



## Parish Newsletter **Sixth Sunday Year C 2025** **Racial Justice Sunday**

**Mass Intentions 15<sup>th</sup> February – 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

**Our Lady of Fatima (OLF)**

**St Thomas More (STM)**

Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	People of the Parish Lydia Poon (SI)		
Sunday <b>Polish</b>	10.30am <b>12.15pm</b>	Mirosław (For Healing, SI) Jowitka Majewska (For Healing, SI)	8.30am	Romie Quinn (RIP, Ann.)
Monday	9.00am	Viorel & Dorel (Birthday) Irene & Mervyn Baker (RIP, Ann.)		
Tuesday	9.00am	Kenneth Samuels (RIP)		
Wednesday	7-8pm	Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament	10.00am	John & James Treacy (RIP, Ann.) Sharon Palmer (SI)
Thursday	9.00am	Peggy Murphy (Recently dead)		
Friday			10.00am	Basil & Clement Jones (RIP, Ann.) Brian Mooney (Recently dead)
Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Hayley Wright (RIP) Souls E. S. Daniel		
Sunday <b>Polish</b>	10.30am <b>12.15pm</b>	Piotr (SI) Grażyna & Sylwia Czop (Birthday mass)	8.30am	People of the Parish



### **Be Happy**

Everyone wants to be happy. Regardless of one's circumstance of life, or social position, or culture, place of residence, city or country, every person is in search of happiness. But what makes a person happy? Obviously, it is not the same for everyone. Today's readings, however, provide us with some solid ground rules applicable to everyone.

**Jeremiah 17:5-8** - For the Prophet, total self-sufficiency or total dependence on others does not guarantee happiness. He employs images easily understood by people accustomed to the harshness of the desert. Plants without sufficient water shrink and die; so, too, people without God remain stunted and eventually die.

**1 Cor. 15: 12-20** - Still drawing upon his encounter with the Risen Christ, St. Paul expresses his belief that ultimate happiness is enjoyed by those who, through, death, reunite with God who is the Source of Eternal Life. Christ's resurrection guarantees this!

**Luke 6: 17, 20-26** - The Beatitudes remain one of Christ's best remembered sermons. In St. Luke's version there are four "blessed" and four "woes" advising that a life totally self-centred whilst neglecting to be concerned about the pain and deprivation of others less fortunate, is no path to complete happiness.

### **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:** Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, The Chair of St Peter the Apostle - Feast

**Second Collection: This weekend** 15th/16th February for **Racial Justice**

**CHURCH CLEANING:** OLF Church: 21<sup>st</sup> February Friday 2.00pm – **Team A**, International Group

### **CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP**

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

**FIRST COMMUNION** the next meeting for the children on Wednesday **26th February at 5.30pm**

**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 18th February at 7.00pm.

**SVP Harlow** -The next meeting is on Tuesday **11th March at 7.00pm** at The Assumption of Our Lady Church Hall, Mulberry Green, Old Harlow, CM17 0HA. **Thank you** for all your donations.

**Social & Fund-Raising Event** – We would like to invite you to a Quiz at STM Hall on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Please arrive at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. You can bring your own nibbles/refreshments. It is £3.00 per person with 6-8 in a team, but children 12 and under are free – individuals are welcome, as you can join an allocated table. There will be a raffle on the night. To book your team, please call Bernadette on 01279 443392.

### **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.

**THANK YOU EVERYONE** for lovely birthday wishes and thoughtful gifts. I am blessed to have you all in my life.  
Fr Leszek

**Pray for the sick:** Pam Barnard, 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 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:** Brian Mooney, Romualda Ratajczyk, 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

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### **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?**

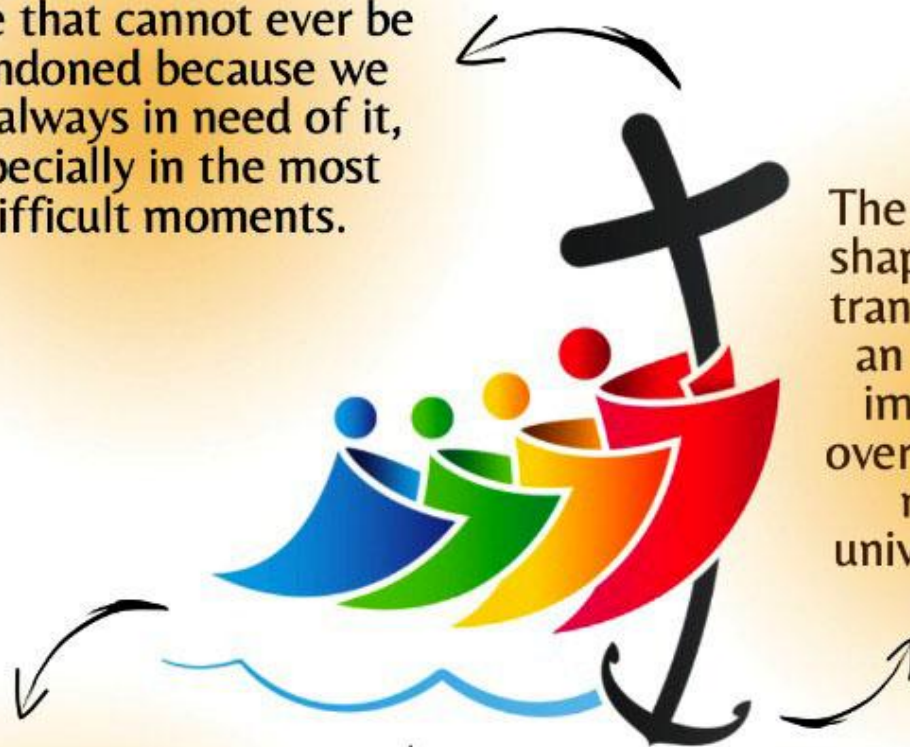
A Holy Door is one of the usually sealed entrances that lead into the major basilicas of Rome. The beginning of the Jubilee Year is marked by the opening of the Holy Door of St Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. It is only during a Jubilee Year that these doors are opened.

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.

