



Parish Newsletter **CORPUS CHRISTI** Year C 2025

Mass Intentions - 21st June – 29th June -

Our Lady of Fatima (OLF)

St Thomas More (STM)

Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Stanisława Niezgoda (Gregorian 21) Jan & Stanisława Stachoń (SI)		
Sunday Polish	10.30am 12.15pm	Hayley Wright (RIP) Krzysztof Czop (Birthday)	8.30am	Stanisława Niezgoda (Gregorian 22)
Monday	9.00am	Stanisława Niezgoda (Gregorian 23)		
Tuesday	9.00am	Stanisława Niezgoda (Gregorian 24)		
Wednesday	7.00-8.00pm	Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament	10.00am	Stanisława Niezgoda (Gregorian 25) Varkey Njavarakattu (RIP)
Thursday	9.00am	Stanisława Niezgoda (Gregorian 26) Lily Antony (RIP)		
Friday Sacred Heart	7.00 pm	People of the Parish	10.00am	Stanisława Niezgoda (Gregorian 27)
Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Dominic Delahunt (Ann. RIP) Stanisława Niezgoda (Gregorian 28)		
Sunday Polish	10.30am 12.15pm	Stanisława Niezgoda (Gregorian 29) Halina Niepsuj (RIP)	8.30am	Alex Capaldi (RIP, Ann.)

The Feast of Corpus Christi, Body of Christ, owes its existence to Blessed Juliana of Liege, who began devotion to the Blessed Sacrament in around 1230. Largely through her insistence, in 1264 Pope Urban IV commanded its observance by the universal church. Our liturgy today recalls the scriptural origins of this devotion.

Genesis 14:18-20 - To give thanks for a major victory that he had won, Abraham ordered his high priest, Melchizedek, to offer sacrifice. Instead of the usual sacrificial offering, Melchizedek, offered bread and wine, the full significance of which came to light at the Last Supper.

1 Cor. 11: 23-26. - The importance of the Eucharist as a reminder of Christ's passion and death is again brought home to the Corinthians



Luke 9:11-17 - From earliest times, the multiplication of the loaves and fish has been interpreted as a sign of the Eucharist - the Thanksgiving Meal.

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

CHURCH CLEANING: OLF Church: 27th June FHC parents' group

Second Collection: This weekend is for The Sick Clergy. Next weekend is for Peter's Pence.

What does the Solemnity of Corpus Christi celebrate?

Also known as the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, this feast honours Jesus Christ, Really, Truly, and Substantially Present under the appearances of bread and wine. This Presence happens through the change which the Church calls transubstantiation ("change of substance") when at the Consecration of the Mass, the priest says the words which Christ Himself pronounced over bread and wine, "This is My Body," "This is the chalice of My Blood," "Do this in remembrance of Me."

Nativity of St John the Baptist

Only three birthdays are celebrated on the Church's liturgical calendar, the Nativity of Our Lord (December 25), the Nativity of His Mother (September 8), and the Nativity of His forerunner, John the Baptist, on June 24. St. John the Baptist was set apart from the womb to prepare the way of the Lord and was a significant figure connected to the Incarnation and the Redemption. The Church honours him because of his role in preparing the way for Christ.

What is the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus?

This is a moveable feast that honours the Sacred Heart. In 1675, Jesus told St. Margaret Mary that He wanted the Feast of the Sacred Heart to be celebrated on the Friday after the Corpus Christi octave. In 1856, the Feast of the Sacred Heart became a universal feast.

St. John Paul II, a great devotee of the Sacred Heart, said, "This feast reminds us of the mystery of the love of God for the people of all times." We celebrate the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 27th.

The upcoming Third Reading of the ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL

Catholic Bishops urge Catholics, and all people of goodwill, to contact their MP and ask them to vote against this bill. We also ask you to pray that our representatives choose to protect the most vulnerable citizens of this country when they vote later this month.

Celebration Breakfast: St Thomas More Church - 60 years

On Sunday 29th June, after the 8.30 mass, a Bring & Share Breakfast to celebrate 60 years since the opening of the church. Please come along to celebrate.

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The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 24th June at 7.00pm in the upstairs meeting room in the hall.

Annual African Mass will take place at Holy Cross Church on Saturday 28th June at 5.30 pm.

St John Bosco Children's Camp - 26th July – 2nd 2025 August. The Camp has a Catholic ethos and exists to give children a magnificent holiday. https://Johnbsoco.formstack.com/forms/bosco_child_application_form_2025.

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: Halyna Wetaszczuk, Mary 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.

Feast of Saint Thomas More
A special day of blessing for our Parish.



Few saints are more relevant to our time. His belief that no lay ruler has jurisdiction over the Church of Christ cost Thomas More his life. Beheaded on Tower Hill, London, on July 6, 1535, More steadfastly refused to approve King Henry VIII's divorce and remarriage and establishment of the Church of England.

Described as "a man for all seasons," More was a literary scholar, eminent lawyer, gentleman, father of four children, and chancellor of England. An intensely spiritual man, he would not support the king's divorce from Catherine of Aragon in order to marry Anne Boleyn. Nor would he acknowledge Henry as supreme head of the Church in England, breaking with Rome, and denying the pope as head.

More was committed to the Tower of London to await trial for treason: not swearing to the Act of Succession and the Oath of Supremacy. Upon conviction, More declared he had all the councils of Christendom and not just the council of one realm to support him in the decision of his conscience.

Prayer for Good Humour
by St. Thomas More

Grant me, O Lord, good digestion, and also something to digest.
Grant me a healthy body, and the necessary good humour to maintain it.
Grant me a simple soul that knows to treasure all that is good
and that doesn't frighten easily at the sight of evil,
but rather finds the means to put things back in their place.
Give me a soul that knows not boredom, grumblings, sighs and laments,
nor excess of stress, because of that obstructing thing called "I."
Grant me, O Lord, a sense of good humour.
Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke to discover in life a bit of joy,
and to be able to share it with others.