the Lord continued His works of wonders and salvation. In the second reading, Peter urged his fellow believers to remain steadfast in their faith until the Lord's return. This is complemented by the Gospel, where the Risen Lord rebuked Thomas for not believing in Him unless he saw Him. Jesus declared blessedness for those who have not seen and yet believe.

REFLECT: Thomas said, "My Lord and My God" as his praise to the Lord. As he touched the wounds of Christ, he must have realized the great love Christ had for us that he was willing to go through all those sufferings. The human Jesus is no longer with us but continues to journey with the Church through His Spirit and the Sacraments. Through the Church and the sacraments, we continue to encounter Christ and are reminded of God's great love for us. Let us hold firm to our faith in him and allow this faith to make us vessels of his love and goodness to others so that they may also encounter the Risen Lord and come to believe in him, our Lord, and our God.

Prayer: Lord, strengthen my faith in you, especially in moments of doubt and difficulty.

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

FRANCISCAN JUBILEE

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

MASS INTENTIONS Sunday 12 APRIL 2026 – Saturday 18 APRIL 2026

Sun	12 APR 9:00	TG - SHIRLEY AFFAT	Wed	15 APRIL 12:15	RIP (F) - VADVIGA
Sun	12 APR 10:15	SI - GRETA & FAMILY AND ST - CONSTANCE & MERCY MOMAH		15 APRIL 7PM	<i>POPE LEO</i>
Sun	12 APR 12:00	RIP (F) - ANN ROSS	Thu	16 APRIL 12:15	TG - MELVIN BARTOLOME
Mon	13 APR 12:00	SI/EASTER BLESSING - THE FRIARS AT WOODFORD.	Fri	17 APRIL 12:15	SI/EASTER BLESSING FR MICHAEL O'GRADY, OFM
Tues	14 APR 12:15	SI/EASTER BLESSING RAMONA FERNANDES & FAMILY AND BD - EVONNE CABEY	Sat	18 APRIL 10:00	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			Sat	18 APRIL 6:00	SR/GH - CHRIS BYRNE

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

FRANCISCAN JUBILEE YEAR
Echoes from the Heart of St Francis
of Assis

“While blessed Francis was with the first friars, he lived with them in such poverty that they observed the holy Gospel to the letter in all things and through all things, from the very day when our Lord revealed to him that he and his friars were to live according to the pattern of the holy Gospel.”

Mirror of Perfection

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.

ST BONAVENTURES' STUDENT
PILGRIMAGE TO ROME PART 2:

The students had an extraordinary time in Rome. Among many memorable moments, they climbed the Holy Stairs of the Santa Scala on their knees in prayer, participated in Mass at the Archbasilica of St John Lateran and at the Venerable English College, and were able to witness first-hand the beauty of the Vatican Museums and St Peter's Basilica. The highlight of the pilgrimage was the tremendous privilege of attending an audience with the Holy Father - Pope Leo, an experience that deeply moved the students and staff alike. **Some student quotes** *"The pilgrimage has really changed my life, especially since getting my rosaries blessed by the Pope, and just seeing so many religious places, it makes me motivated to pray more"* *"This pilgrimage helped me strengthen my faith and my relationship with God. I also understood how important prayer truly is within the Catholic Church "Seeing historical sites or places of miracles often moves my faith from a "concept" to a "reality" "It showed me that God's influence can create amazing things and my faith in him has increased because of his presence in the many basilicas we visited "Thank you once again for your generosity and prayers. Your support helped make this pilgrimage possible and allowed our young people to grow in faith while encountering the rich history and life of the Church. God Bless Suzan Ali, Chaplain and Teacher of RE, St Bonaventure's*

HOLD THE DATE:

Aylesford Pilgrimage for 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.

MONTHLY BLESSING

1st Sunday - Birthday
2nd Sunday - Youth & Children
3rd Sunday - Wedding & Anniversary
4th Sunday - Elderly & Sick
5th Sunday - Family

Every Sunday for Pilgrims/Travellers/Tourists.

THE ALLIANCE OF TWO HEARTS
(The Holy Family International):

Calling all interested parishioners and devotees of The Alliance of Two Hearts. You are invited to a short "Cookies & Coffee" meeting on Sunday 26th April at 10am in the Small Hall.

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MASS REQUESTS & INTENTIONS:

Thank you all for allowing the Priest-Presiding prepare himself for the Holy Eucharist. Mass Intentions should go through the Parish Office, not when the Priest is about to start Mass.