



## ST. PATRICK'S ROMAN CATHEDRAL JEMMOTTS LANE, ST. MICHAEL, BARBADOS

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A  
eBULLETIN OCTOBER 4, 2026

*Our mission: To know, love, and serve God and each other*

### CATHEDRAL OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Wednesday - Closed  
Tuesday & Thursday  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Friday - 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm

### VISITING HOURS

Tuesday to Saturday  
9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

### CONFESSIONS BY APPOINTMENT

#### MASS TIMES

##### WEEKDAYS

Monday to Friday - 12 noon  
Tuesday & Thursday - 6:30 am

##### WEEKENDS

Saturday - 5:00 pm  
Sunday - 7:00 am, 10:00 a.m.  
& 6:00 p.m.

##### WEEKDAY BANK HOLIDAYS

7:00 am

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### St. Francis (1181-1226)

#### Feast Day October 4

#### Patron saint of animals, merchants and ecology

St. Francis did not live a long life but long enough to make a mark on the world. Born of a merchant father, not a religious man, and religious mother, his father did not like the name Giovanni (John) originally given to Francis so he renamed him Francesco.

Francis came from a wealthy family. His father was a businessman and he wanted Francis to carry on the trade as a cloth merchant; he did excel at business. Everyone loved him.

St. Francis was like most young men enjoying life with wild parties and he would admit that he lived a life of sin during his youthful days.

Francis came to realise he wanted something more, not more wealth, not holiness, but he wanted fame, to become a knight. He fought in a war and was captured, imprisoned and eventually ransomed. He went back to his former way of life. He would eventually be called to fight in the Crusades but on his way, he had a dream. God had a different plan for him.

St. Francis experienced a conversion. His life changed considerably from the wealthy, 'happy go lucky' free living, to one of prayer and contemplation and eventually he would become the man God called him to be.

He was never ordained a priest, even though he was ordained a deacon under protest. He never wanted to create a religious order, but people wanted to follow his way of life which was simply to live by the gospel. He was a lover of all of God's creation and had a deep connection. He was truly a man of God.

There is too much that can be said of St. Francis in a short message of this sort but if there is one thing we can keep in our hearts as we reflect on his life is the prayer we say every Sunday that is attributed to him, the Prayer of St. Francis. The prayer reflects the kind of person Francis was and next time it is said, let it be a prayer and not words we say.

As we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis, let us ask his intercession and pray that true peace would truly be experienced in the world.

– Fr. Charles Dominique

## FINANCE CORNER

Please make a donation to support St. Patrick's R.C. Cathedral.

Online donations can be made to:

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## READINGS AT MASS

### 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

#### First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

Against the Lord's vineyard

#### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 79(80):9,12-16,19-20

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

#### Second Reading

Philippians 4:6-9

If there is anything you need, pray for it.

#### Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43

This is the landlord's heir: come, let us kill him

## PARISH/DIOCESAN NOTICES

- October is the Month of the Rosary and Pope Leo has asked Roman Catholics to pray the rosary daily for peace.
- The next *Rosary on the Block* will be held on Saturday October 3 in New Castle, St. John from 4 p.m. See next page for more details.
- The St Vincent de Paul Society is seeking new members. See the flyer on the notice board for further details or contact any member of the society for additional information.
- The St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Old Scholars Association is holding its annual music concert on Sunday October 11 at the Cathedral at 5 p.m. It features the Barbados Police Service Band, St. Patrick's Augmented Choir and other artists. Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$20 for children 12 years and under. Proceeds are to assist with the upkeep of the school. Tickets can be purchased from Michael Hunte or any member of the choir. The Mass that evening will be held in the chapel.
- The Diocese will be staging *Magnificat* under the theme *My Soul Proclaims the Greatness of the Lord* on Saturday October 9 and Sunday October 10 at Our Lady Queen of the Universe Cultural Centre, Black Rock, St Michael at 7:30 p.m. on both days. Tickets are \$50 and are available at the Bishop's Office on Ladymeade Gardens and all parishes.
- Collections for last weekend's Masses (September 26 and 27) amounted to \$1 725. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the parish.
- The Catholic Prayer Movement's Tuesday online meetings will resume on October 6 at 5:30 p.m. The theme is *What happens when clerics fail to tackle the spiritual domination within the church* and the presenter is Reverend Dr. Ian Rock.
- The Wednesday morning Healing and Deliverance services at St. Patrick's Cathedral will continue on October 7 at 9:30 a.m. The topic will be *Testimonies from Acts of the Apostles*.

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> October 2026

| DATE                      | TIME                | MASS INTENTION                          |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | 5:00 pm             |                                         |
| Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>    | 7:00 am             | Benefactors of the Cathedral            |
|                           | 10:00 am<br>6:00 pm |                                         |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>    | 12:00 noon          | Birthday Blessings: Pedro Burgess       |
| Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>   | 6:30 am             |                                         |
|                           | 12:00 noon          | Heavenly Birthday: Marion Eleanor Small |
| Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> | 12:00 noon          | God's Blessing: Douglas family          |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 6:30 am             |                                         |
|                           | 12:00 noon          |                                         |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>    | 12:00 noon          | For Healing: Joyce Dear                 |

## Congratulations



Heartiest congratulations to Juliet Chandler, winner of the raffle for the luxury weekend. The draw for the raffle was made on Wednesday September 30.



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The St. Patrick's R.C. Old Scholar's Association

**Annual MUSIC CONCERT**

FEATURING

THE BARBADOS POLICE SERVICE BAND

DAVID BRIGGS

GLENWORTH JOSEPH

AND THE ST. PATRICK'S AUGMENTED CHOIR

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

5:00 P.M.

