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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

**10th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY - YEAR A
9 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 Open Church

We have been unable to find a priest
to celebrate today's Parish Mass.

Instead, the church will be open at the usual time
for private prayer in the Lady Chapel,
and/or a quiet moment to sit and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee.

For convenience, the collects and readings for the day are set
out below and in the following pages as usual.

Collect of the Day

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

A reading from the first book of Kings (19: 9 – 18)

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, ‘What are you doing here, Elijah?’ He answered, ‘I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.’

He said, ‘Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.’ Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, ‘What are you doing here, Elijah?’ He answered, ‘I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.’

Then the LORD said to him, ‘Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.’

Psalm 85 (8 – 13)

R. Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

I will listen to what the Lord God will say, for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful, that they turn not again to folly. Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. **R.**

Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other; Truth shall spring up from the earth and righteousness look down from heaven. **R.**

The Lord will indeed give all that is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness shall go before him and peace shall be a pathway for his feet. **R.**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (10.5 - 15)

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that ‘the person who does these things will live by them.’ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, ‘Do not say in your heart, “Who will ascend into heaven?”’ (that is, to bring Christ down) ‘or “Who will descend into the abyss?”’ (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? ‘The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, ‘No one who believes in him will be put to shame.’ For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
(14.22 - 33)

Immediately after feeding the crowd with the five loaves and two fish, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there

alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear.

But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.'

So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?'

When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

Post Communion Collect

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; 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, Mary Roper,
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, including: John Mainwaring

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

10th Maitland Hall, Richard Newton, Bill Bolton,

Ronald [Ron] Middleton

11th Phyllis Cracknell, Dorothy Bishop, Dorothy Knight

12th Alice Bicken

13th Sybil Dodd, Edith Wood

14th William [Bill] Glover, Alfred Cooke *Priest*, Elsie Crow

15th Dudley Charlton, John Grizzle, Rev Samuel Banfro

... all those living or working in: Henry's Walk, Inverness Drive

A COPY OF READINGS for 23 August (Chinelo) is now available. Please collect from the back of church.

OTHER SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sun 16 August **11th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
10.15am Parish Mass

SOME FUTURE DATES AT ST. FRANCIS FOR YOUR DIARIES

Sat 22 August, **Cream Tea** in the church hall
from 2.00pm.
Handbills available at the back of church.

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

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

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