



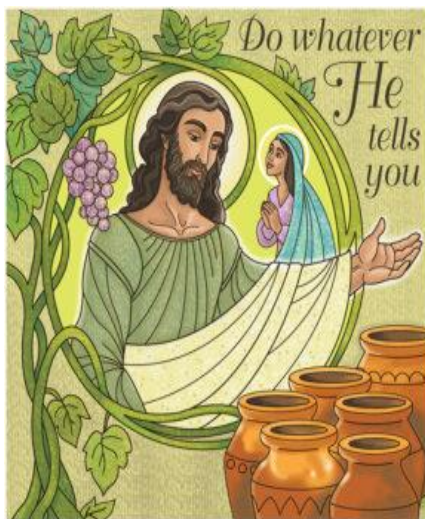
Parish Newsletter **Second Sunday in OT Year C 2025** *Peace Sunday*

Mass Intentions 17th January – 26th January

Our Lady of Fatima (OLF)

St Thomas More (STM)

Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	People of the Parish Liam Walsh (RIP, Ann.)		
Sunday Polish	10.30am 12.15pm	Christy Keenan (Recently dead) Anna Zagórska (3 rd Ann., RIP)	8.30am	Holy Souls (dusze w czyśćcu cierpiące)
Monday	9.00am	James Keenan (Recently dead)		
Tuesday	9.00am	Wiesław Krawczyk (RIP, Ann.)		
Wednesday	7-8pm	Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament	10.00am	Anne Emery (RIP) James Keenan (Recently dead)
Thursday	9.00am	Noreen Bourke (RIP) & Michael Bourke (RIP)		
Friday			10.00am	Kevin Connor (Ann, RIP) Thanksgiving (Sneha Rajkumar)
Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Petre (Birthday, SI) Stanisława Pilek (Birthday Mass, SI)		
Sunday Polish	10.30am 12.15pm	Deceased family of John Brickley Grzegorz Gawdzik (RIP)	8.30am	Sally Thorne (RIP, Ann.)



The question of God's presence may be answered in a variety of ways - there is the catechism answer "God is everywhere"; there is the visible presence of God in the person of Christ perpetuated for us in the sacramental presence in the Eucharist; and then there is the indwelling presence of God in each person through the Holy Spirit. Today's readings touch on this question of God's presence in and around and through us.

Isaiah 62:1-5 - After their return from exile, the Chosen People were devastated. Their culture had been destroyed. The fact that they started again stemmed from their deep-seated Faith that God was with them, a presence that the Prophet likened to the union of marriage where husband and wife are there for each other.

1 Cor. 12:4-11 - St. Paul makes the point that God is present in people in a variety of vocations. Each person recognises his or her individual call and, by responding to it positively, reflects God's presence to the community by that response.

St. John 2:1-12 - In the story of the first miracle at Cana, we can identify the steps by which God's presence is enacted on that occasion. Firstly, there is the request to Jesus by His mother; then there is Mary's instruction to the servants to do as He asks; the servants obey Jesus, and the miraculous transformation occurs.

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

Feasts of the Week:

Tuesday 21st January – **St Agnes**, VM, Memorial
Friday 24th January – **St Frances de Sales**, Bp, D, Memorial
Saturday 25th January – **Conversion of St Paul**, Feast

This Weekend 18th\19th January there is a second collection for World Peace Day – Pax Christi

Thank you from The Comboni Missionary Sisters for our recent generous donation of £640.

CHURCH CLEANING: OLF Church: Friday 24th January – **Team A**, International Group

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

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

FIRST COMMUNION the next meeting for the children 22nd January 2025

RCIA: The group will continue to meet in the Presbytery on Tuesday 21st January.

SVP Appeal for unwanted gifts. Please leave in the boxes, in the church porch at OLF & STM. Thank you

SVP 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.

OLF & STM Social and Fund-raising team:

If you have any unwanted gifts that you would like to donate to future raffles/ fete/ bazaar it will be gratefully received. Please leave any donation(s) in the box provided in the foyer from Sunday the 12th of January, once again thank you for your support, it's very much appreciated.

We will be in the foyer Sunday 19th January to get your thoughts on what events you would like to see take place as we move into the New Year. We are still looking to build the Social and Fund-raising team, if you are interested, please email harlowolf@brcdt.org with your contact details and we liaise directly with you.

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: James Keenan, Giona Nkunim Botchway-Adjei, 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.

The Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Christians throughout the world will mark the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Jan. 18-25, with the theme for 2025 taken from John 11:17-27 — specifically Jesus, having declared he is the resurrection and the life, asking Martha, "Do you believe this?" (Jn 11:26). The year 2025 marks the 1700th anniversary of the first Christian Ecumenical Council, held in Nicaea, near Constantinople in 325 CE.

Prayer for Christian Unity

Lord Jesus Christ, at your Last Supper you prayed to the Father that all should be one. Send your Holy Spirit upon all who bear your name and seek to serve you. Strengthen our faith in you and lead us to love one another in humility. May we who have been reborn in one baptism be united in one faith under one Shepherd.



What is a Jubilee Year?

In the Catholic Church, a Jubilee or Holy Year is a special year of forgiveness and reconciliation, in which people are invited to come back into right relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation.

How often is a Jubilee Year?

A Jubilee Year is celebrated by the Church every 25 years. This has

been the case since 1470, when Pope Paul II changed it from every 50 years. A Pope can also proclaim an Extraordinary Jubilee, like the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy which Pope Francis inaugurated in 2015.

What is the theme of the Jubilee Year in 2025?

The theme is Pilgrims of Hope. Pope Francis has invited Catholics to renew our hope and discover a vision that can "restore access to the fruits of the earth to everyone". We are also invited to rediscover a spirituality of God's creation in which we understand ourselves as "pilgrims on the earth" rather than masters of the world.

When does the Jubilee Year start and finish?

The 2025 Jubilee Year begins on Christmas Eve 2024 and concludes on 6 January 2026.

What is a Holy Door?

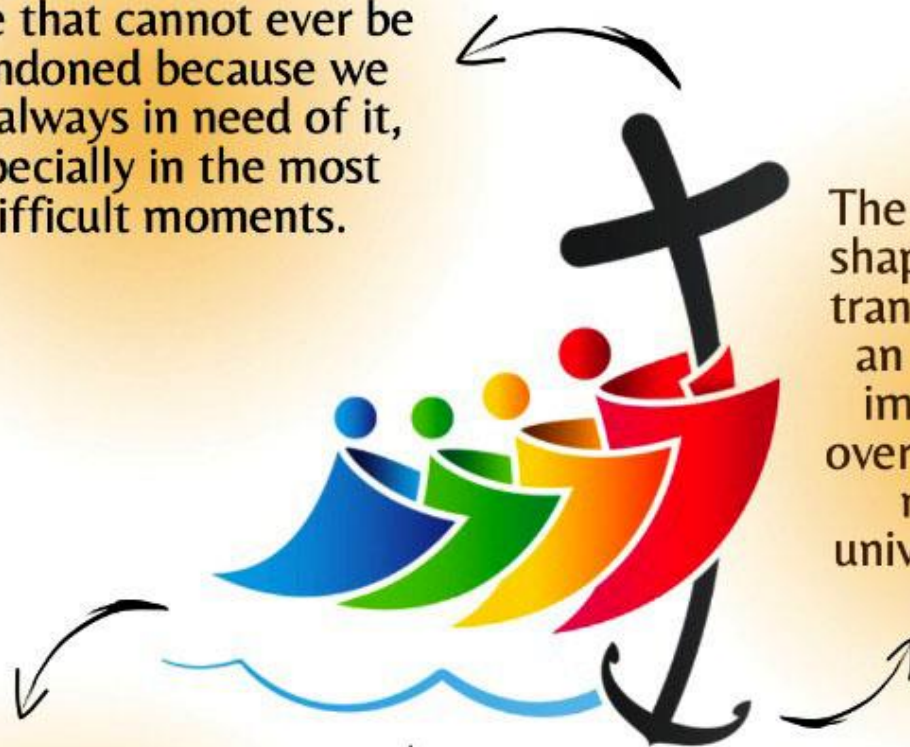
A Holy Door is one of the usually sealed entrances that lead into the major basilicas of Rome. The beginning of the Jubilee Year is marked by the opening of the Holy Door of St Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. It is only during a Jubilee Year that these doors are opened.

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.

‘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].

The cross of Christ is the hope that cannot ever be abandoned because we are always in need of it, especially in the most difficult moments.



The Cross, in the shape of a sail, is transformed into an anchor that imposes itself over the waves in motion. A universal symbol of Hope.

The figures represent humanity from the four corners of the World. They are embracing each other to illustrate the solidarity between the peoples, as the first holds onto the cross.

The rough sea is a reminder of the difficulties of the pilgrimage of life. Often, personal events as well as those of the world, press on us more intensely, demanding a greater hope.

