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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

**13th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY - YEAR A
30 August 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 SERVICE

10.15am Parish Mass

Today's Celebrant is Rev. Rosemary Potton

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you
were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to
proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may
be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever. **Amen**

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah (15.15 – 21)

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name

O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation.

Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore, thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Psalm 26.(1 – 8)

R. Your love is before my eyes.

Give judgement for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity; I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered. Test me, O Lord, and try me; examine my heart and my mind. **R.**

For your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you. I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful. I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked. **R.**

I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, that I may go in procession round your altar, singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wondrous deeds. Lord, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides. **R.**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans
(12.9 - 21)

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
(16.21 - 28)

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, ‘God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.’ But he turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’

Then Jesus told his disciples, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?’

For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.’

Post Communion Collect

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; 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, Helen Forbes, Brian Good, Judy Harvey, Liz Leatherbarrow, Stevan Piper, Graham Sandy, Sofia Savvas, Adrian Shelton, Pauline Sheridan, Christine Street, Norman Street, Anita Watts, Heather Wheeler, Mary Vadsala.

PLEASE ADVISE DAVID L. OF ANY ALTERATIONS.

....the recently departed

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

30th Millicent Sullivan, Leslie Boivin

1 Sep Walter Barnes, Dennis Smith, Shirley Lammin

5th Lisa Wheeler, Reginald Chapman

... all those living or working in: Laing Close, Lancelot Road

CREAM TEA, 22 AUGUST

A pleasant afternoon in our church hall as the vicarage garden is rather overgrown at present, but an excellent event at which we were pleased to see several parishioners whom we would not otherwise have met. There were suggestions from many of our visitors that we should have more similar social meets, which have been noted for discussion with the PCC at future meetings. The event raised a net figure of £248, which has pleased the Treasurer!

CHURCH GARDEN Noises are being made about the state of the church garden and the possibility of arranging working parties to deal with it, preferably with at least one 90-minute session before the date of the Patronal Festival (4 October). How about 1000 Sat. 10 Sept? Obviously a matter for the PCC, but suggestions (and volunteers?) may be made to David L. in time for next Wednesday's meeting.

PCC REMINDER The next meeting is scheduled for 7.30pm this coming Wednesday 2 September.

A COPY OF READINGS for 13 September (Sheila D.) is now available. Please collect from the back of church.

OTHER SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sun 6 Sept. **14th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
10.15am Parish Mass

SOME FUTURE DATES AT ST. FRANCIS
FOR YOUR DIARIES

Sun 4 October **PATRONAL FESTIVAL**
10.15am Parish Mass

Sun 11 October **HARVEST FESTIVAL**
10.15am Parish Mass

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