



Parish Newsletter 4th Sunday of Advent Year C 2024 Christmas

Mass Intentions 21st December – 29th December

Our Lady of Fatima (OLF)

St Thomas More (STM)

Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Kazimierz Popiel (Gregorian Mass 23) Barbara Vernem (RIP)		
Sunday Polish	10.30am 12.15pm	People of the Parish Kazimierz Popiel (Gregorian Mass 24)	8.30am	Maria Galagala (RIP)
Monday	9.00am	Kazimierz Popiel (Gregorian Mass 25)		
Tuesday Christmas Vigil	9.00am 6.00pm 11.30pm Polish	Kazimierz Popiel (Gregorian Mass 26) Family Mass - Hayley Wright (RIP) Jaś and his family (Thanksgiving and for health)	10.00pm 10.30pm	Office of Readings Special Intention
Wednesday Christmas Day	10.30am 12.15pm	People of the Parish Kazimierz Popiel (Gregorian Mass 27)	8.30am	Special Intention
Thursday Polish	9.00am 11.00am	Christmas Tree Intention Kazimierz Popiel (Gregorian Mass 28)		
Friday			10.00am	John Williams (Recently dead) Kazimierz Popiel (Gregorian Mass 29)
Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Kazimierz Popiel (Gregorian Mass 30) Richard Collins		
Sunday Polish	10.30am 12.15pm	Christmas Tree Intention Romana Galek (RIP)	8.30am	People of the Parish



Micah 5: 1-4: This reading informs us that it is from Bethlehem in Judah that the "Comforter" will come; in Him people will find strength and encouragement.

Hebrews 10:5-10: The author of this letter, written to lift the spirits of the struggling Jewish converts, tells them to see in Christ's humanity concrete evidence of God's concern and compassion for His people.

Luke 1: 39-44: Mary also shows her compassion as she hastens to visit Elizabeth so as to comfort and to encourage her.

Prayer for Lighting the Fourth Candle - Love: "Heavenly Father, as we light the fourth Advent candle of love, may your love inspire us to love one another as you have loved us. Let your love guide our actions and words. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen."

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - STM: Wednesday, Friday 9.30am-10am **OLF:** Saturday 5pm - 5.50pm

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE: Our Lady of Fatima, Harlow - **Sunday 22nd December 5.00pm**

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Twice a month on the First & Third Friday, 6.00pm OLF Hall (behind the stage meeting room)

CHRISTMAS CHURCH CLEANING:

STM CHURCH: Monday 23rd December at 5.00pm.

THANK YOU for your Christmas Collection, which goes always to support the priest. Your kindness and generosity are really appreciated.

EPIPHANY BRUNCH WITH CAROLS: Sunday 5th January 2025 after 8.30 mass. Food items for sharing are welcome.

SVP: the next meeting: Wednesday 8th January 2025 in OLF Hall room.

Launch Event: You are invited to celebrate the launch of SVP Harlow's conference at a fundraising event hosted at OLF on Sunday 26th January 2025 at 2.00pm. Join us for music and refreshments from our Harlow Parishes

FIRST COMMUNION the next meeting for the children - 8th January 2025

FUND RAISING TEAM We are looking to form a Fund-Raising Team. If you are interested, could you please email: harlowolf@brcdt.org with your contact details.

Thank you for your support in donating food for the Christmas Hampers. Five hampers have been delivered.

