



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"

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12 JULY 2026

READ First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

Responsorial Psalm: Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruits.

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:1-23

Our faith encourages us to trust God.

The prophet Isaiah tells us that God's word is given to all and will ultimately bear fruit in the lives of those who receive it. In the second reading, St. Paul expresses his hope for the day when the children of God and all of creation will share in God's glory. Jesus, in the gospel, informs his disciples that the generous God offers the seed of salvation to everyone.

REFLECT: A wise farmer knows where to plant the seed, making the sower in the parable seem foolish. Jesus tells us that the Father's love is "foolish." He does not define who we are but offers His gift of salvation to each of us, scattering the seed across all types of soil. We are the soil that receives the seed, and are called to nurture the good seed He has planted within us. Although we may never know the future, our faith encourages us to trust God. Let us never allow the challenges and crises that arise in life to hinder our growth and commitment to God. Instead, let us strive to nourish our faith and bear fruit for God's kingdom.

RESPOND: Develop a practical plan for daily reading of God's word.

Prayer: Bless our hearts, O God that we may nurture Your gift of salvation and bear the fruits of godness for 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 12 July 2026 – Saturday 18 July 2026

Sun	12 JULY 9AM	RIP (M) - PETER FLEMING	Wed	15 JULY 12:15	RIP (M) - JOSEPH MAHER AND RIP (M) - PATRICK (Packy) DONNELLY
Sun	12 JULY 10:15	TG - BIRTHDAY AND CHRISTENING	Wed	15 JULY 7PM	BISHOP ALAN WILLIAMS
Sun	12 JULY 12 Noon	RIP (M) - JIMMY MULHOLLAND	Thur	16 JULY 12:15	RIP (M) - PETER FLEMING
Mon	13 JULY 12:15	RIP (F) - RACHEL O'DONNELL	Fri	17 JULY 12:15	BD - FR BRIAN McGRATH (100 YEARS)
Tues	14 JULY 12:15	SI (F) - JENNIFER JOSEPH	Sat	18 JULY 10AM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			Sat	18 JULY 6PM	RIP - MR A. & MRS L. LEGRANDE

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

"Blessed the religious who takes no more pride in the good that God says and does through him, than in that which he says and does through someone else. It is wrong for anyone to be anxious to receive more from his neighbor than he himself is willing to give to God."

Writings of St Francis.

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.

Franciscan Mission Union

Please Visit the FMU Office!

As you make your way to or from the parking lot, we warmly invite you to stop by the **Franciscan Missionary Union (FMU) Office**, conveniently located below the Sacristy.

The FMU Office is our link to the Franciscan missions throughout the world. We invite you to become a **Mission Partner** in whatever way you are able, helping to support the Church's missionary work and the ministry of the Franciscans.

Our friendly volunteers will be delighted to welcome you, answer your questions, and assist you.

Thank you for your generosity and support. May the Lord richly bless you and your loved ones.

St. Anthony of Padua,
the Patron Saint of the Franciscan Mission,
pray for us!

Our Franciscan Jubilee Campaign is ongoing!

Join us in bringing hope to those in need by helping us provide **clothing, nutritious meals for children, and clean water**. Kindly drop off your donation at the **FMU Office**. Thank you for your generosity and support. May God bless you abundantly!



**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 today is for
"**Stella Maris**" formerly known as The
Apostleship of the Sea.

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.

Health and Safety.

If any Parishioner works in the area of Health and Safety or has a solid grasp of Health and Safety legislation, our priests and our Finance Committee would welcome your experience on a voluntary basis. If you have the relevant experience and are interested in volunteering please call Sarah McKiernan on 07778 868827 for more information

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

Final Places – Summer Holiday Opportunity.

The St John Bosco Children's Camp is held near Brentwood. It is an activities camp including archery, fishing, Aqua Park visit, football, kayaking and much more. Final places are currently available for children currently in school year 5 – 7 (i.e. aged 9 - 12 on 31st August 2026) to spend a week at camp. Week One - 25th July – 1st August or Week Two 1st – 8th August. The camp is run with a Catholic ethos and is for all children, especially those who may not otherwise have a summer holiday. Suggested donation £200, but fully funded places are also available thanks to generous grants. All application details are at www.boscocamp.co.uk

Fr Brian's 100th Birthday

There will be a parish celebration for Fr Brian's 100th Birthday on Saturday 1st August following 6pm Mass.

*Please sign the card at the back of the church.
Please bring food to share (and if possible, let us know what you are bringing by adding yourself to the list at the back of the church).*

Come and join in on the evening.

Thank You for a Successful Summer Social! ★

We had a fantastic time at the Franciscan Jubilee Summer Socials last Saturday! A special thank you to Bubbly Club, the Knights of St Columba, and our dedicated parishioners for making it a success. Success is always born in cooperation!