



## Parish Newsletter **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** Year C 2025

**Mass Intentions 10<sup>th</sup> May – 18<sup>th</sup> May**

**Our Lady of Fatima (OLF)**

**St Thomas More (STM)**

Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Everton McIntosh (SI) novena 4 Thanksgiving (Daria)		
Sunday <b>Polish</b>	10.30am <b>12.15pm</b>	People of the Parish <b>1st Communion (Polish)</b> Zofia & Bogusław Wadowiec (RIP) <b>1st Communion (English)</b>	8.30am	Everton McIntosh (SI) novena 5
Monday	9.00am	Everton McIntosh (SI) novena 6 Alina (SI)		
Tuesday <b>Our Lady of Fatima</b>	9.00am <b>7.00pm</b>	Gabriel Jacob (SI) Everton McIntosh (SI) novena 7		
Wednesday	7.00-8.00pm	Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament	10.00am	Everton McIntosh (SI) novena 8 Chris Shaw (lately dead)
Thursday	9.00am <b>1.30pm</b>	Everton McIntosh (SI) novena 9 <b>Funeral Mass of Andrew Dodge</b>		
Friday			10.00am	Martina Dunlea & her mum Eileen (SI)
Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	People of the Parish Zofia Pilek, Zofia Fraudenberger & Zofia Siek (RIP)		
Sunday <b>Polish</b>	10.30am <b>12.15pm</b>	Erick Holdstock (RIP, Ann.) Franciszek Górzynski (RIP)	8.30am	Holy souls (Dusze w czyśćcu cierpiące)



Those familiar with boating know the value of a "sheet anchor" to maintain position in turbulent conditions; just as they recognise the value of a "beacon" to guide them to their destination. In many ways, life is very similar to the boating experience when we need to steady ourselves in tough times and at all times, we need guidance to maintain an even course. The readings today put it to us that Christ, under the title of the "Good Shepherd" fills this role.

**Acts 13:14,43-52** - Paul and Barnabas, in their preaching in the synagogues of Asia Minor, assure their listeners of the power and the love of God for all people as manifested in Jesus - "a light for the nations".

**Apocalypse 7:9,14-17** -From the island of Patmos to which he had been exiled, John seeks to comfort the young Christian communities experiencing persecution and assures them that the power of God will not desert His people and that their continued loyalty and perseverance will see them numbered among the Saints.

**John 10: 27-30** -This promise is repeated in by St. John in the gospel reading which portrays Christ as the Good Shepherd, caring for his flock. The image of the shepherd portrayed here is vastly different from our Australian image of the sheep farmer managing flocks numbering thousands. In the Palestine of Christ's time, the shepherd 's flocks were small and depended on the shepherd to lead them to pasture and provide protection.

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

**CHURCH CLEANING:**

**OLF Church:** 16th May - **Team A** - International Group

**Feasts of the Week:**

Tuesday 13th May: Our Lady of Fatima

Wednesday 14th May: St Matthias, Ap, Feast

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

**Congratulation to our children who make their First Holy Communion this Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.**

**Legion of Mary:** If anyone would like to borrow the statue of Our Blessed Lady during the month of May to pray in their homes, please contact Elsa 07954444267.

**SVP HARLOW**– The next meeting is on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> of May 7.00pm at Our Lady of Fatima Hall.

**SOCIAL & FUND-RAISING:**

We are holding a **Silent Disco** on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May at OLF Hall. Doors open at 7.00pm and the music starts at 7.30pm until 11.00pm. Bring your own nibbles/refreshments. Tickets are £10.00 for adults and £5.00 for children 10 and under. There will be a raffle on the night. Tickets are on sale now in the porch at the Sunday masses. Thank you for your support.

**International Food Festival.** You are invited to our “Bring and Share” Food Festival on Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> of June, at 1.30pm to 3.30pm at OLF Hall. Food drop offs to the hall can be made at 12.00 noon – please list all your ingredients, for allergy reasons. If you would like to come along and perform some music, you will be more than welcome – please advise Grace or Janice if you would like to perform. Let’s make this a fun afternoon with good food, music and games.

**GIFT AID TEAM:** There are still a few envelopes for the New Tax Year starting 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025 to be collected from the porch. It is still not too late to return your completed gift aid forms. Many thanks for your support.

**Pray for the sick:** Keith Harris, Pam Barnard, Ivan Pirnak, J.C. Nkosa, Teresa Lambe, Noreen Wright, Romualda Ratajczyk, Grace Fisher, Fr Bernard Grogan, Angela Walsh, Jeremy Collins, Peter Kelly, Pam Matthews, 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:** Pope Francis, Patrick Joseph McCarthy, Helen Noyo Owie, Ks. Augustyn Hamielec MS, Fr Józef Załucki, Włodzimierz Cieślak, Andrew Dodge, Anna Frances Daly, Fr Antony Ciula MS, Collin White, Patrick Travers, 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 Piotr Sofij MS, Hayley Wright, Mary Sage, Patricia Carter, Radosław Iwańczyk, 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, Thomas Nelson, Paul Gaize, Bridget Minihane, Barbara Vernem, Romie Quinn, and all those whose anniversaries occur this month.

**Our Sincere Condolences and prayers to** Mrs Tess Dodge on the death of her son. Mrs Susan McCarthy and her family on the death of her husband and The Family of Elisa Criscenti.

**Prayer to Follow the Call of Christ**

*Lord, I thank You for the gifts You have given me, especially for life, love, family and friends. Help me to know myself better and to know my talents, as I pray, study and decide on my life's work. Help me to see and understand the path You open for me. Help me choose a life's work which will be in response to my potential and your love for me. If I am being invited to follow You as a priest, brother, sister, give me a generous heart to respond to your challenging call and the strength to follow You wherever You lead me.*

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**Our Lady of Fatima invites us once again to turn to prayer, penance, and conversion.**

*Pope Francis*



## **The Prayer of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary**

*by Pope Francis*

‘Holy Mary Virgin of Fatima,

with renewed gratitude for your maternal presence, we join our voice to that of all the generations who call you blessed.

We celebrate in you the works of God, who never tires of looking down with mercy upon humanity, afflicted with the wound of sin, to heal it and save it.

Accept with the benevolence of a Mother

the act of consecration that we perform today with confidence, before this image of you that is so dear to us.

We are certain that each of us is precious in your eyes

and that nothing of all that lives in our hearts is unknown to you.

We let ourselves be touched by your most sweet regard and we welcome the consoling caress of your smile.

Hold our life in your arms:

bless and strengthen every desire for good; revive and nourish faith;

sustain and enlighten hope; awaken and animate charity;

guide all of us along the path of holiness.

Teach us your own preferential love for the little and the poor,

for the excluded and the suffering, for sinners and the downhearted:

bring everyone under your protection

and entrust everyone to your beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus.

Amen.’



