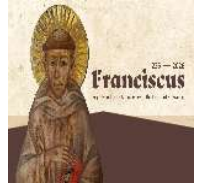




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"A fraternal and hearty welcome to the new members of our Parish Community and all visiting sisters and brothers"

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13 SEPTEMBER 2026

READ First Reading: Sirach 27:30-28:7

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is compassion and gracious, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21-35

God's compassion toward us is immeasurable.

The readings emphasize forgiveness and mercy. Sirach warns against anger and vengeance, urging us to forgive others so we may be forgiven. Romans reminds us that we do not live or die for ourselves, but for the Lord, who is sovereign over life and death. In Matthew, Jesus teaches Peter to forgive not just seven times, but seventy-seven times, illustrating this with a parable about a merciful king and an unforgiving servant.

REFLECT: In today's Gospel, Peter asks Jesus how many times he must forgive-"As many as seven times?" Jesus' reply reveals the boundless nature of God's mercy. The parable the Lord shares depicts a servant who has been forgiven an enormous debt yet is unwilling to forgive a fellow servant. It serves as a striking reminder: God's compassion toward us is immeasurable, but it comes with a call—to extend that same mercy to others. We all stumble; we all owe debts. Yet God lifts us, forgives, and restores us. We are called not to cling to grudges. As God shows us mercy, we are urged to do the same for others, letting go of resentment and embracing compassion. Let us reflect God's heart by forgiving freely, loving deeply, and walking humbly with one another.

RESPOND: Forgive a brother or sister who has wronged you.

Prayer: Lord, give me a heart that shows mercy as I have been shown 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
Vicar

- 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

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MASS INTENTIONS Sunday 13 September 2026 – Saturday 19 September 2026

Sun	13 SEPTEMBER	WA – 50TH GER & CELIA CLARKE
Sun	13 SEPTEMBER	FMU
Sun	13 SEPTEMBER	RIP/ANNIV – EAMON WALSH
Mon	14 SEPTEMBER	RIP (M) LADON SAMSEDINI
Tues	15 SEPTEMBER	BD (M) – JHERYL CABEY

Wed	16 SEPT 12:15
Wed	16 SEPT 7PM
Thur	17 SEPT 12:15
Fri	18 SEPT 12:15
Sat	19 SEPT 10AM
Sat	19 SEPT 6PM

DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE

DAKOURY FAMILY

MINISTER GENERAL

MASSIMO FUSARELLI

SI – ALL MEMBERS OF THE

DAKOURY FAMILY.

RIP/BD – JOSEPH MOMAH

RIP (F) – BRIDIE O'CONNELL

PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TG – ST CLAIRE, ST JOSEPH & OUR

LADY.

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

"Look at the Good Shepherd, my brothers. To save his sheep he endured the agony of the cross. They followed him in trials and persecutions, in ignominy, hunger, and thirst, in humiliations and temptations, and so on. And for this God rewarded them with eternal life."

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.

St. Francis of Assisi

THIS WEEKS 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE.

St Bonaventure's School is holding its Open Evening for parents with students in Years 5 and 6 on **Thursday 1 October at 6 pm**. The school recently celebrated impressive GCSE results, with over a third of all grades awarded at 7 or above across all subjects. Also, it has been rated Outstanding in all areas by the Catholic Schools Inspectorate and was recognised as one of the happiest schools in Newham by The Sunday Times 2025 report. If you are considering St Bonaventure's for your child, this is a great opportunity to visit the school, meet staff and find out more about life at the school. To register, please complete the form here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1DR4EUEu->

FEAST OF THE EXULTATION OF THE CROSS, Sept 14th (Monday) Mass at 7:00PM
STIGMATISATION OF ST FRANCIS, Sept 17th (Thursday) Mass at 7:00PM

Novena Masses for the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi will start on the 25th of Sept to 3rd of Oct 2026 at 7PM. Donation envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Those wish a novena mas for a particular intention, offerings will be used to upgrade our kneelers, purchase the images of St. Joseph and St. Francis of Assisi.

Bubbly Club Notice.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Social event on 4 July. We are pleased to let you know that the Bubbly Club raised £529.00 for Parish funds from the event. We are very grateful for your continued support.

Mass for Altar Servers – Guild of St Stephen (Brentwood Diocese). The Guild of St Stephen – Brentwood Diocese warmly invites all altar servers and their families to the **Mass for Altar Servers** on **Saturday 19 September 2026 at 11.30am**, taking place at **St Joseph the Worker, Hutton (CM13 1BJ)**. Servers are asked to arrive by **11.15am** and to bring their own **alb/cassock and cotta**. Parking is available onsite, and the nearest train station is **Shenfield** (Elizabeth Line & National Rail). Following Mass, refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall, after which the **Guild of St Stephen Brentwood Diocese AGM** will take place. This special Mass will be offered for all altar servers across the Diocese and in thanksgiving for **John McCormack**, marking **36 years of dedicated service** as Chairman of the Guild. If you would like to attend the Altar Servers' Mass, please email guildofststephenbrentwood@gmail.com by **13 September 2026**, as this will assist us in planning for numbers. All are warmly welcome.

THE CHILDRENS LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy has started again, and will be held in the Sacristy during 10:15 Mass each Sunday.

Be Aware. Be Active. THE 2026 FEAST OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Theme
From Memory to Mission;
From Charism to Commitment

Launching of the Activities
leading to the Feast Day Celebration
Sept 17, 2026 @ 7PM
Stigmatisation of St. Francis

Sept 25-Oct 03 Novena Masses

Your presence and support matters.
Donation envelopes are available at the back of the Church or you may go to the Parish Office

Feast Day Mass, 04 Oct 2026 @ 10:30AM
His Excellency Miguel Maury Buendia, DD
Papal Nuncio to Great Britain
Presider and Homilist

Keep watch for more information

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