



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”

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST 07 JUNE 2026

READ First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a
Responsorial Psalm: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord!
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17
Gospel Reading: John 6:51-58

The Eucharist is true food and drink for us.

In the first reading, God fed his traveling people with manna in the desert, the food God provided for His people on their journey. Meanwhile, in the second reading, St. Paul tells the believers in Corinth that taking the bread and wine is a communion with the Body and Blood of Christ, forming us into one body in Christ. In the Gospel, from chapter 6 of John, Jesus declares himself the Bread of Life, giving life to those who eat it.

REFLECT: The Eucharist is true food and drink for us, but at the same time, it is also very different from every other food and drink that we take. The food we eat is transformed into our bodies, but the food of the Eucharist transforms us into the Body of Christ. Indeed, as we take the Body of Christ, we are being transformed into his likeness and empowered to live out our identity and call as Christians more effectively. The Lord Jesus is with us; in the Eucharist, he empowers us as we continue our synodal journey toward the Father.

RESPOND: Consider how you can share your resources with those in need.

Prayer: Father, thank you for giving us your Son as our Bread of Life. Continue to nourish us so we may be a piece of bread to others.

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 7 June 2026 – Saturday 13 June 2026

Sun	7 JUNE 9AM	GH/SR - GEORGE RHODES	10 JUNE 12:15	SI - (M) BRUNO RINALDI	
Sun	7 JUNE 10:15	GH,SR - GERALDINE SUMMERS	Wed	10 JUNE 7PM	FR AIDEN McGRATH, OFM
Sun	7 JUNE 12 Noon	GH (M) AMADO JAMISOLA	Thur	11 JUNE 12:15	RIP (F) BELINDA FRIERI
Mon	8 JUNE 12:15	SI - (M) ANDREA MIGLIVOLO	Fri	12 JUNE 12:15	RIP (M) PETER FLEMING
Tues	9 JUNE 12:15	RIP (M) LUCIANO IANNICELLI	Sat	13 JUNE 10AM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			Sat	13 JUNE 6PM	RIP (F) - REBECCA ADJONWO
					AKINRELE AND
					RIP (F) - BREDA LENNON

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

"We are also bound to fast and avoid vice and sin, taking care not to give way to excess in food and drink, and we must be Catholics. We should visit churches often and show great reverence for the clergy, not just for them personally, for they be sinners, but because of their high office, for it is they who administer the most holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Writings 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.

Franciscan Mission Month & Feast of St. Anthony

The month of June is designated as **Franciscan Mission Month**, with **St. Anthony**, the Patron Saint of the Franciscan Mission, at the heart of our celebration. The **Feast of St. Anthony** is the highlight of this special month.

Our Novena to St. Anthony will begin on **4 June**. Envelopes for your prayer intentions and donations are available at the back of the church. We also encourage everyone to take a few moments to view the posters displayed around the church for information on the various activities and events planned throughout the month.

Franciscan Missionary Union

For those who wish to become partners of the **Franciscan Missionary Union (FMU Stratford)**, registration forms are available at the back of the church. Kindly complete and sign the form and place it in the designated **FMU Box**.

Pilgrim Stamp Available

For pilgrims visiting our parish, the **St. Francis of Assisi Pilgrim Stamp** is available. If you would like to have your pilgrim passport stamped, please approach the priest celebrant after Mass or at an appropriate time.

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**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 THIS WEEK IS FOR

The Sick & Retired Clergy Fund

This weekend there will be the annual collection for the Sick & Retired Clergy Fund of the Diocese. Donations can be made in the 2nd Collection, online via the Diocesan Website or using any available Contactless devices, selecting the second collection option, (if applicable). The fund helps Clergy who require assistance in their retirement after years of service, it also helps those who are in ill health at any age. This is also an opportunity to thank parishioners who have bequeathed legacies in their wills and we would welcome any who are about to make, or review existing arrangements, to consider this worthy cause.

The Administrators of the fund would also like to express their gratitude to the families of deceased parishioners who have gifted legacies in the past.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER OF ST BONAVENTURE SCHOOL.

We are absolutely delighted to share the **outstanding** outcome of our recent **Catholic Schools Inspection**. This achievement is a wonderful affirmation of everything that makes our school such a special place and reflects the strength of our Catholic ethos, values and commitment to excellence in teaching and learning. This inspection was very much a team effort, and this success belongs to our whole school community. The outcome only reinforces what we already know — that our school is a vibrant, caring and faith-centred community where every child is valued and encouraged to flourish. We are incredibly proud of this achievement and look forward to continuing our journey together with faith, ambition and hope.

Mr C McCormack
Headteacher