



Parish Newsletter **HOLY FAMILY** Year C 2024

Mass Intentions 28th December – 5th January

Our Lady of Fatima (OLF)

St Thomas More (STM)

Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Kazimierz Popiel (Gregorian Mass 30) Richard Collins (RIP)		
Sunday Polish	10.30am 12.15pm	Christmas Tree Intention Romana Gałek (RIP)	8.30am	People of the Parish
Monday	9.00am	Demeter Family (SI) Margaret O'Connell, Collin Lampitt, Sean Lambe (RIP)		
Tuesday	9.00am	Tess Minihane (RIP, Ann.)		
Wednesday Mother of God	9.00am	Donkor Family	10.00am	Sara Marshall (Recently Dead)
Thursday	9.00am	Shoji & Nikita Earethara (Wedding Ann.)		
Friday			10.00am	Bogdan Ion (SI) Sister de Paul Maher (RIP)
Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	People of the Parish Christmas Tree Intention		
Sunday Polish	10.30am 12.15pm	Hayley Wright (RIP, 40 th Birthday) Elżbieta Leszczyńska, Michał Roch Furmanek (RIP) Grzegorz Gawdzik (RIP)	8.30am	Pauline Holdstock (RIP, Ann.)



"Happy are they who dwell in Your house, O Lord" focuses our thoughts on what the Judaic-Christian tradition considers to be an essential of happy family life. It is no coincidence that as people leave God out of their lives, social structures become weakened. A major concern today is the constant erosion of family values.

Samuel 1:20-22; 24-28: Highlights how different parental authority was then compared with now. Then, the parent could decide the child's future; today, parents can only be expected to prepare children to make sound decisions for themselves.

1 John 3: 1-2; 21-14: Since we are adopted children of God, John reminds us of the logical consequences of our adoption - to be men and women of Faith; to be guided by the Commandments, and to respect others even though they may be different from us.

Luke 2:41-52: Here we read of the consternation felt by Joseph and Mary as they realised that Jesus had gone missing; and then, their puzzlement as Jesus informed them that He had a special mission to carry out. This incident marks the final scene in St. Luke's account of Christ's childhood.

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

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

REVIEW OF 2024

Parish statistics for 2024, which may be of interest.

Baptism – 29

First Holy Communion – 37

Confirmation – 37

Marriage – 7

Deaths – 11

Average Mass attendance – 615

Average Mass collection - 912

CHURCH CLEANING:

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.

RCIA: The group will continue to meet in the Presbytery on Tuesday 14th January.

SVP: the next meeting: Wednesday 8th January 2025 in OLF Hall (upstairs 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, Stanisław 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. Pałys 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.

"May the Lord bless you and keep you; may His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace." – Numbers 6:24-26

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Pope Francis will launch the Jubilee Year by opening the Holy Door at Saint Peter's Basilica on the 24th of December 2024. The theme for the Holy Year is **Pilgrims of Hope**.

In Acts of the Apostles we hear how God opens doors of faith to gentiles and others. The astonishing truth at the heart of every successful Holy Year is that we can learn through experience that God's mercy and forgiveness are always utterly generous. When pilgrims walk through a Holy Door - a door of faith - we will be astonished about how straightforward our reconciliation with God is.



‘Almighty God... in this year of grace...bound to Christ the rock of our salvation, may we happily attain the goal of blessed hope’. [cf Collect from the Mass of Holy Year].

In the Diocese of Brentwood Holy Doors will be opened in:

- The Cathedral of St Mary & St Helen, Brentwood,
- The National Shrine of Our Lady of Light, Spouse of the Holy Spirit, Clacton,
- Saint Antony of Padua, Forest Gate.