



## Parish Newsletter Eighteenth Sunday Year C 2025

Mass Intentions 2<sup>nd</sup> August – 10<sup>th</sup> August

**Our Lady of Fatima (OLF)**

**St Thomas More (STM)**

Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	People of the Parish Gordon Murphy & Dec'd members of Murphy & Gallagher Families		
Sunday <b>Polish</b>	10.30am <b>12.15pm</b>	Sean Anglim (RIP, Ann.) Kasia & Marcin Komosa (10 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Ann., Thanksgiving and Blessing for the Family)	8.30am	Kar Teoh (RIP) & David Page (RIP)
Monday	9.00am	Ann Nguyen (Thanksgiving) Chris Daniel (3 <sup>rd</sup> Birthday)		
Tuesday	9.00am	Bogdan (SI) Fr Mieczysław Szeptycki MS		
Wednesday	7.00-8.00pm	Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament	10.00am	Billy Johnson (RIP, Ann.)
Thursday	9.00am	For the sick		
Friday			10.00am	Leon John Allen (Thanksgiving, Birthday)
Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	For Good Government Sr Mary Brennan (RIP)		
Sunday <b>Polish</b>	10.30am <b>12.15pm</b>	Hayley Wright (RIP) Regina Szymanik (RIP)	8.30am	People of the Parish



### Immortality

All religious leaders encourage their followers to face the mystery of death; to deal with the conundrum - "if I have been born to die, why be born at all"? Today's readings touch on this most fundamental religious question.

**Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23:** The author of this Wisdom Book sets out to remind his readers that life is a vanity of vanities unless there is some purpose and meaning which transcends death. What, exactly, that purpose is the author is unsure, and it is only later that religious thinking embraces, fully, the concept of immortality.

**Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11:** From the moment of our baptism, St. Paul writes, our ultimate destiny is union with Christ, so that we may be revealed in glory with him.

**Luke 12: 13-21:** When asked to intervene in a matter of inheritance, Christ refuses. He does not assert that the acquisition of material possessions is wrong; He does, however, make the point that ultimate security cannot be found in them.

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

### **FEASTS of the Week:**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August – St John Vianney, Pr – Memorial

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August – **The Transfiguration of the Lord** – Feast

**The Transfiguration of Jesus** is one of the key events in Jesus' life. He took three apostles – Peter, James, and John – up to a high mountain to pray. As they were praying, His appearance changed, and His clothes became “dazzling white.” At that point, Moses and Elijah appeared and spoke to the Lord about His upcoming death. A cloud overshadowed the group, and God the Father's voice came from the cloud saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!”

### **What was the reason for the Transfiguration?**

According to St. Thomas Aquinas, the Transfiguration occurred because the divine glory which was Christ's was allowed for a moment to shine through His human body. He did this so that they could taste for a short time the contemplation of eternal joy, in view of the persecutions they would suffer.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August – St Dominic, Pr – Memorial

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August – St Teresa Benedicta of The Cross, V, M – Patron of Europe

**CHURCH CLEANING: OLF Church 8th August, Team A - 2.00pm**

**Second Collection** This 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> August**. Once numbers are known we will advise you of the coach cost. Please see the notice board for further details/updates.

*"A pilgrimage has a vital part to play in our life of faith for it removes us from our homes and our daily routines and gives us time and space to encounter God more deeply."* - Pope Leo XIV, July 2025

### **Social & Fund Raising:**

We are looking for volunteers to help organise our **Christmas Bazaar**. It is being held on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2025** in OLF Hall. It would be lovely to see you are the **initial planning meeting** on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> October 2025**, further updates will be issued in due course.

**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, Władysław 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.