

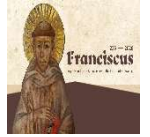


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“A fraternal and hearty welcome to the new members of our Parish Community and all visiting sisters and brothers”

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

26 APRIL 2026

READ

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Resp. Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: Peter 2:20b - 25

Gospel Reading: John 10: 1 - 10

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 depends 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: 12:15pm
Wed - 07:00pm
Sat - 10:00am
- **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**
Wed: 01:00pm – 06:00pm
Sat: 10:30am – 11:30 am
- **Reconciliation**
Wed: 05:00pm - 06:00pm
Sat: 10:30am - 11:30am, 05:00pm - 05:45pm & by Appointment
- **Novena/Rosary**
Tue: St. Anthony 12:45pm
Wed: Franciscan Crown 01:30pm
Divine Mercy 03:00pm
Mo. of Perpetual Help 05:00pm
Holy Rosary 06:00pm
Sat: Morning Prayer 09:40am

FRANCISCAN JUBILEE

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

MASS INTENTIONS Sunday 26 APRIL 2026 – Saturday 2 MAY 2026

Sun	26 APR 09:00am	RIP/ANNIV (F) ANGELA GERAGHTY	Wed	29 APR 12:15pm	RIP (F) KATHLEEN DROMEY
Sun	26 APR 10:15am	SR/GH (F) GLORIA IBBE		29 APR 07:00pm	POPE LEO
Sun	26 APR 12:00pm	JOSE ANSIO AND RIP (M) MICHAEL BRETTELL	Thu	30 APR 12:15pm	RIP (F) ANNIE SLANE
Mon	27 APR 12:15pm	RIP (M) LUCIANO IANNICELLI	Fri	31 APR 12:15pm	RIP (F) KATHLEEN DROMEY
Tues	28 APR 12:15pm	SI (F) EMILIA MANGONE	Sat	2 MAY 10:00AM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			Sat	2 MAY 06:00PM	RIP/ANNIV (M) JOHN O'NEILL AND RIP (M) - HECTOR FUENTEBELLA

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

“Stupendous indeed is the condescension of Christ which gives the greatest gifts to those who are doing the least and in a flood of many waters, preserves and advances the things that are his”

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The Cover of our Tabernacle During Franciscan Jubilee Year

Our Lady of the Angels – Portiuncula. The Portiuncula, meaning "little portion," is a 4th-century chapel near Assisi, Italy, that serves as the spiritual heart of the Franciscan Order. Restored by St. Francis of Assisi in 1208, it is where he founded the Order of Friars Minor, welcomed St. Clare, received his calling to poverty, and died on October 3, 1226.

Key Significance of the Portiuncula:

Birthplace of Franciscanism: The tiny chapel is located inside the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels and is where Francis received his first followers. The "Pardon of Assisi" Indulgence: In 1216, Pope Honorius III granted a plenary indulgence to anyone who visits this chapel, a privilege now extended to all churches worldwide on August 2nd, known as the Feast of Portiuncula.

Symbol of Poverty and Rebuilding:

After repairing it, Francis and his brothers lived there in poverty, following the command to "repair My Church,"

Marian Devotion:

The chapel is dedicated to St. Mary of the Angels and was central to Francis's devotion to the Mother of God. Today, the site remains a major place of pilgrimage for peace and repentance, often called "a place of the soul" that signifies the Franciscan vocation of brotherhood and simplicity.



MAY THE GOOD LORD BLESS YOU
FOR YOUR SUPPORT & LOVE OFFERING
FOR THE FRANCISCAN JUBILEE YEAR ACTIVITIES

The donation box is located below the image and relic of St. Francis of Assisi.

Can I receive the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Communion?

If you have been baptised and made your First Holy Communion, you can receive the Blessed Sacrament. Catholics and non-Catholics can receive a blessing. All they need to do is cross their arms over their chest when they approach the priest.

Would you like to know more about your faith or become a Catholic? Contact the parish office

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.

2026 ADDITIONAL SCHEDULE OF MASSES –

April 29 APR 2026 (Wednesday)

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA, Virgin, Doctor Feast

Holy Mass - 12:15PM and 07:00PM

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.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION – SUNDAY 26 APRIL 2026 Promotion of Vocations.