

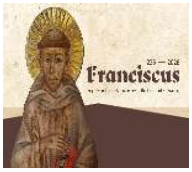
THE PILGRIM

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

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
25 OCTOBER 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

To love God and our neighbors.

In the first reading, God commands His people to care for the vulnerable, emphasizing justice and mercy, especially towards the poor and widows. Meanwhile, Paul rejoices with the Thessalonian Christians for their faith and transformation, highlighting how they embraced the Gospel and became examples of faith to others. This is summarized in the Gospel through Jesus's answers to the greatest commandment, which states that loving God wholeheartedly and loving one's neighbor as oneself are fundamental.

REFLECT: Jesus reveals the heart of the commandments: to love God and our neighbors. This dual call to love is fundamental to our faith, emphasizing that true devotion to God is mirrored in our active relationships with others. Genuine love for God compels us to express our faith through acts of kindness, compassion, and service to our brothers and sisters. We are reminded today that our spiritual life is not solely about individual devotion but is deeply connected with our collective responsibility. As we nurture our love for God, may it overflow into concrete expressions of love for those around us, reflecting Christ's love in our world.

RESPOND: Where do you stand if you were to rate yourself on the quality of your love? Do a concrete act of love today.

Prayer: Lord, help me to love genuinely as I relate to my brothers and sisters.

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 25 October 2026 – Saturday 31 October 2026

Sun	25 OCT 09:00 AM	SI - ANONYMOUS
Sun	25 OCT 10:15 AM	RIP (M) JAREK STALMACH
Sun	25 OCT 12:00 PM	FMU
Mon	26 OCT 12:15pm	FMU
Tues	27 OCT 12:15PM	FMU
Wed	28 OCT 12:15PM	BD (F) – MERCY MOMAH RIP (M) – BRENDAN LALOR
	07:00PM	RIP – FR DONAL WALSH, OFM
Thu	29 OCT 12:15PM	FMU
Fri	30 OCT 12:15PM	FMU
Sat	31 OCT 10:00AM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Sat	31 OCT 06:00PM	FMU

TG -Thanksgiving, **SI** – Special Intention, **BD** – Birthday, **WA** – Wedding Anniversary, **ST** – Safe Travel, **GH** – Good Health,FF **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.

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. FRANCIS'S DEVOTIONAL HEALING OIL

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

REMINDER: TO ALL ORGANISATION WHO USE THE HALL REGULARLY ON SATURDAY/SUNDAY. Would you be good enough to contact the office BY EMAIL, with the dates you require the Halls on Sundays for 2027. This will enable us to see which organisation are using the Halls, and stops people assuming they can use the Hall without prior knowledge. Thank you for your co-operation. FIRST COME – FIRST SERVED.



CONFIRMATIONS 2027

Confirmation Application Forms are **available at the back of the Church, and the Parish Office.** Please return the completed forms in an envelope marked **"Confirmation Application 2027"** to the Parish Office. The Closing Date for Confirmation Applications is
2nd November 2026.

The Bi-Annual Concelebrated Requiem Mass

at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Leytonstone E11 4HL
will be on
Monday 9th November 2026 at 11.30 am

READING THE BIBLE THROUGH ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, has just published *Reading the Bible through Advent and Christmas*. This new book includes commentary on all the Scripture readings for Mass throughout these two seasons. Full information about the book can be found on the homepage of the website www.whatgoodnews.org

The Newham Deanery Council are holding a "Hallelujah Hall" on **31st October 2026** from 1pm to 5pm at Our Lady of Compassion, Upton Park, from **1pm to 5pm**, for young people aged 7 – 15 years. Tickets are available On Line or speak to Paula. There is an option to pay on the day. Everyone welcome.

THE THIRD OF THE FIRST COMMUNION MEETING SUNDAY 22md NOVEMBER 2026 AT 1:50PM IN THE CHURCH. This meeting is for the Parents/Guardians and Candidates who submitted their Application Forms ***Parents/Guardians are to STAY with their Children, not just drop them off. Thank you.***

SECOND COLLECTION 25TH OCTOBER IS IN AID OF MISSION SUNDAY

Catechist Training & Resources Day – Saturday 7th November 2026

Join the BCYS at Brentwood Ursuline Convent School, 10am-3pm, for an inspiring day of faith, workshops and resources, with guest speaker Fr Matt Roche-Saunders. Free to attend, open to all catechists and leaders working with young people, including young leaders aged 16+. ***Register at bcys.net/events/catechists2026.***