



# THE PILGRIM

## St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church E15 1BJ.

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

### THE FEAST OF ST PETER & ST PAUL 28 JUNE 2026

**READ First Reading:** Acts 12:1-11  
**Responsorial Psalm:** From all my terrors, the Lord set me free.  
**Second Reading:** 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18  
**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 16:13-19

#### We are called to be bearers of His presence.

In our first reading, the prophet Elisha receives the kindness and generosity of the Shunammite woman as he carries out his ministry as Yahweh's prophet. In return, the woman is rewarded when the prophet promises her a child. Jesus expresses a similar theme in the Gospel, assuring that those who accept and follow his message will be rewarded. In his letter to the Romans, St. Paul proclaims that those who believe in Christ are saved. For in baptism, they died with Christ, and just as Christ was raised from the dead, they too will receive new life in him.

**REFLECT:** Jesus assures us, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes him who sent me." This teaches us that our kindness and hospitality toward Christ's messengers are acts of love toward God Himself. As disciples of the Lord, we are called to be bearers of His presence. When we welcome others in His name and assist our brothers and sisters, we open the doors of our hearts to His grace. The Father, who sees all, rewards faithfulness with His divine presence and eternal joy. May we always embrace Christ in others, knowing He dwells among us.

**RESPOND:** Turn your inspirations into tangible acts of kindness.

**Prayer:** Lord, help me see you in 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 YEAR

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

### MASS INTENTIONS Sunday 28 June 2026 – Saturday 4 JULY 2026

Sun	28 JUNE 9AM	RIP/ANNIV (M) THOMAS BRAMBLE	Wed	01 JULY 12:15	RIP (F) IASHA RAHMAN
Sun	28 JUNE 10:15	MOYO & MELANIE OLUSEGUN	Wed	01 JULY 7PM	MINISTER GENERAL
Sun	28 JUNE 12 Noon	BD - SUSAN NEWLAND	Thur	02 JULY 12:15	MASSIMO FUSARELLI, OFM
Mon	29 JUNE 12:15	RIP (M) LUCIANO IANNICELLI	Fri	03 JULY 12:15	RIP CANON MICHAEL ENGLISH
Tues	30 JUNE 12:15	SI -BRUNO RINALDI	Sat	04 JULY 10AM	RIP (M) ROGER THOMPSON AND
			Sat	04 JUNLY 6PM	BD (1ST) (F) KYRA SUVACK
					PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
					TG - LEWIS FAMILY INTENTIONS

TG - Thanksgiving, SI - Special Intention, BD - Birthday, WA - Wedding Anniversary, ST - Safe Travel, GH - Good Health, SR - Speedy Recovery, RIP - Death/Death Anniversary

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<https://whatsapp.com/channel/0029VbA3Xba6xCSIP3Jjia0I>



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## FRANCISCAN JUBILEE YEAR

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God. (Mt 5:9)”

“They are truly peacemakers who are able to preserve their peace of mind and heart for love of our Lord Jesus Christ, despite all that they suffer in the world”.

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.

## 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

## TODAYS SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR “PETERS PENCE”

### 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

### FUNERAL MASSES AT ST FRANCIS

There will be two funerals here, as follows:-

*Thursday 9th July 2026. Mr Ian Osakwe, RIP.*

*Friday 10th July 2026 Mr Peter Fleming, RIP.*

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

### BI-ANNUAL MASS AT ST PATRICKS CEMETERY

The Bi Annual Mass will take place on Monday 13th July 2026 at 11:30am in the Cemetery Chapel. Everyone welcome.

**A Day With Mary** is hosting an International Symposium from 29 July to 31 July 2026 at St Mary's Catholic Church, West Croydon Further information is available at [www adaywithmary.org/symposium](http://www adaywithmary.org/symposium)

### PRO-LIFE MASS

You are invited by the members of “Gods Little Helpers” to a Pro Life Mass on Saturday 4th July at 12pm at Ealing Abbey, Newman Chapel, Charlbury Grove, London, W5 2DY.