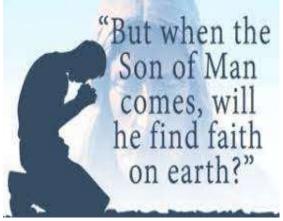
# Parish Newsletter 29th Sunday Year C 2025

Mass Intentions 18<sup>th</sup> October – 26<sup>th</sup> October World Mission Sunday

Our Lady of Fatima (OLF)

St Thomas More (STM)

Saturday	9.00am	People of the Parish		
	6.00pm	Philip Donkor (SI, Birthday)		
Sunday	10.30am	Brian & Ryan Gomes (SI, Birthday)	8.30am	Domenica Capaldi (RIP, Ann.)
Polish	12.15pm	For Parish (heart healing & forgiveness)		
Monday	9.00am	Noreen Wright (90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday)		
		Sean Gulrajani (for successful		
		operation)		
Tuesday	9.00am	Sheils Family		
Wednesday	7.00-8.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament		Rae Hooker (SI)
	_			Nick Cronin (RIP)
Thursday		Sonny Minihane (RIP, Ann.)		
Friday			10.00am	Ololade Sanusi (SI)
				Fr John Timmins (RIP)
Saturday	9.00am	Fr Bernard Grogan SDB (91st birthday)		
	6.00pm	Basilio & Leticia Lanoria (RIP)		
Sunday	10.30am	Judith Scudder (80 <sup>th</sup> Birthday)	8.30am	Paddy Traver (RIP)
Polish	12.15pm	Mateusz & Magdalena Sassak		
		(16 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)		



### Perseverance

The theme of today's Mass is to "hang in there"! How often do we get discouraged - the news is all bad, there are bills to be paid, families to be fed, work to be done and, on top of everything, you feel a cold coming on! As the old song puts it - 'Life gets tedious, don't it?" Today's readings recommend that we hang in there when the going gets tough.

**Exodus 17:8-13** - Moses keeps praying no matter how badly the battle with the Amalekites goes. The image of the Interventionist God prevailed at this stage of religious thinking.

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 - Paul does not let up on Timothy; he keeps at him about his new responsibilities to teach, to organise and to deal with the problems and burdens of the day-to-day life of the church. One can almost imagine Timothy shaking his head and saying "OK! Give me a break! Get off my back!"

Luke 18:1-8 - The widow keeps after the judge until finally he gives in and hears her case. Although she had received knock back after knock back, she did not quit. In this parable, we are being told that in life there will always be frustration, failure and discouragement; the question is, do we have the faith to bounce back?

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

CHURCH CLEANING: OLF Friday 24th October - Polish Team B.

#### WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday reminds us that we are personally called by Jesus to bear witness to his words in our everyday lives. We are called to reach out to those who are lost, oppressed and discouraged and to care tenderly for those who suffer. In January this year, Pope Francis chose 'Missionaries Of Hope Among All Peoples' as the theme for this year's World Mission Sunday, reminding us of our calling to be 'messengers and builders of hope' in this Jubilee Year. The hope we share, rooted in the resurrection of Christ, has the power to transform lives and heal our world.

Pope Leo has reinforced this call: asking us to be 'a missionary Church that opens its arms to the world'.

This weekend Second Collection is for World Mission Day

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

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October – St Cedd, Bp – Diocesan Memorial

# FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion meetings will start for children on Wednesday 5th November 2025 at 5.30pm in the church hall. There will also be a meeting for parents in the weekday chapel on Wednesday 5th November at 5.30pm held by Fr Bogdan- attendance is essential. There will be a special welcome mass for all children in the First Holy Communion programme on the 9<sup>th</sup> November at the 10.30am mass.

RCIA: The Catholic Church's process for adults to be introduced to the Catholic faith, learn its teachings, and become full members by receiving sacraments like Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Next meeting on Tuesday 14th October at 6pm in the Presbytery.

#### **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.

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

**Cancellation:** The Quiz at STM Hall on Saturday the 25th of October has been cancelled. If you have paid for a ticket, please see Clara or Kay after Sunday mass for reimbursement.

Christmas Bazaar Thank you for your donations. We are still collecting bottles, gifts etc but have sufficient bric a brac.

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.

## NOVEMBER is the month during which Catholics remember and pray for the dead.

In November our minds turn particularly to the "Holy Souls" in Purgatory.

A blank list in an envelope inviting families to record the names of those in their family who have died and whom they would like remembered at Mass, in prayer during the month of November.

The lists can be returned to our churches or the priests house at any time. We will lay at the altars in our churches the envelopes with the list those who have died that you would like the priests and parish to pray.

# The month of October is a good time to re-evaluate the place the Rosary has in our lives.

"The Rosary is the best therapy for these distraught, unhappy, fearful, and frustrated souls, precisely because it involves the simultaneous use of three powers: the physical, the vocal, and the spiritual..."

- Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

"Love the Madonna and pray the Rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother."

- St. Padre Pio



#### THE PRAYERS OF THE ROSARY

- 1. Make the Sign of the Cross.
- 2. Holding the Crucifix, say the Apostles' Creed.
  - 3. On the first bead, say an Our Father.
- 4. Say one *Hail Mary* on each of the next three beads.
  - 5. Say the Glory Be
- 6. For each of the five decades, announce the Mystery (perhaps followed by a brief reading from Scripture) then say the *Our Father*.
- 7. While fingering each of the ten beads of the decade, next say ten Hail Marys while meditating on the Mystery. Then say a *Glory Be*.

(After finishing each decade, some say the following prayer requested by the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima: O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy.)

After saying the five decades, say the Hail, Holy Queen, followed by this dialogue and prayer: V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: O God, whose Only Begotten Son, by his life, Death, and Resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech thee, that while meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.