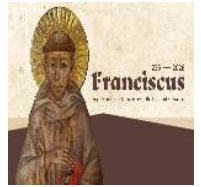




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"A fraternal and hearty welcome to the new members of our Parish Community and all visiting sisters and brothers"

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

02 AUGUST 2026

READ First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3

Responsorial Psalm: You open your hand and fulfil us, O Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:13-21

Share our "five loaves and two fish".

The prophet Isaiah invites all to return through the imagery of a banquet. The covenant that God established with David is now extended beyond his dynasty. Meanwhile, in the second reading, Paul tells us that nothing can separate us from the love of God that we have in Christ Jesus. This culminates in Matthew's account of the miracle of feeding the five thousand with the five loaves and two fish offered to him, foreshadowing the heavenly banquet.

REFLECT: Given the considerable number of people before them, the apostles felt overwhelmed.

How could they feed everyone? They only had five loaves and two fish, so they asked the Master to dismiss the crowd. It is easy to pray and ask the Lord to act when confronted with our needs or the needs of others. However, the Lord wants us to take action. He desires to involve us, asking what we have. Jesus can perform miracles in our lives and the lives of others, but He prefers to do so with our cooperation. In His work of salvation, Jesus wants you and me to get involved and share our "five loaves and two fish" so that others may be blessed.

RESPOND: Consider practical ways to support the poor in your community.

Prayer: Lord, help me realize that I possess something that can bless 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

MASS INTENTIONS Sunday 2 August 2026 – Saturday 8 Aug 2026

Sun	2 AUGUST 9AM	BD (F) JAZMYN CABEY	Wed	5 AUGUST 12:15	RIP - LUCIANO IANNICELLI
Sun	2 AUGUST 10:15	SI - ANNONYMOUS AND SI - (F) KARISHMA ROSE	Wed	5 AUGUST 7PM	MINISTER GENERAL, MASSIMO FUSARELLI, OFM
Sun	2 AUGUST 12pm	RIP/ANNIV (F) ANN O'CONNOR	Thur	6 AUGUST 12:15	BD (M) JAMAAL CABEY
Mon	3 AUGUST 12:15	SI (F) - EMILIA MANGONE	Fri	7 AUGUST 12:15	SI - THE "COME & SEE" MINISTRY
Tues	4 AUGUST 12:15	SR (F) - CLARISE ALYSSA PENFOLD AND RIP/ANNIV - PADDY BRADLEY	Sat	8 AUGUST 10AM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			Sat	8 AUGUST 6PM	RIP (M) MILEY WALL

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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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 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
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St. Francis of Assisi

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026/2027

The Application Forms will be available at the back of the Church, *from the Parish Office and from the Website*. 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 2027 – AT 2PM.**

ADULT SUMMERWEAR DONATIONS FOR ONE WEEK ONLY UP TO FRIDAY 7TH AUGUST 2026.

We require donations of Adult Summerwear, but, only for one week. Any good quality lightweight clothes etc for adults are required. Deliveries to the Church by 7th August 2026. Any later, it will be too late. Thank you, as always, for your generosity.

Safeguarding Notice:

- 1) Please accompany your children if they need to use the toilet at Mass. The toilets are accessible to the general public when the church is open and we have experienced anti social behaviour at the toilet and car park area. Please protect your children.
- 2) Please do not take photographs during Mass or other services without the priests permission. On occasions where photography is permitted in the church, please ensure it is only your child or group that is captured. Photographing parishioners without their permission is not allowed. **Thank you for helping to keep our Parish safe.**

**The Repository will be open after all
Sunday Masses on 9th August 2026.
CASH ONLY PLEASE.**

**THE TRANSFIGURATION
THURSDAY 6TH AUGUST 2026
Mass will be at 12:15 AND 7PM.**

ST FRANCIS LEPROSY GUILD & CAFOD EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR MYANMAR.

We wish to extend our sincerest thanks to all our Parishioners for the success of the above appeals

.St Francis Leprosy Fund raised **£576.79**

The CAFOD Myanmar Fund raised **£411.96**

Once again, our thanks to you all for your generosity.