

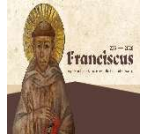


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“A fraternal and hearty welcome to the new members of our Parish Community and all visiting sisters and brothers”

PENTECOST SUNDAY 24 MAY 2026

READ First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Responsorial Psalm:

Send forth your spirit, O, Lord, and renew the face of earth.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Gospel Reading: John 20:19- 23

The Spirit is God's presence within us.

In the Gospel, Jesus appeared to the eleven disciples after His Resurrection and breathed on them the Holy Spirit. They received the initial power of the Spirit to forgive sins. When He ascended into heaven, His disciples and other followers were not left alone, as He also sent them the Spirit of the Father and the Son. The Acts of the Apostles' reading tells us how the first Christians received the Holy Spirit. This Spirit imparts various gifts in the Church to form one body of Christ.

REFLECT: The Spirit is God's presence within us. With Him, we are never alone in confronting our weaknesses and difficulties. As we strive to lead good and honest lives, reach out to those in need, and make a difference in our family and community, we have the Spirit of the Father with us. Sometimes, we become so absorbed with our concerns that we forget the Father's presence. The Holy Spirit instills hope amid significant challenges, reminding us that God is always there and will fulfill His promises to us.

RESPOND: See how you can help in building up your Christian community.

Prayer: Holy Spirit of God, you dwell within me. Let us face this day together. Guide me, inspire me, and strengthen me.

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 24 MAY 2026 – Saturday 30 MAY 2026

Sun	24 MAY 9AM	RIP (F) ROSE MESINA SI - PETER & NELLIE (Pray for their new born premature twins)	Wed	27 MAY 12:15	DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE GERAGHTY FAMILY
Sun	24 MAY 10:15	RIP (F) MARTHA SIOSON	Wed	27 MAY 7PM	FR AIDEN McGRATH, OFM
Sun	26 MAY 12 Noon	RIP ANNIV – JOHNY CASINAS	Thur	28 MAY 12:15	RIP ANNIV (M) ESCOLASTICO CASINAS AND TG FROM MELANIE ANCHETA & FAMILY
Mon	25 MAY 12:15	RIP (F) BELINDA FREIERI	Fri	29 MAY 12:15	RIP/BD - PRUDENCE RODERICK
Tues	26 MAY 12:15	RIP ANNIV – DAPROSA CASINAS	Sat	30 MAY 10AM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			Sat	30 MAY 6PM	RIP (F) - MRS HAZEL McGIVERN AND RIP (M) MEDARDAS NAGAITTS

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

"How glorious, how holy and wonderful it is to have a Father in heaven. How holy it is, how beautiful and lovable to have in heaven a Bridegroom. How holy and beloved, how pleasing and lovely, how peaceful, delightful, lovable and desirable above all things, it is to have a Brother like this, who laid down his life for his sheep"

Words of St Francis

FRANCISCAN MISSION MONTH

June 01-30, 2026

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA Patron Saint of Franciscan Mission

Please see the Posters for full details.

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 of
St. Francis of Assisi

SECOND COLLECTION S.V.P.

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.

MESSAGE FROM C.A.F.O.D

We have received the following message from CAFOD: "Thank you to all parishioners at St Francis of Assis for your generous support of CAFOD this year, and thank you for being there for our global family."

You also have the thanks of the Friars.

THE CAR PARK – PENTECOST SUNDAY

As this is going to be a very busy day what with First Communions, Confirmations and our Pentecost Multi-Cultural Feast, we would ask that if at all possible, you DO NOT bring your cars. Thank you all for your understanding.

Parish coach pilgrimage to Aylesford

on Sunday 28 June - price £20 - Children £5 - call Sarah on 07778 868827 to book

St Francis Knight's and Bubbly Club St

Francis Social on 4 July - a St Francis themed event. Tickets £15 per adult, £5 per child under 12. On sale now at the back of the church. Come and enjoy the feast.

Parish seaside outing to Dovercourt on Saturday 15 August - Price £20 - Children £5

-call Sarah Price can be subsidised for anyone unable to pay full price - Call Sarah on 07778 868827 to book

2026 ADDITIONAL SCHEDULE OF MASSES – May

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