

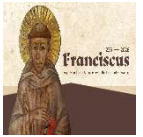


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“A fraternal and hearty welcome to the new members of our Parish Community and all visiting sisters and brothers”

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

19 APRIL 2026

READ First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33

Responsorial Psalm: O Lord, you will show me the path of life.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21 **Gospel Reading:** Luke 24:13-15

He leads his flock to good pasture.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter addressed the crowd gathered in Jerusalem to repent and be baptized to be saved. Like a shepherd, he and the Eleven gathered before the Lord those who believed in him. We have the same Peter in the second reading, exhorting the believers that, like stray sheep, they have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of their souls. And Jesus, in the gospel, offers himself as the good shepherd of his flock.

REFLECT: Jesus sets himself as the model shepherd, presenting to us the three qualities of a good shepherd. First, he knows his sheep. His dedication to us is as close as a shepherd is to his sheep. He knows each one of us in a profoundly personal way. Secondly, he defends his sheep. He stresses that he never deserts us and is ready to lay down his life for us. Should we stray from the flock, Jesus would leave the 99 sheep and go and search for us. Lastly, he leads his flock to good pasture.

Jesus calls us to follow him in the path of goodness and righteousness. He accompanies us and is always present to serve us in any way. He came not only to lead us to a good pasture but so that we might have life in all its fullness.

RESPOND: Help a needy friend today.

Prayer: Lord, make me your co-shepherd to my brothers and sisters.

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: 6:00 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 19 APRIL 2026 – Saturday 25 APRIL 2026

Sun	19 APR 9:00	BD (F) - EILEEN O'CONNOR	Wed	22 ARIL 12:15	RIP/ANNIV - ANGELA GERAGHTY
Sun	19 APR 10:15	SI/EASTER BLESSING - DES, ANNETTE & FAMILY AND BD (F) MARY-LOURDES MOMAH		22 APRIL 7PM	BISHOP ALAN WILLIAMS
Sun	19 APR 12:00	JOSE ANSIO	Thu	23 APRIL 12:15	RIP (F) BELINDA FRIERI
Mon	20 APR 12:15	SI (M) SHANE MOTTON	Fri	24 APRIL 12:15	BD/RIP (F) THERESA BRAMBLE
Tues	21 APR 12:15	SI (M) BRIAN McCARTHY AND RIP (F) IVY DS	Sat	25 APRIL 10:00	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			Sat	25 APRIL 6:00	RIP (F) MRS LORNA LEE

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

It seemed at the time, whether because of the presence of St Francis or through his reputation, that a new light had been sent from Heaven upon the earth, shattering the widespread darkness that had so filled almost the whole region that hardly anyone knew where to go."

Writings of St Francis

Safeguarding Notice

Please accompany your children when they go to use the toilet. When the church and car park are open, the toilets are accessible to the general public, and we cannot guarantee that a child would not be approached by someone they do not know or someone behaving inappropriately. **Please do not put your child at risk.**

Sarah Mckiernan - Parish Safeguarding representative.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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2026 ADDITIONAL SCHEDULE OF MASSES - April & May

23 APR 2026 (Thursday) SAINT GEORGE, Martyr Solemnity Holy Mass - 12:15PM and 7PM

29 APR 2026 (Wednesday) ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA, Virgin, Doctor *Feast* Holy Mass - 12:15PM and 7PM

04 MAY 2026 (Monday) THE ENGLISH MARTYRS *Feast* Holy Mass - 12:15PM and 7PM

14 MAY 2026 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (Thursday) Solemnity Holy Mass - 12:15PM & 7PM

27 MAY 2026 SAINT AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY (Wednesday) *Feast* Holy Mass - 12:15PM and 07:00PM

28 MAY 2026 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST (Thursday) *Feast* Holy Mass - 12:15PM and 07:00PM

REMINDER:

We appreciate that most Parishioners are early or on time for Mass. However, if you are early/on time, would you please utilize the seats at the front of the Church so that any late-comers don't have to disrupt the Mass. Thank you all for your co-operation.

SECOND COLLECTION - SUNDAY 19 APRIL 2026

Today's Second Collection will be for The St Vincent De Paul Society.

SECOND COLLECTION - SUNDAY 26 APRIL 2026

Next Sunday's Second Collection will be for The Promotion of Vocations.