Pray for the sick: J.C. Nkosa, Oswald Donkor, Teresa Lambe, Noreen Wright, Romualda Ratajczyk, Grace Fisher, Fr Bernard Grogan, Angela Walsh, Jeremy Collins, Peter Kelly, Pam Matthews, Andrew Dodge, Władysław Borecki, Ewa Samborska, Peter, Tom Ryan, Adele Ryan, Nial Briody, Maria Lunnon, Fabian Andrade, Eileen Rowan, John Brickley, Helen Doherty, Philip Ketedzi, Caroline Berry, Anna Sweeney, Stanislaw Kostecki, Carmel Delaney, Donnah Dris, Conrado Shea, Ryan Tomlin, May Quinlan, Krystyna, Josie Cronin, Mary Quinlan, Anna Borsuk, Ruby Antony, Eileen Jolly, Anna Słota, Monica, John O'Donnell and their children, Neil, Anna Gawlik, Eileen, Kathleen Kidney, Andrew Sinclair, Pauline, Alice and Rodney Bill, Valda, sick parishioners from Ashlyn, Alexandra and Abbot Care Home.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of: Giona, Christopher Keenan, Denis Grogan, Kathleen Thompson, Fr Andrzej Kuder MS, Fr Z. Patys MS, Fr P Sofij MS, Gerald O'Brien, Mario Pascale, Robert King, Sheila Maher, Mary Doran, Des Rowan, Hayley Wright, Mary Sage, Patrica Carter, Radosław Iwańczyk, Piotr Chudy, Billy Lomasney, Kenneth Samuels, John Stenson, Terry Farrington, Kevin McGrath, Julie Bush, Janina Zdrojewska, Zbigniew Piątek, Józef Chapski, Peter Mwangi Gekonyo, Eileen Hynes, Irene Heaphy, Joby Joy, PJ Thomas, Eveline Falzon, Dolores Lawless, Zbigniew Sienkiewicz, John Cywinski, Maria Cristina Galagala, Conway Love, Giuseppe Lobue, Thomas Nelson, Paul Gaize, Bridget Minihane, Barbara Vernem, Romie Quinn, and all those whose anniversaries occur this month.



"Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world."

—C.S. LEWIS

"And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger." – Luke 2:16

**Our Christmas Wishes for you are that you will be blessed.
And may your days be filled with peace with God,
peace with others and peace in your own heart.**

Whatever challenges life has put at your doorstep, don't let them prevent you from making this Christmas a merry one.

Merry Christmas

Fr Bogdan and Fr Leszek



The Sacrament of Reconciliation (A Guide to Confession)

Confession does not have to be a difficult matter, but it does require some preparation. As with all things, we should begin with prayer, placing ourselves in the presence of God. Then we should try to review our lives since our last confession, searching out our thoughts, words, and actions that did not conform to God's love, to His law, or to the laws of the Church. Reviewing our life this way is called an "examination of conscience," and it is a good practice for every day of our lives.

We should not let too much time pass between our visits to the sacrament of reconciliation. The Church asks us to go at least once a year, but suggests that we go regularly, perhaps once a month. If we go more often, we can more often receive the graces to improve our lives.

Once you are there for the sacrament, try to follow these four steps to a good confession:

1. **Tell all.** Try not to leave any serious sins out. Start with the one that is toughest to say.
2. **Be clear.** Try not to be subtle or euphemistic.
3. **Be sorry.** Remember, it is God you have offended, and His forgiveness you seek.
4. **Be brief.** No need to go into detail. Often when we do, we are just trying to excuse ourselves.

If you have not been to confession in a while, this is not a reason to worry. The Church loves to welcome prodigal children home. But please do not delay any longer — just go. You might even want to make an appointment with your priest so you can spend a little more time without worrying about delaying others who might be waiting in line. Let the priest know at the start that it has been a while since your last confession, and that you are not sure how to proceed. And if you are nervous, say so. The point of the sacrament is repentance and mercy; so, the more mercy the priest can dispense in the name of God, the more joyous the occasion should be.



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES



ST. THOMAS MORE RC CHURCH

HODINGS ROAD, HARLOW, CM20 1TN

Christmas Eve (24th of December 2024)

10.00 pm The Office of Readings & Carols

10.30 pm Early-Midnight Mass of Christmas

Christmas Day (25th of December 2024)

8.30 am Mass



OUR LADY OF FATIMA RC CHURCH

HOWARD WAY, HARLOW, CM20 2NS

Christmas Eve (24th of December 2024)

6.00 pm First Mass of Christmas (For Children)

11.30pm Midnight Mass in Polish

Christmas Day (25th of December 2024)

10.30 am Mass

12.15 pm Mass in Polish

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

