

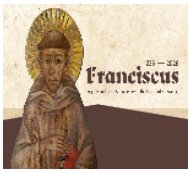
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"A fraternal and hearty welcome to the new members of our Parish Community and all visiting sisters and brothers"

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AND REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – 8 NOVEMBER 2026

READ First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16
Responsorial Psalm: **For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, My God.**
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13

He will find us awake-faithful and ready.

Today's readings reflect on the themes of wisdom, vigilance, and the coming of the Lord. In the first reading, wisdom is depicted as a radiant and fortunate gift available to those who diligently seek it. The second reading provides believers with hope in the resurrection, emphasizing that those who have died in Christ will rise first when the Lord returns. The gospel presents the parable of the ten virgins, underlining the importance of being prepared and ready for Christ's return.

REFLECT: Are you ready and awake? In the Parable of the Ten Virgins, the Lord emphasizes the importance of vigilance and active faith in our Christian lives. The wise virgins, prepared and attentive, remind us that embodying Kingdom values requires us to be consistently engaged in our spiritual journey. It is not enough to simply wait; we are called to nurture our relationship with the Lord through acts of love, service, and righteousness. As we live out these values, we ensure that when Christ returns, He will find us awake-faithful and ready. Remaining active in our faith keeps the flame of hope alive, guiding us toward His promise.

RESPOND: Always remember the Scout motto: "Be prepared."

Prayer: Lord, help me remember that you may arrive at any moment, so let me actively pursue your will every moment of my life.

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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Stay up-to-date with the latest parish events and announcements – join our new WhatsApp Channel! Scan the QR code below or visit: https://tinyurl.com/4weu2mh6 orhttps://whatsapp.com/channe0029VbA3ba6xCSIP3JJia0I

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MASS INTENTIONS Sunday 8 November 2026 – Saturday 14 November 2026

Sun	8 NOV T 09:00 AM	RIP (M) JOHN O'CONNELL
Sun	8 NOV 10:15 AM	RIP (M) PADDYU VAUGHN
Sun	8 NOV 12:00 PM	RIP (F) BRIDGET PYNE (nee Vaughn)
		RIP (M) MICHAEL VAUGHN
Mon	9 NOV 12:15PM	RIP/ANNIV – PRUDENCE RODERICK
Tues	10 NOV 12:`15PM	RIP (F) CHINYEL EZIGWE
Wed	11 NOV 12:15PM	RIP (M) GERARD POWER
	7:00PM	DAVID COLLINS, OFM
Thu	12 NOV 12:15PM	SI – EMILIA MANGONE
Fri	13 NOV 12:15PM	RIP - LUCIANO INNICELLI
Sat	14 NOV 10:00AM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Sat	14 NOV 6:00PM	RIP/ANNIV - GABRIEL HANLEY
		RIP – (M) MALCOLM BURNETT

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.

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.

The Parish Christmas Carol Service

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

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.

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 22nd 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, TODAY, 8th November, and is open at the Parish Office Monday to Friday 9:30am to 3pm. CASH ONLY PLEASE. Thank you.

Parishioners have asked us to resume printing our weekly collection figures. And we listened.

In view of this, from collection dates 31 Oct to 1 Nov, our collection amount was:

Gift Aid envelopes: £554.00
Loose on the plate: £900.00
Total £1454.00

2nd collection was to SVP and goes direct to that charity. We also receive regular monthly payments from parishioners straight into our bank account each month. However, as we do not receive our bank statements within the same time frame, the following is a snapshot of the first week of Oct:

Gift Aid payments: £880.00
Non Gift Aid payments: £40.00.

Each week we will provide an example of one of our bills. One of our biggest expenditures last year was fuel costs, which were £22,379.95.
If you are a taxpayer we can claim an additional 25% on the amount you give, at no additional cost or effort to yourself. If you would like to find out more about Gift Aid, please call or text Marian on 07715 420629 or Sarah on 07778 868827. Many thanks