



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”

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 14 JUNE 2026

READ First Reading: Exodus 19:2-6a
Responsorial Psalm: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.
Second Reading: Roman 5:6-11
Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:36-10:8

You and 1 are part of the mission.

Today's readings present the image of a God who never tires of calling His people to Himself. The first reading from Exodus recounts how God freed His people from slavery and made them His own. This is affirmed by St. Paul, who tells us that Christ died to redeem us while we were still helpless sinners. In the gospel, Matthew shares how Jesus took pity on God's people, who were like sheep without a shepherd.

REFLECT: Our readings present two compelling images: an eagle spreading its wings to gather its chicks and a shepherd seeking to unite the sheep of his flock. These images depict a loving Father who strives to bring us closer to Him. God even went the extra mile by sending His only Son for our redemption: to justify and reclaim His wayward children. In this divine mission, He called men and women to join Him as agents of His saving work. You and I are part of this mission. We are called to share what little we can so that others may also experience God's goodness and love.

RESPOND: Let us freely give as we have freely received.

Prayer: Lord, help me not to lose focus on your mission so that I may see how everything I do contributes to your saving work.

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 14 June 2026 – Saturday 20 June 2026

Sun	14 JUNE 9AM	F.M.U.	Wed	17 JUNE 12:15	BD (F) - MARCELLA
Sun	14 JUNE 10:15	BE/TG - NKIRUKA AMOKE	Wed	17 JUNE 7PM	BISHOP ALAN WILLIAMS
Sun	14 JUNE 12 Noon	RIP (M) MARK ORABIYI	Thur	18 JUNE 12:15	F.M.U.
Mon	15 JUNE 12:15	F.M.U.	Fri	19 JUNE 12:15	F.M.U.
Tues	16 JUNE 12:15	RIP (M) PETER FLEMING	Sat	20 JUNE 10AM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH AND VIRGINIA MOMAH
			Sat	20 JUNE 6PM	FMU

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
“A person is really poor in spirit when he hates himself and loves those who strike him in the face. (Mt 5:39)”.

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

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.

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 (FMU)

Those who wish to become partners of the Franciscan Missionary Union (FMU Stratford) are invited to complete a registration form, available at the back of the church. Kindly fill in and sign the form, then place it in the designated FMU Box.

You are also welcome to visit the FMU Office for further information about its mission, objectives, and programmes, and to learn about opportunities to serve as a volunteer and/or donor. Feel free to drop by for a chat over a cup of tea or coffee. Office hours are posted for your guidance.

Franciscan Jubilee (Pilgrim Stamp Available)

Pilgrims visiting our parish may receive the St. Francis of Assisi Pilgrim Stamp. If you would like your pilgrim passport stamped, please approach the priest celebrant after Mass or at another appropriate time.



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

THE SECOND COLLECTION

21 June 2026 - “DAY FOR LIFE”

On Sunday, 21 June, we mark the Day for Life under the theme “The Wonder of the Child in the Womb.”

The theme also recognises the loss of children who died before birth and the grief of their parents. The bishops’ message and prayers can be found on the Day for Life website: www.dayforlife.org. The second collection will go towards the Day for Life Fund, which distributes grants to organisations that promote respect for life from conception until natural death. You can also donate online via the Day for Life website.

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

Maranatha at Grays - 19 June 2026

Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus! All are warmly invited to an evening of prayer, praise and worship, including Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, where we come together to encounter the Holy Spirit and share fellowship in a Catholic context, **at St Thomas of Canterbury, Grays RM17 6SR on Friday 19th June 2026 7:00pm to 9:00pm, with refreshments afterwards.** Come and join us!