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**THE PARISH OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
BARKINGSIDE**

A parish church in the Catholic tradition of the Church of
England, part of Redbridge Deanery in the Barking
Episcopal Area of the Diocese of Chelmsford

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR A
26 April 2026**

*A warm welcome to all newcomers and visitors to St. Francis Church
Please do join us for refreshments after the 10.15am Mass*

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am Mass

10.15am Parish Mass

The Celebrant at today's Parish Mass is Rev. Rosemary Potten

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection
and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of
sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those
things which are above, where he reigns with you in
the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2: 42 - 47

Many were baptised and were added to the community. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Psalm 23

R The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.
He makes me to lie down in green pastures and leads me
beside still waters. **R**

He revives my soul and guides me along the right pathways
for his name's sake. Though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I shall fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and staff, they comfort me. **R**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who
trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil and my cup
is running over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the
Lord for ever. **R**

A reading from first letter of St. Peter 2. (19 - 25)

Brothers and sisters:

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval.

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

A reading from the Gospel according to St. John (10. 1 - 10)

Jesus said to the Pharisees:

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run

from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Post Communion Collect

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: -

...the sick and suffering and those who care for them, those who are alone, isolated and vulnerable, and especially for: Connie Barnes, Vicky Berrill, Cornelio Denhere, Helen Forbes, Brian Good, Judy Harvey, Liz Leatherbarrow, Eamonn Moloney, Simon Pettit, Stevan Piper, Mathew Pruss, Mary Roper, Graham Sandy, Sofia Savvas, Adrian Shelton, Pauline Sheridan, Christine Street, Norman Street, Anita Watts, Heather Wheeler, Mary Vadsala.

PLEASE ADVISE NICHOLAS OF ANY ALTERATIONS.

....the recently departed, including: Trinny

....those whose anniversaries of death occur this week, including:

26th May Wilmott, Ivan Michie, Joyce Ewers,

David Bartlett

27th Maryon Hustwayte, Percy Smith

28th Herbert Collard, Robert [Bob] Davies, Ronald [Ron] Yeo

30th William Lefever, Lily Perry, Alan Perry

2nd Dorothy Jackson, Jessie Baillie, George Newey,

Arthur Roper, Ernest Carney, John Good

....all those living or working in: Wickets Way, Wolsey Gardens.

A COPY OF READINGS for 10 May (Chinelo) is now available. Please collect from the back of church.

FLOWERS A donation for flowers has been made by Delia Kemp in memory of her husband Jim.

CHRISTIAN AID ENVELOPES. Please return your envelopes to Rebecca from next Sunday, 3 May.

See also future dates for details of a concert for Christian Aid on Saturday 16 May.

OTHER SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sun 3 May **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8.00am Mass

10.15am Parish Mass

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SOME FUTURE DATES AT ST. FRANCIS FOR YOUR DIARIES

10 – 16 May

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

In support of Christian Aid, the New Redbridge Wind Orchestra is giving a concert at Holy Trinity Church on Saturday 16 May at 7.30pm (£10)

Sun 17 May **ASCENSION SUNDAY
7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8.00am Mass

10.15am Parish Mass

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Sunday 24 May 2026

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING.....

is currently scheduled to take place at 12 noon on Sunday 24 May 2025. Please mark your diaries accordingly

NIFOC Pentecost Songs of Praise is expected to take place at 6.30pm on 24 May at Gants Hill United Reformed Church; confirmation to follow.

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