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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

**14th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY - YEAR A
6 September 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 Fr. Simon Elman

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 book of the prophet Ezekiel (33.7 - 11)

The word of the Lord came to me:

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, ‘O wicked ones, you shall surely die’, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: ‘Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?’ Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Psalm 119 (33 - 40)

R. Give me understanding and I shall keep your law.

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end. Give me understanding and I shall keep your law; I shall keep it with all my heart. **R.**

Make me go in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire. Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain. **R.**

Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; give me life in your ways. Fulfil your promise to your servant, which you make to those who fear you. **R.**

Turn away the reproach which I dread, because your judgements are good. Behold, I long for your commandments; in your righteousness preserve my life. **R.**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans
(13.8 - 14)

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet' and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy.

Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
(18.15 - 20)

Jesus spoke to his disciples.

‘If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector.

Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.’

Post Communion Collect

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in 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:

6th Pauline Ward, May Holland

7th David Duggan

9th Dorothy Cocking, Leah Holt

10th Patricia [Pat] Lee, Muriel Grieg

12th William Charlton, Ronald [Ron] Ward

... all those living or working in: Laurel Close, Lime Grove

A COPY OF READINGS for 20 September (Chinelo) is now available. Please collect from the back of church.

CHURCH GARDEN Apologies for the date in last week's note, but in any case it looks as if the working party date will have to be towards the end of the month. Listen out for the notices today for confirmation.

PCC REMINDER The next meeting is scheduled for 7.30pm Wednesday 7 October

OTHER SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sun 13 Sept. **15th 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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