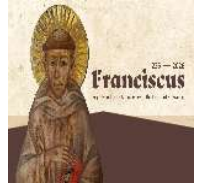




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"A fraternal and hearty welcome to the new members of our Parish Community and all visiting sisters and brothers"

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

20 SEPTEMBER 2026

READ First Reading: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

Responsorial Psalm: Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12a

God's grace is freely given to all.

Today's readings highlight God's mercy, generosity, and call to faithful living. The prophet Isaiah urges us to seek the Lord while He is near, reminding us that God's ways and thoughts are higher than ours. In his letter to the Philippians, Paul reflects on his desire to be with Christ but commits to living in a way that honors the Gospel, encouraging believers to stand firm in faith. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the generous landowner who pays all workers equally, challenging our sense of fairness and revealing God's boundless grace.

REFLECT: In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the landowner who pays all workers the same wage, whether they labored all day or just an hour. At first, it seems unfair-but Jesus is teaching us about the radical generosity of God. God's grace is not earned by hours or effort but freely given to all who come to Him. Those who turn to God late in life are equally welcomed with open arms. This challenges us to surrender our envy and rejoice in God's mercy. His salvation is not a reward but a gift—a sign of His goodness. May we celebrate, not resent, His kindness to all.

RESPOND: See your brothers and sisters as equally needing God's salvation as you do.

Prayer: Lord, give me a heart that sees your generous love in me and 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**
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 20 September 2026 – Saturday 26 September 2026

Sun	20 SEPTEMBER	SI - BRIDGIE O'TOOLE	Wed	23 SEPT 12:15	GH - MAURO IANNICELLI
	9AM				
Sun	20 SEPTEMBER	SI - GWEN & MARTIN HINDLEY	Wed	23 SEPT 7PM	BISHOP ALAN WILLIAMS
	10:15				
Sun	20 SEPTEMBER	SI - MAKI & NICK O'TOOLE	Thur	24 SEPT 12:15	FMU
	12PM				
Mon	21 SEPTEMBER	RIP (F) MAUREEN T'OOLE	Fri	25 SEPT 12:15	RIP/ANNIV (F) VALERIJA NAGAITIENE
	12:15				
Tues	22 SEPTEMBER	RIP (F) ANNE FOGARTY	Sat	26 SEPT 10AM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
	12:15				
			Sat	26 AUGUST 6PM	FMU

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

"St Paul tells us, "this letter kills, but the spirit gives life (2Cor. 3:6)". A man has been killed by the letter when he wants to know quotations only so that people will think he is very learned and he can make money to give to his relatives and friends."

Words of St Francis of Assisi

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.

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 ofur donation at the **FMU aHEOffice**. 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

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->

ST ANTHONY'S DEVOTIONAL HEALING OIL

There are bottles of Healing Oil available at FMU Office and the Parish Office **for a donation of £5**. Your donation will help support the Franciscans in their mission. Thank you all.

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 mass for a particular intention, offerings will be used to upgrade our kneelers, purchase the images of St. Joseph and St. Francis of Assisi.

THE REPOSITORY

The Repository will be open after all **Masses on TODAY, Sunday 20th September 2026**. It will be open again on **Sunday 11th October 2026** at which time **Christmas Goods** will be available as well as the usual goods, e.g., Boxes Christmas Cards, Church Art Calendars and Nativity LED Candles. **CASH ONLY PLEASE**. All items are also available at the Parish Office. **Christmas Mass Card** will be available from the **Parish Office only**.

ADDITIONAL MASSES

**21 September – Matthew the Apostle – 7pm
24 September – Our Lady of Walsingham – 7pm**

'The Priests' return to the Brentwood Diocese!

BCCS invite you to a weekend of musical celebration. Choose from a Gala Dinner or Charity Luncheon, both held at a stunning Grade II listed Georgian manor house. Enjoy fine dining and seize a rare opportunity to see world-renowned singers Fr. Eugene and Fr. Martin, formerly of 'The Priests', perform in this intimate and exclusive setting - an occasion not to be missed! 9th-10th October at The Lawn, Rochford - for full details and to purchase tickets, please visit www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events-campaigns/ or contact Julie Abbott 07912277413 / jabbott@bccs.org.uk

**FUNERAL MASS
LILIA GASTON, RIP
MON 28 SEPTEMBER 2026**

Guild of St Stephen National Mass
Saturday 3 October 2026, Westminster Cathedral
at 2:30pm.