



Parish Newsletter 25th Sunday Year C 2025

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday

Mass Intentions 20th September – 28th September
Our Lady of Fatima (OLF) St Thomas More (STM)

Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Maria Gawel (Gregorian 12) Maria Konecka Słota & Zofia Pilek (RIP)		
Sunday Polish	10.30am 12.15pm	Richard Kartey (SI, Birthday) Ryszard Kosakowski (1 st Ann. RIP)	8.30am	Maria Gawel (Gregorian 13)
Monday	12.30pm	Funeral Mass of Tony Poole		
Tuesday	9.00am	People of the Parish Maria Gawel (Gregorian 15)		
Wednesday				No Mass
Thursday		No Mass		
Friday			10.00am	Maria Gawel (Gregorian 18)
Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Ann Halsey (RIP)		Maria Gawel (Gregorian 19)
Sunday Polish	10.30am 12.15pm	John Kelly (RIP) Halyna Wetaszczuk (RIP) and Bogdan Zajdel (RIP)	8.30am	Maria Gawel (Gregorian 20)

Priorities

The complexities of modern living require us to look closely at what serves to ensure that we obtain best value from the opportunities open to us. Today's readings remind us that our ultimate values should relate to our spiritual well-being, and we should apply ourselves to this task with the same shrewdness that we employ in pursuit of material goals.

Amos 8: 4-7: Amos, angry old farmer and sometime prophet vigorously denounces the scandalous immorality of the business wheeler-dealers of his time who unashamedly took advantage of the difficult economic conditions to exploit the poor and the needy, despite the counsels of the Covenant.

Timothy 2: 1-8: Here St. Paul reminds his companion that the dedicated follower of Christ cannot be totally self-centred, but must be concerned with the community, particularly by encouraging people to be united in prayer.



THE PARABLE OF THE SHREWD MANAGER

Luke 16: 1-13: In praising the shrewdness of the dishonest steward, at the same time condemning his immoral behaviour, Christ expresses regret that people are unwilling to be equally concerned about spiritual values as the steward had been for his material well-being.

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - STM: Wednesday, Friday 9.30am-10am OLF: Saturday 5pm - 5.50pm
CHURCH CLEANING: OLF Friday 26th September - Team B.

I BELIEVE...

This year, the Church has been celebrating a significant anniversary. It's 1,700 years since the Council of Nicaea. This great gathering of Bishops from around the Church began the work to formulate the creed we proclaim Sunday by Sunday. It is the content of this creed that is our mission, so that we may know and love God in this life, in order to be happy with him forever in the next. The creed begins with a profound proclamation, "I believe..." This is the theme for *Evangelii Gaudium Sunday 2025*.

FEASTS of the Week:

Tuesday – St Pius of Pietrelcina
Wednesday – Our Lady of Walsingham
Saturday – St Vincent de Paul

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

Any parents who would like to enrol their child in the forthcoming preparation program for The First Holy Communion, please make an appointment with Fr Bogdan. The child should be year 3 or above and attend OLF/STM

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.

Jubilee Year Outing Update

To mark the Jubilee Year, we are visiting Our Lady of Light & St Osyth Church in Clacton. On Saturday **18th October**. Please confirm with Kay or Clara asap if you are able to attend. There will be an indoor picnic in the church hall. Cost for the coach will be £15.00 and collected from Sunday 14th to 21st. *"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:

Christmas Bazaar on **6th December** in OLF Hall, please see Kay or Clara. The next meeting will be on **Monday 6th October at 7.00pm in OLF hall upstairs room**. To support the Christmas Bazaar, if you are able to donate any of the following it would be much appreciated – there will be a collection box in the porch from Sunday 14th September. Bric a brac items, bottles of alcoholic drink, soft drinks, tins of food, dry goods, unwanted gifts, unwanted Christmas decorations, soft toys, (washed if not new). Everything should be in good order. Please join us for another **Quiz at STM Hall on Saturday 25th October**. Further updates will follow.

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: Nick Cronin, Tony Poole, Mathew Joseph, Noreen Ward (Moran) Peggy Kellett, Brian Quinn, Fr Mieczysław Szeptycki MS, Halyna Wetaszczuk, Mary Fitzgerald, Helen Noyo Owie, Fr Augustyn Hamielec MS, Giona Nkunim Botchway-Adjei, Christopher Keenan, Denis Grogan, Kathleen Thompson, Fr Andrzej Kuder MS, Fr Z. Pałys 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, Joby Joy, PJ Thomas, Eveline Falzon, Dolores Lawless, John Cywinski, Maria Cristina Galagala, Thomas Nelson, Paul Gaize, Bridget Minihane, Barbara Vernem, Romie Quinn, and all those whose anniversaries occur this month.

Condolences

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Anthony (Tony) Poole who died recently. His Funeral Mass is on Monday 22nd September at 12.30pm.