



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

Mass Intentions 24th May – 1st June

Our Lady of Fatima (OLF)

St Thomas More (STM)

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.)
Monday	9.00am	Mr & Mrs Pardue (RIP) Jerzy Rybaczuk (sick)		
Tuesday	9.00am	Patrick & Margaret O'Connell, Collin Lampit (RIP), Evelyn & Sean Lambe, Lawrence Hoban (RIP)		
Wednesday	7.00pm Vigil mass	People of the Parish	10.00am	Agnes Ruby (RIP, Ann.)
The Ascension Thursday	9.30am	Deanna Ennew (RIP, Ann.)	7.30pm	Kasia & Krzysztof (SI)
Friday			10.00am	Angela Walsh (95 th Birthday, SI) Cathy Briody (sick)
Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Ryan Gomes & Family (Thanksgiving) For God's blessing (Daria)		
Sunday Polish	10.30am 12.15pm	Mary Gibson (20th Birthday, SI) Janina Olesiak (RIP, 21 st Ann.)	8.30am	Stanisława Niezgoda (Gregorian M.1)



Decisions One of the tough things in life is making decisions. The more complicated life gets, the more decisions we have to make. Do we have access to "insider information" on the big questions? Christ says "Yes"! When those decisions relate to our Christian response, the influence of the Holy Spirit should be sought. All the readings today reflect this.

Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29 - As the early Christian community attracted the interest of those outside the Jewish tradition, a momentous decision had to be made - was it possible for non-Jews to become Christian without following the strict Jewish traditions of circumcision and dietary laws. The first general assembly of the Church held at Jerusalem, inspired by the Holy Spirit, came up with a compromise solution allowing a relaxation of the strict Mosaic law.

Apocalypse 21: 10-23 - Depicts the Church as a continuing partnership between humanity and the Divine. The Holy City is to be made up of people from every background.

Gospel John 14:23-29 - Amongst other last-minute instructions before completing His public ministry, Christ explains the role of the Holy Spirit which is not to introduce new revelation, but to unfold an ever-new understanding of the once and for all revelation of Christ.

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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

The Ascension is a liturgical Solemnity celebrated by all the Christian Churches. It falls on the fortieth day after Easter Sunday. Saint John Chrysostom and Saint Augustine make reference to it, but it was probably Saint Gregory of Nyssa who influenced the propagation of the feast. With his Ascension into heaven, the presence of the “historical Christ” comes to an end, and the presence of the Body of Christ, the Church, is inaugurated.

The Masses in our Churches are:

7.00pm (28th May, Vigil Mass) 9.30 am 29th May at OLF Church

7.30 pm 29th May at STM Church

CHURCH CLEANING:

OLF Church: 30th May – **Communion Team**

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 10th of June 7.00pm at Assumption Hall.

PREMISES COMMITTEE – Monday 2nd June 7pm at the Presbytery

SOCIAL & FUND-RAISING:

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL

You are invited to our “**Bring and Share**” **Food Festival** on Sunday the **8th 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 us 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.



Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.