



## Parish Newsletter **Fifth Sunday Year C 2025**

Mass Intentions 8<sup>th</sup> February - 16<sup>th</sup> February

**Our Lady of Fatima (OLF)**

**St Thomas More (STM)**

Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	People of the Parish Carol Mason (Ann. RIP)		
Sunday <b>Polish</b>	10.30am 12.15pm	Sharlene Lopez & Family, (Thanksgiving) & Eduardo Joson (RIP) Stanisław Kipa (RIP)	8.30am	Dusze w czyśćcu cierpiące (Holy Souls)
Monday	9.00am	Jan Jarmuszkiewicz & Wiesław Krawczyk (RIP) Fr Leszek (Birthday Mass)		
Tuesday	9.00am	Thanksgiving		
Wednesday	7-8pm	Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament	10.00am	Hildegard Roemer (recently dead) For Deceased Patients from Neurological Centre
Thursday	9.00am	Sean Lambe, Colin Lampitt, Margaret & Patrick O'Connell, Hoban Family (RIP)		
Friday			10.00am	Peter O'Brian (recently dead) Margaret Notley (recently dead)
Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	People of the Parish Lydia Poon (SI)		
Sunday <b>Polish</b>	10.30am 12.15pm	Mirosław (For Healing, SI) Jowitka Majewska (For Healing, SI)	8.30am	Romie Quinn (RIP, Ann.)



**Isaiah 6: 1-8** A powerful vision of the prophet Isaiah encountering God's overwhelming holiness in the temple, leading to a profound realization of his own sinfulness and a subsequent call to serve as a prophet, readily accepting the weighty responsibility despite his unworthiness, signifying a complete surrender to God's will.

**1 Cor. 15: 1-11** - As a result of the risen Christ appearing to him, Paul recognised that his mission in life was not to persecute the Christian community, but to become its leading advocate to all people - Jews and Gentiles.

**Luke 5: 1-11** - Before giving them their definitive call, Christ prepared Peter and his associates. They accompanied Him as He instructed the people and their growing faith in Christ was confirmed by the miracle of the fish, but only after Peter had doubted Christ and then repented. Peter's position as leader was established and the challenge of Christian discipleship was entrusted to him and his associates.

**Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette:**

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

### **Feasts of the Week:**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February, **St. Scholastica, V.**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February, **Our Lady of Lourdes**, Principal Patroness of the Diocese

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February, **St. Cyril, M & St Methodius**, Bps

### **Second collections**

This weekend 8/9 February for **Lourdes Sick** and **Helpers Pilgrimage Fund**

Next weekend 15/16 February for **Racial Justice**

**CHURCH CLEANING:** OLF Church: 14th February Friday 6.00pm – **Team D**, FHC Parents Polish 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 on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 5.15pm

Parents meetings: 24<sup>th</sup> February (English) - 3<sup>rd</sup> March (Polish) at 7pm in the OLF Chapel.

**RCIA:** The group will continue to meet in the Presbytery on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm.

### **SVP Harlow**

We would like to thank parishioners for their support and donations in helping to set up the Harlow Conference with a great start. As well as thank you to all those who helped and contributed on the day.

The next meeting isn't until 11th March.

### **CARITAS NETWORKING DAY**

Parishioners across the Diocese, particularly those involved in projects supporting Catholic Social Action or interested in doing so, are warmly invited to the 2025 Caritas Networking Day. Active parish SVP, CAFOD, Justice and Peace groups or those supporting refugees and migrants, running or assisting with foodbanks, involved in environmental projects, or working with the homeless will come together on Sunday, 9 February, from 2–6 pm at St. Edward the Confessor Church Hall, Romford.

### **INTER FAITH DIALOGUE**

Cardinal Michael will be speaking on 'Inter Faith Dialogue' at 11 am on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. The event is also available live stream free of charge at [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org)

### **MARRIAGE WEEK:**

7th-14th February is National Marriage Week. Please pray for couples living the vocation to marriage, for those preparing for married life, for those who are widowed, and those who are struggling with difficult situations in their family life. The Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life will take place in Brentwood Cathedral on Saturday 21st June - if you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year please let your parish priest know.

**Pray for the sick:** Ivan Pirnak, 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 Kosteck, 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:** Romualda Ratajczyk, James Keenan, Giona Nkunim Botchway-Adjei, Christopher Keenan, Denis Grogan, Kathleen Thompson, Fr Andrzej Kuder MS, Fr Z. Palys 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.

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In the Jubilee Year the invitation to Christian hope echoes. “Hope does not disappoint’ (Rom 5:5), but strengthens us in times of trials” is the title of Pope Francis’ Message for the XXXIII World Day of the Sick.

World Day of the Sick is celebrated annually on 11 February, liturgical memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. Every three years, the celebration takes a solemn form at a Marian Shrine. Due to the Jubilee Year 2025, the Holy Father Francis has ordered that the solemn celebration, which should take place this year, be held on 11 February 2026 at the Marian Shrine of the Virgen de Chapi, in Arequipa, Peru. In 2025, the Church will celebrate World Day of the Sick in the ordinary form, at diocesan level, on 11 February: the Jubilee of the Sick and the World of Healthcare on 5 and 6 April; and the Jubilee of People with Disabilities on 28 and 29 April.

In this Jubilee Year, in which the Church invites us to become ‘pilgrims of hope’, to celebrate the Day dedicated to the sick, the Holy Father chooses a passage from St Paul's Letter to the Romans, in which the apostle infuses the Christian community of Rome with courage.

Hope, the central message of the Jubilee, gives substance to the Pope's invitation, and at the same time his wish, to all those who suffer and to those who care for the sick. A hope that - Francis observes - makes us steadfast in difficulties and offers nourishment to that virtue that is called fortitude and is - like hope - a gift from God.

This gift is one of the aspects through which God's presence is manifested in our lives. ‘More than anything else, suffering makes us aware that hope comes from the Lord, and it is thus, first and foremost, a gift to be received and cultivated, by remaining “faithful to the faithfulness of God”

’It is also a gift to walk beside the Risen One, who fills that suffering with meaning, so that we too, like the disciples of Emmaus (cf. Luke 24:13-53) ‘we can share with him our anxieties, concerns and disappointments, and listen to his word, which enlightens us and warms our hearts. Like them too, we can recognise him present in the breaking of the bread”.

It is therefore clear how illness is first and foremost an occasion of encounter with Christ. ‘In the time of illness, in fact,’ writes Pope Francis, ‘if on the one hand we feel all our frailty as creatures - physical, psychological and spiritual - on the other hand we experience the closeness and compassion of God, who in Jesus shared our sufferings’ and so we discover that we can anchor ourselves to an unshakable rock and experience the consolation that comes from God.

But it is also an encounter with the other, with those who are sick, with those who heal and care. Here then, the places where people suffer - hospitals, nursing homes, families - also become ‘places of sharing, where we enrich one another. How many times,’ the Holy Father observed, ‘at the bedside of a sick person, one learns to hope! How many times, being close to those who suffer, one learns to believe! How often, when we care for those in need, do we discover love! We realize that we are “angels” of hope and messengers of God for one another, all of us together: weather patients, physicians, nurses, family members, friends, priests, men and women religious. This walking together, Pope Francis concludes, ‘is a sign for everyone, “a hymn to human dignity, a song of hope”’. A luminous testimony that substantiates the exhortation of this Jubilee: ‘Spes non confundit’, ‘hope does not disappoint’