At St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral, Jemmott's Lane, St. Michael

ADMISSION:

ADULTS \$35.00 | CHILDREN 12 YRS AND UNDER \$20.00

**THE LEGION OF MARY presents**

**ROSARY ON THE BLOCK**

**SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER, 2026 AT 4:00 P.M.**

**MARIAN HOUSE NEW CASTLE, ST. JOHN**

Those requiring transportation are kindly asked to contact Legion members by Wednesday 30th September, 2026.

**FARE: \$20.00**

DEPARTURE FROM ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL: 2:30 P.M.

**COME AND JOIN US**  
AS WE GATHER WITH MARY IN PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILIES, OUR COMMUNITIES AND OUR WORLD

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PET BLESSING**

**Saturday, October 3, 2026**

**12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m.**

**St. Francis Catholic Church**  
Mount Standfast, St. James

**ALL PETS ARE WELCOME**

Pet Blessing Certificates will be issued

Bring your pets on a leash or safely in a carrier.

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St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day Celebrations

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI • FEAST DAY DINNER**

**AN EVENING TO REMEMBER**

Warm fellowship • Elegant dining • A beautiful setting

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026 | 6:00 PM**

Living Water Community Hall, St. David's

**SHARED TABLES • ENTERTAINMENT**

A communal celebration inspired by the spirit of St. Francis

**Tickets: \$150 BDS per person**

Come and experience the beauty of the Table of St. Francis.

Proceeds support Barbadian Catholic youth attending World Youth Day 2027 and assist with repairs to the roof of St. Francis Catholic Church.

**Reserve your ticket today**

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF THE MOST REVEREND NEIL SCANTLEBURY, BISHOP OF BRIDGETOWN

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Bridgetown invites you to

**SING PSALMS to the LORD**

**MAGNIFICAT**

"My Soul Proclaims the Greatness of the Lord"

An evening of Scripture • Psalms • Sacred Music • Visual Contemplation • Reflection

Friday **October 9, 2026, 7:30 pm**  
Saturday **October 10, 2026, 7:30 pm**  
**Our Lady Queen of the Universe Cultural Center**  
Black Rock, Saint Michael

**Tickets \$50**  
(Available in ALL PARISHES and the Bishop's Office, 426-3510)  
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE ON SALE

**Catholic Prayer Movement**

**WE'RE BACK! OUR TUESDAY PRAYER MEETING RESUMES**

ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN US ONLINE | **TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER, 2026 AT 5:30 P.M.**

TOPIC:

**WHAT HAPPENS WHEN CLERICS FAIL TO TACKLE THE SPIRITUAL DOMINATION WITHIN THE CHURCH**

PRESENTER: **DR. IAN ROCK**

Meeting ID: 870 9398 4291  
Passcode: 073345

Join Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87093984291?pwd=3FpJenTQY3N5W5BkZPBLZS5VbHR9.1>

Come, let us pray together.

**Healing & Deliverance**

Our Theme for October:  
**SHARING TESTIMONIES**

Join us on:  
**Wednesday, October 7, 2026**

Topic:  
*Testimonies from the Acts of the Apostles*

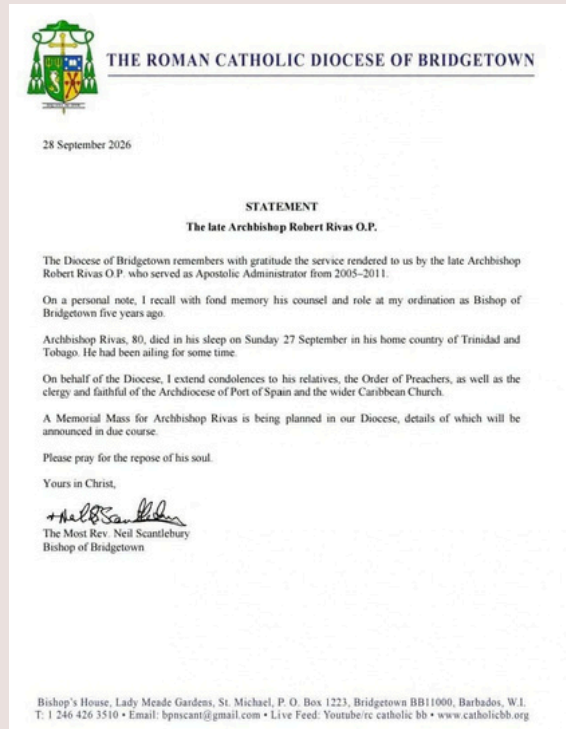
St. Patrick's R.C. Cathedral  
9:30 A.M. to 11:15 A.M.

Wednesday  
7th October, 2026

Come and share, be encouraged, and experience the power of God's love.

With Fr. Vibert Stephens & Brother Rommel Lawrence

# Remembering Archbishop Rivas



## Flashbacks



Archbishop Rivas served as a principal co-consecrator at the episcopal ordination of The Most Reverend Neil Scantlebury in 2021.



Archbishop Rivas was also a principal co-consecrator at the episcopal ordination of The Most Reverend Charles Jason Gordon in 2011.

## A message from Fr. Vibert

My dear brothers and sisters,

I am expressing my gratitude to you who have reached out and supported me in various ways on hearing of the surgery for a hernia.

I have had a successful surgery but the healing process will take a long time.

The surgeon advised that I allow the internal wound to heal so as not to cause rupture and have to return to the operating table.

I am taking the time to heal and eagerly waiting to return to the Lord's vineyard with you again. I am praying for you and I ask you kindly to pray for me also, as we continue to grow in the Lord. Thanks again for your kind consideration, help and patience. Blessings.



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