



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"

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 04 OCTOBER 2026

READ First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Responsorial Psalm: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:33-43

Accountability and Faithfulness.

The first reading presents the metaphor of a vineyard, highlighting God's disappointment with Israel for failing to produce good fruit, which symbolizes justice and righteousness. Philippians 4:6-9 encourages believers to seek peace through prayer and gratitude, focusing on virtuous thoughts to cultivate a life filled with joy and strength in Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus shares the parable of the wicked tenants, illustrating the rejection of God's messengers and the consequences for those who do not heed the Lord's teachings. Together, these readings emphasize accountability, the importance of faithfulness, and the necessity of living a life aligned with God's will.

REFLECT: The gospel reading conveys a profound message about accountability and faithfulness.

In the parable of the wicked tenants, Jesus illustrates how the landowner (representing God) entrusted His vineyard (the world) to caretakers (humanity) who ultimately failed to honor Him.

This powerful reminder urges us to reflect on our lives—what fruits are we producing in response to the gifts and grace we have received? The Master's expectation is clear: we are called to nurture and give back from the abundance we have been given. By recognizing our accountability, we deepen our relationship with God, embracing the gift of salvation as both a blessing and a call to active faithfulness to continue the Lord's mission in our time.

RESPOND: Share your blessings with a poor person or a hungry person this week.

Prayer: Father, help me always to remember that all I am and have comes from you, and that I must use them for your greater glory.

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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or <https://whatsapp.com/channel/0029VbA3ba6xCSIP3JJia0I>



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MASS INTENTIONS Sunday 4th October 2026 – Saturday 10th October 2026

Sun	4 OCT 09:00 AM	RIP - IAN CHUKWU OSEKWE	Wed	7 OCT 12:15PM	FMU
Sun	4 OCT 10:30 AM	ST FRANCIS FEAST DAY MASS		07:00PM	MASSIMO FUSARELLI – MINISTER GENERAL
Sun	4 OCT NO 12:00 PM	<u>NO 12 NOON MASS TODAY</u>	Thu	8 OCT 12:15PM	FMU
Mon	5 OCT 12:15PM	FMU	Fri	9 OCT 12:15PM	FMU
Tues	6 OCT 12:15PM	BD – MATTHEW MOMAH	Sat	10 OCT 10:00AM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			Sat	10 OCT 06:00PM	GH/SR – (F) FRANCES SKIPP RIP – (F) – HELEN HUTCHINGS

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

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 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
Sept 25-Oct 03 Novena Masses

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

During each Novena Mass, an individual, family, or organisation may serve as an Offeror/Sponsor by presenting the bread and wine at the Offertory. Sponsors are also invited, if they wish, to support our parish improvement projects, including the purchase of new images of St Joseph and St Francis and the replacement of the kneeler coverings.

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 our 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

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.

CONFIRMATIONS 2027

Confirmation Application Forms will be available at the back of the Church on 11th October, and the Parish Office on 12th October. The Closing Date for Confirmation Applications is 2nd November 2026.

THE REPOSITORY

The Repository will be open after all **Masses on Sunday 11th October 2026** at which time **Christmas Goods** will be available as well as the usual goods, e.g. Boxed 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**.

FIRST COMMUNION INTRODUCTORY MEETING SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2026 AT 1:50PM IN THE CHURCH. This meeting is for the Parents/Guardians and Candidates who submitted their Application Forms

ADDITIONAL MASS: Friday 9th October at 7pm – St John Henry Newman – Priest and Doctor – Feast.

REMINDER TO COMPLETE THE ORGANISATION REGISTRATION FORMS. Would all our associations, please ensure you complete a form. The forms are available from the back of the Church and the Parish Office. Thank you.

HEADTEACHER VACANCIES

An exciting opportunity has arisen to lead two of our local schools. Applications are invited for the positions of Head Teacher at St Francis' Catholic Primary School and Head Teacher at St Michael's Catholic Primary School. We are looking for inspirational and dedicated leaders who will help our schools and their pupils continue to flourish. Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy Trust, working in partnership with the Diocese of Brentwood, is seeking 2 dynamic, passionate, and inspirational Head Teachers to lead two of our vibrant primary schools in Newham, St Michael's and St Francis'. Building upon our solid foundations, replacing the existing executive head model with 2 Head Teachers, we are looking for committed practicing Catholics with the drive, vision, and pedagogical expertise to lead us into our next exciting chapter of excellence. For further information about these vacancies, including details of how to apply, please visit the website for Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy. The deadline to apply is Monday, 12th October at midday. Visits to both schools are warmly welcome

SECOND COLLECTIONS: 11TH OCTOBER – HARVEST FAST DAY. 18TH OCTOBER – PRISONERS SUNDAY.

BCYS Rooted 2026 – Years 7-9 / Years 10-13

Rooted – Saturday 24th October for years 7-9 / Sunday 25th October for years 10-13: A brand-new day of faith, friendship and adventure for young people with the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service, at Walsingham House. With inspiring talks, workshops, outdoor activities, team challenges and prayer, it's a great opportunity to meet other young Catholics and grow in faith. For more information and to apply, please visit www.bcys.net/events. Thank you so much for helping us share these opportunities with young people, families, catechists and parish communities. Your support in promoting our events makes such a difference and helps us reach more young people across the Diocese.