



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”

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 10 MAY 2026

READ First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
Responsorial Psalm: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.
Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18
Gospel Reading: John 14:15-21

Jesus commands us to love.

Following the Lord's command, the apostles preached the Good News to Samaria and the surrounding areas. This call to witness to the Lord is deepened in the second reading, where Peter encourages the believers to lead upright lives. In the gospel, Christ urges his disciples to demonstrate their love for him by obeying his commandments.

REFLECT: Jesus commands us to love - not just with our words but through our actions. "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments." Obeying the Lord's teachings marks us as His faithful followers. We aim to please Him, driven by love rather than fear. In return, He grants us the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, to dwell within us. The Spirit nurtures, guides, and comforts us on our journey — assuring us that we are never alone. Even in times of trial, the Spirit's presence brings us peace. The early Christians experienced the power of the Spirit as they carried on the Lord's mission. May we love and obey the Lord's commandments, knowing that through our obedience, we remain in Him, and He in us, forever held by the power of His Spirit.

RESPOND: Recall those who have hurt you. Forgive them and pray for them.

Prayer: Lord, help us remain faithful in following your commandments even amid trials, knowing that your Spirit is always with us.

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 YEAR

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

MASS INTENTIONS Sunday 10 MAY 2026 – Saturday 16 MAY 2026

Sun	10 MAY 9AM	RIP (M) -ALAN WILLIAM MORAN AND RIP (M) JOEMAR EVANGELISTA AND JOAQUIN SANTOS	Wed	13 MAY 12:15	BD (F) GLENDA AND GH/SR - LADON SAMSEDINI
Sun	10 MAY 10:15	F.M.U	Wed	13 MAY 7PM	POPE LEO
Sun	10 MAY 12 Noon	SJ - ALMA FALLARIA	Thur	14 MAY 12:15	SI - SHANE & FAMILY
Mon	11 MAY 12:15	RIP/ANNIV (M) HARRY ALLEN	Fri	15 MAY 12:15	RIP (M) THOMAS & SI LISA & FAMILY
Tues	12 MAY 12:15	TG - K.T.	Sat	16 MAY 10AM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			Sat	16 MAY 6PM	RIP (F) ANNIE SLANIE AND RIP (F) MARIA SKRZYPEK

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

"This already beneath his secular garb he wore a religious spirit and, withdrawing from public to solitary places, he was often admonished by a visitation of the Holy Spirit. For he was carried away and enticed by the perfect sweetness when poured over him with such abundance from the very beginning that it never departed from him as long as he lived."

Celano. Second Life.

HOME VISIT 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.

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**

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World Youth Day 2027 (Seoul, South Korea)

Be part of something extraordinary at World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea. Travel with the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service to join hundreds of thousands of young Catholics from around the world, gathered with Pope Leo for this global celebration of faith. Open to those currently in Year 13 and above. Details and applications: www.bcys.net/events/wyd27

BCYS Youth Mass: The next Youth Masses will take place at Brentwood Cathedral on 4th June and 2nd July. It is open to any young people from around the Diocese to enjoy pizza, prayer, workshops and celebrate Mass together! For more information, please visit www.bcys.net/events

Diocesan Walsingham Pilgrimage – Saturday from the BCYS will be joining the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham, and we would like to invite other young people to join and assist with the liturgy. Please contact gabriellaskinner@brcdt.org if you are interested.

DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD

From: Rt Rev Mgr Gordon Read, Diocesan Chancellor and Judicial Vicar

If you know the whereabouts of the following person, please contact the Tribunal Office on 01277 265283 or by email TOTribunal@brcdt.org, quoting the reference number given below. It is important that I make contact with them, if possible, in order to protect their rights under Canon Law.

Mr C Beard 45/25

PENTECOST SUNDAY – 24th May '26 Parish Intercultural Sunday – Large Hall.

To celebrate the above, we invite you to Bring & Share food, bring the flag of your country (One Foot in size only), and where possible, wear the national dress of your country. We will have a **sign-up sheet to register for the above**, at the back of the Church. Please ensure you register your name for this celebration.

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