



## Parish Newsletter Twenty First Sunday Year C 2025

Mass Intentions 23rd August – 31<sup>st</sup> August

Our Lady of Fatima (OLF)

St Thomas More (STM)

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| Saturday         | 9.00am<br>6.00pm   | People of the Parish<br>Jerome Gomes (RIP)&Souls in Purgatory      |         |   |
| Sunday<br>Polish | 10.30am<br>12.15pm | Veronica Fletcher (RIP)<br>Hubert Drozdowski (RIP)                 | 8.30am  | Za Dusze w czyśćcu cierpiące (Holy Souls) |
| Monday           | 9.00am             | Bogdan (SI)  |         |   |
| Tuesday          | 9.00am             | Expiation for the sins against Holy Eucharist                      |         |   |
| Wednesday        | 7.00-8.00pm        | Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament                            | 10.00am | Chloe McCarthy (1 <sup>st</sup> Ann. RIP) |
| Thursday         | 9.00am             | Alina (Thanksgiving)   |         |   |
| Friday           |                    |  | 10.00am | Scarlett Mercer (SI)                      |
| Saturday         | 9.00am<br>6.00pm   | Dusze w czysccu cierpiace<br>John Cywinski (RIP)                   |         |   |
| Sunday<br>Polish | 10.30am<br>12.15pm | Mark Anglim(SI)Liam Walsh(RIP)<br>Adam (40 <sup>th</sup> Birthday) | 8.30am  | People of the Parish                      |



Our folklore contains a great deal of advice about being complacent - "many a slip between cup and lip"; "pride cometh before the fall"; "he who stands, take heed lest he fall". Alexander Pope in "An Essay on Criticism" wrote - "Of all the causes that conspire to blind .... is pride, the never-failing vice of fools". Of our readings today, the first and second give encouragement; but the reading from the Gospel issues a stern warning against taking for granted the fact that everyone will achieve salvation. Eternal life can only be gained by continued effort.

**Isaiah 66: 18-21** - Here Isaiah writes of his vision of Yahweh gathering the nations together on the holy mountain in Jerusalem, an image of ultimate union with God - salvation.

**Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13** - The early Christian community in Jerusalem was being subjected to serious trials, and the unknown author of this letter is encouraging them to see some purpose in what was happening and to use the

experience to strengthen their faith.

**Luke 13:22-30** - The confrontation between Jesus and the religious leaders has deepened; again, he warns them that, regardless of their traditions and status as God's chosen people, salvation is not automatic - not for them, not for anyone! On this question of salvation, there are no grounds for complacency.

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

**CHURCH CLEANING:** OLF Friday 29th August, Team D, Polish FHC Parents.

**FEASTS of the Week:**

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August – St Monica, – Memorial

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August – St Augustine, Bp, D – Memorial

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August – The Passion of St John the Baptist – Memorial

**Counselling Service for OLF & STM**

The service is free to parishioners. Clients are requested to donate £15 for each session towards the church. Further details and business cards are available in the porch or from Fr Bogdan or Dr Ray Aldridge-Morris on 07946 854632.

**Altar Servers Training:** Next Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August at 11.30 OLF. All candidates are welcome.

**Social Events: Jubilee Year Outing**

To mark the Jubilee Year, we are visiting Our Lady of Light & St Osyth Church in Clacton. The church is one of three churches in The Diocese where you may walk through The Holy Door. After mass there will be a picnic on the beach. Cost for the coach to be advised

*"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 the **Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December** in OLF Hall. If you would like to volunteer, please see Kay (OLF) or Clara/Kay (STM) after Sunday mass.

Please join us for another **Quiz at STM Hall on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October**. Further updates will be issued in due course.

**The Divine Mercy Apostolate**, London is holding a Celebration of St Faustina Birthday at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday Monday 25 August 2025 from 10:30 am to 4pm. Call Millie on [07957594646](tel:07957594646) for more information.

**Pray for the sick:** Tony Poole, 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, Stanisław 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:** Eileen Banting, Noreen Ward (Moran) 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 Nkuni 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.

**Congratulations**

To John and Ewelina on the Baptism of their baby, Filip James, on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

**Condolences**

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Eileen Mary Banting who recently died. The funeral will be held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August at 11.30am at OLF.

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