



Parish Newsletter **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** Year C 2025

Mass Intentions 17th May – 25th May

Our Lady of Fatima (OLF)

St Thomas More (STM)

Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	People of the Parish Zofia Pilek, Zofia Fraudenberger & Zofia Siek (RIP)		
Sunday Polish	10.30am 12.15pm	Demeter Family Franciszek Górzynski (RIP)	8.30am	Holy souls (Dusze w czyśćcu cierpiące)
Monday	9.00am	Mihaela (SI)		
Tuesday	9.00am	Chrissie O'Sullivan (RIP)		
Wednesday	7.00-8.00pm	Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament	10.00am	Colin Connor (RIP, Ann.)
Thursday	7.00pm	Howe Family (SI)		
Friday			10.00am	Varkey Kurian (RIP) Kay (for recovery)
Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Ken Samuels Jan & Stanisław Stachoń (SI)		
Sunday Polish	10.30am 12.15pm	People of the Parish Stanisław Bargiel (RIP)	8.30am	Erick Holdstock (RIP, Ann.)

New Commandment

It is said that one of the early Roman Emperors, while watching the circus events in which Christians were pitted against lions, gladiators and the like, commented "See how these Christians love each other"! It amazed him that, in the face of great danger, Christians still had time to support each other. But then, the emperor did not know of the New Commandment that Christ had introduced. Our readings today speak of this radical teaching.

Acts 14: 21-27 - Paul and Barnabas have completed their first missionary journey. In addition to setting up new communities of Christians, much of their time was spent comforting and strengthening these groups to persevere, through mutual support, in the face of opposition and persecution.

Apocalypse 21: 1-5 - Here we see the ultimate goal of Christ's teaching - a new beginning for people as they come to recognise the common denominator, we all possess in the indwelling presence of God, who is there to encourage, to reassure and to challenge.

*love
each other
as I have
loved you.
John 15:12*

Gospel Jn 13: 31 - 35 - This passage introduces us to the new and difficult commandment - love one another as I have loved you. It is 'new' in the sense that it is called for by the new set of circumstances that is fast approaching. After Jesus' death and return to the Father, the community will no longer have the physical presence of Jesus to make the divine love palpable in their midst. Their own, equally palpable, love for one another must instead take on this role. If this high requirement is fulfilled, if they do indeed love one another after the pattern he has set, then this will signal to outsiders that they are truly his disciples.

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

CHURCH CLEANING:

OLF Church: 23rd May - **Team B** – Polish Team

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulation to all the children who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Holy Communion does not end with the Host, it only begins there.

Whoever does not prepare for Holy Communion receives it with his body, but not with his soul.

Saint John Paul II said: Every Communion makes me less mine and more His.

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 20th of May 7.00pm at Our Lady of Fatima Hall.

SOCIAL & FUND-RAISING:

We are holding a **Silent Disco** on Saturday 31st 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.

The main point of a **silent disco** is to provide a unique and customizable music experience without the loud noise of traditional parties. Attendees wear wireless headphones, allowing them to choose from multiple music channels and control their own volume, promoting personal preference and individual listening experiences. It also allows for more natural conversations and can be a solution for noise-sensitive individuals or situations where noise complaints are a concern.

International Food Festival. You are invited to our “Bring and Share” Food Festival on Sunday the 8th 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 6th 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: Mary Bernadette Fitzgerald, 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 Sarah Noble on the death of her mum Mary Bernadette Fitzgerald, 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.

