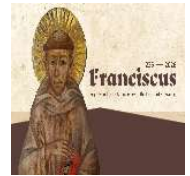




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"A fraternal and hearty welcome to the new members of our Parish Community and all visiting sisters and brothers"

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19 JULY 2026

READ First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
Responsorial Psalm: O Lord, you are good and forgiving.
Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27
Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:24-42

We are called to be discerning.

The Sage in the Book of Wisdom praises the Almighty God for His mercy, justice, prudence, and great patience in dealing with His people. In the second reading, Paul tells the believers that the Spirit comes to our aid and intervenes in our weakness. In the gospel, Jesus narrates the parable of the weeds among the wheat, instructing his listeners not to make rash judgments.

REFLECT: The Parable of the Weeds is a powerful reminder of how good and evil coexist, both in the world around us and within our hearts. The Master, in His wisdom, chooses not to uproot the weeds immediately, knowing that doing so might also harm the wheat. This story encourages us to practice patience and trust God's perfect timing. We are called to be discerning, nurturing what is good while standing firm against evil, all without succumbing to despair or making hasty judgments. God's kingdom encompasses both the good and the bad. God's justice will ultimately prevail and eliminate the sinful. Meanwhile, let us trust God's goodness and persevere in faith while preaching repentance.

RESPOND: When tempted to judge, pray instead.

Prayer: Lord, help me to refrain from judging others hastily so that I do not exclude anyone from the realm of Your mercy.

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 19 July 2026 – Saturday 25 July 2026

Sun	19 JULY 9AM	RIP/ANNIV - MICHAEL GALVIN	Wed	22 JULY 12:15	BD - AKINTUNE GUEVARA AKINTOLA & SI - THYERRY
Sun	19 JULY 10:15	RIP - ALAN WILLIAM MORAN	Wed	22 JULY 7PM	POPE LEO XVI & SI - SHIRLEY AFFAT
Sun	19 JULY 12 Noon	SI - DAWN CARTER-DARBY	Thur	23 JULY 12:15	RIP - JENEPHA LAMBERT & SI - AIME
Mon	20 JULY 12:15	RIP - PETER FLEMING	Fri	24 JULY 12:15	RIP - KATHLEEN
Tues	21 JULY 12:15	RIP - PETER FLEMING & SI - LILIANE	Sat	25 JULY 10AM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			Sat	25 JULY 6PM	RIP (M) - GARY DALEY

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 are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. (Mt. 5:8). A man is really clean of heart when he has no time for the things of this world, but is always searching for the things of Heaven."

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
the S.V.P.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026/2027

The Application Forms will be available at the back of the Church from *Sunday 19th July*, and from the *Parish Office from Monday 20th July 2026*. The Programme of Meeting Dates will follow shortly.

Please note that in a change from last year,
THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION WILL TAKE PLACE, FOR ALL CANDIDATES, ON THE FEAST OF CORUS CHRISTI – SUNDAY 30TH MAY 2026 - AT 2PM.

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.