



Parish Newsletter Seventeenth Sunday Year C 2025

Mass Intentions 26th July – 3rd August

Our Lady of Fatima (OLF)

St Thomas More (STM)

Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	People of the Parish Alice Toohey (RIP, Ann.)		
Sunday Polish	10.30am 12.15pm	Ray (SI) Sofia and Magda (SI)	8.30am	Luke Dunlea (RIP, Ann.)
Monday	9.00am	Luiza		
Tuesday	9.00am	Martha Nyekanga (Birthday)		
Wednesday	7.00-8.00pm	Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament	10.00am	Mr & Mrs Royce (RIP)
Thursday	9.00am	Tomkinson Family (SI)		
Friday			10.00am	Herity & Martha (5 th Wedding Ann.)
Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	People of the Parish Gordon Murphy & Dec'd members of Murphy & Gallagher Families		
Sunday Polish	10.30am 12.15pm	Sean Anglim (RIP, Ann.) Kasia & Marcin Komosa (10 th Wedding Ann., Thanksgiving) Blessing for the Family	8.30am	Kar Teoh (RIP) & David Page (RIP)



Buzzword - "Father"

How many times have we recited the "The Lord's Prayer"? How often have we considered what a totally complete and universal prayer it is embodying, as it does, the elements of perfect prayer - worship and petition? Today's readings describe the personal nature of our relationship with God that enables us to call Him "Father".

Genesis 18: 20-32: Throughout the Old Testament, the image of God is, largely, that of a stern, unrelenting judge. Today's reading shows another image - that of a God of mercy and forgiveness. Abraham's persistent pleading on behalf of his people reveals a God not only of justice, but also of mercy. One who not only dictates, but who also listens.

Colossians 2:12-24 Paul reassures the Colossians that because of Christ's sacrifice, mercy and forgiveness are available to people who seek reconciliation.

Luke 11:1-13: In response to the Apostles' request "Teach us to pray", Christ presents a classical model of prayer in which worship and petition are interwoven.

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

FEASTS of the Week:

Saturday 26th July, **SS Joachim and Anne**, Parents of the BVM - Memorial

Tuesday 29th July – **SS Martha, Mary and Lazarus** – Memorial

Thursday 31st July – **St Ignatius of Loyola**, Pr – Memorial

Friday 1st August – **St Alphonsus Mary de ‘Liguori**, Bp, D – Memorial

CHURCH CLEANING: OLF Church 1st August, Team D (FHC Polish Parents)

Legion of Mary: Friday 1st August 6.30pm in the meeting room behind the stage at OLF, for the auxiliary & lay members. If non-members would like to learn about the Legion you are most welcome. We will be praying together, and Fr Leszek will give a talk, followed by refreshments.

Second Collection Next weekend for **the SVP**

Social Events: Jubilee Year Outing

To mark the Jubilee Year there will be a visit to Our Lady of Light & St Osyth Church in Clacton, on **Saturday 20th September 2025**. This church is one of the three churches in The Diocese that you can walk through The Holy Door. There will be a mass held, afterwards we will have a picnic on the beach. If you are interested in joining us, can you please see Kay (OLF), Clara/Kay (STM) **by 17th August**. Once numbers are known we will advise you of the coach cost. Please see the notice board for further details/updates.

Social & Fund Raising:

We are looking for volunteers to help organise our **Christmas Bazaar**. It is being held on **Saturday 6th December 2025** in OLF Hall. It would be lovely to see you are the **initial planning meeting** on **Wednesday 6th August** at **7.00pm** in the hall meeting room. If you are unable to attend, but would like to volunteer, please see Kay (OLF) or Clara/Kay (STM) after Sunday mass.

We would like to invite you to join us for another **Quiz** at **STM Hall** on **Saturday 25th October 2025**, further updates will be issued in due course.

MEDITATING ON THE OUR FATHER PRAYER

The Catechism says, **“The Lord’s Prayer is truly the summary of the whole Gospel”** (CCC 2761). “St. Ignatius suggested to those who were searching to grow in prayer to pray the Our Father very slowly and silently in harmony with the pattern of deep, relaxed breathing. Pray only one word with each slow breath, letting the mind, heart and imagination dwell on that single word. St. Ignatius also suggested a second method: become relaxed and dwell on the first word of the Our Father, for as long as it is meaningful. Then, move on to the second word. A young novice once asked Teresa of Avila, “Mother, what shall I do to become a contemplative?” Without missing a beat, Teresa responded, “Say the Our Father – but take an hour to say it.”

Pray for the sick: Keith Harris, Pam Barnard, Ivan Pirnak, J.C. Nkosa, Teresa Lamb, Noreen Wright, Romualda Ratajczyk, Grace Fisher, Kathleen Evans, Fr Bernard Grogan, Angela Walsh, Jeremy Collins, Peter Kelly, Mary Kelly, Pam Matthews, Wladyslaw Borecki, Ewa Samborska, Peter 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, Mat Quinlan, Krystyna, Josie Cronin, Mary Quinlan, Anna Borsuk, Ruby Antony, Eileen Jolly, Anna Slota, Monica, John O’Donnell and their children, Neil, Anna Gawlik, Eileen, Kathleen Kidney, Andrew Sinclair, Pauline, Alica and Rodney Bill, Valda, sick parishioners from Ashlyn, Alexandra and Abbot Care Home.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of: Anne Marie (France), Peggy Kellett, Brian Quinn, Fr Mieczysław Szeptycki MS, Halyna Wetaszczuk, Mary Fitzgerald, Pope Francis, Patrick Joseph McCarthy, Helen Noyo Owie, Fr 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.

