

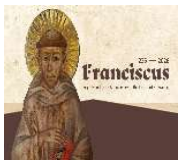
THE PILGRIM

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

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS (ALL SAINT'S DAY)

01 NOVEMBER 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

True blessedness comes through humility, mercy, and righteous living.

In the first reading, John describes a vision of a great multitude from every nation, praising God beyond earthly trials, emphasizing the importance of the faithful marked for salvation. The second reading reveals the profound love of God, who calls us His children, inviting us to live in purity as we await our complete transformation in Christ. In the gospel, Jesus presents the Beatitudes, teaching the people that true blessedness comes through humility, mercy, and righteous living, promising comfort and rewards in heaven for those who embody these attributes.

REFLECT: The Beatitudes present a path to blessedness that challenges the conventional understanding of happiness. Jesus outlines choices we can make: to be poor in spirit, to mourn, to hunger for righteousness, and to practice mercy. These choices reflect a profound shift in values, emphasizing humility, compassion, and justice over worldly success. By embracing these attitudes, we align ourselves with God's kingdom. Blessedness is not merely a feeling but a deliberate choice to embody Christ-like virtues. As we live out these Beatitudes, we experience true joy and become signs of hope and grace in a troubled world.

RESPOND: Thank God for the gift of the Saints in our lives. Ask your favorite Saint to pray for you.

Prayer: Let us pray with St. Therese: Lord, allow me to "spend my heaven by doing good on earth."

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 1 November 2026 – Saturday 7 November 2026

Sun	**1 NOV T 09:00 AM**	**ALL SAINTS**
Sun	**1 NOV 10:15 AM**	**ALL SAINTS**
Sun	**1 NOV 12:00 PM**	**ALL SAINTS**
Mon	**2 NOV 12:15PM**	**RIP - ALL DECEASED PARISHIONERS**
	7:00 PM	**ALL SOULS**
Tues	**3 NOV 12:`15PM**	**RIP - FR DONAL WALSH, OFM**
Wed	**4 NOV 12:15PM**	**RIP – JOHN O'NEILL**
	7:00PM	**BISHOP ALAN WILLIAMS**
Thu	**5 NOV 12:15PM**	**DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE IRISH PENSIONERS FORUM OF EAST LONDON.**
Fri	**6 NOV 12:15PM**	**SI – MISSION PARTNERS OF THE COME & SEE MINISTRIES**
Sat	**7 NOV 10:00AM**	**PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**
Sat	**7 NOV 6:00PM**	**RIP (M) GERARD POWER**

TG -Thanksgiving, **SI** – Special Intention, **BD** – Birthday, **WA** – Wedding Anniversary, **ST** – Safe Travel, **GH** – Good Health, **SR** – Speedy Recovery, **RIP** - Death/Death Anniversar

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 Parish Christmas Carol Service

at St Francis will be on
20th December 2026 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm.
Traditional Carols. Everyone Welcome.

ADDITIONAL MASS ON MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER AT 7PM FOR ALL SOULS DAY.

SECOND COLLECTION 1 NOVEMBER IS IN AID OF THE S.V.P.

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

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS.

November Dead List. **Envelopes for the November Dead List are available at the back of the Church. Please return them either in the normal collections, or, The Parish Office.**

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 Children's Hallow-lujah Ball has been postponed A new date will be announced in the coming weeks.

Tea with the SVP - 14th & 15th Nov '26
You're invited to join us in the Hall after all Masses for tea, coffee or squash and cake. To enjoy a cuppa, cake and a chat - bringing young, and old together to share friendship and kindness. 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.***

The Repository will be open after all Sunday Masses on 8th November, and is open at the Parish Office Monday to Friday 9:30am to 3pm. CASH ONLY PLEASE. Thank you.