



Parish Newsletter 30th Sunday Year C 2025

Mass Intentions 25th October – 2nd November

Our Lady of Fatima (OLF)

St Thomas More (STM)

Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Fr Bernard Grogan SDB (91st birthday) Basilio & Leticia Lanoria (RIP)		
Sunday Polish	10.30am 12.15pm	Judith Scudder (80 th Birthday) Mateusz & Magdalena Sassak (16 th Wedding Anniversary)	8.30am	Paddy Traver (RIP)
Monday	9.00am	Sheils Family		
Tuesday	9.00am	Noreen Wright (90 th Birthday)		
Wednesday	7.00-8.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	10.00am	Fr John Olliver (RIP)
Thursday	9.00am 10.30am	Thanksgiving (Demeter Family) Funeral Mass of Mary (May) Aitken		
Friday			10.00am	Marie Cywinski (Birthday, SI) Thanksgiving (Alina)
Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	People of the Parish Gus and Karina Falzon		
Sunday Polish	10.30am 12.15pm	All Souls Władysław Lisz (RIP, 3rd Ann.)	8.30am	For Family and mental Health daughter (from Clarissa)



Strength

What makes a person "strong"? Do we equate being strong with being a bully? The wealthy may have power, **Luke 18: 9-14** but are they necessarily strong characters? Or is real strength of character revealed in self-mastery rather than mastery over others? All three readings, today, deal with this type of strength.

Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-18 - In this passage we are advised that real strength comes from God and that this type of strength may be found equally in the poor as in the powerful.

2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16 - 18 - Paul attributes his survival to this same source of strength; even when all others had abandoned him, nevertheless, strengthened by God, he was still able to remain strong and faithful to his mission.

Luke 18: 9-14 - Here we see contrasted two types of strength - the loud, boastful behaviour of the proud Pharisee contrasted with the quiet, penitential attitude of the publican. It takes a great deal of strength of character to acknowledge one's faults, and this contrasts sharply with the Pharisee's approach which only served to confirm that empty drums make the most noise.

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

CHURCH CLEANING: OLF Friday 31st October – International Team A.

This weekend the Second Collection is for Prisoner's Sunday

FEASTS of the Week:

Saturday 28th October – SS **Simon and Jude**, App – Feast

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 9th of 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 4th November 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.

SVP Harlow Conference Quiz: We are holding a fund-raising event at The Assumption of Our Lady's Hall in Mulberry Green, Old Harlow on Saturday 22nd November. Doors open at 6.30pm and the quiz starts at 7.00pm. Please bring your own snacks and drinks. Tickets are £3.00 and there will be a raffle on the night.

Social & Fund Raising:

Christmas Bazaar Thank you for your donations. We are still collecting bottles of spirit, wine, beer, soft drinks, and cans. If you would like to make some items for the Arts and Crafts stall, please speak to Clare or Kay. Raffle tickets will be on sale from Saturday 1st December. Please see notice board for prizes

Thank you from Noreen Wright for all the cards, gifts and warm wishes on the occasion of her 90th birthday on 20th October. God bless you all.

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, 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: Alice (Dow) Insch, 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 November is traditionally a time in which the Catholic community remembers those who have died. The Church then uses this end of the year period as a time to think of the end of life and the end of all things and the great hope that our earthly end is transition into a new life in God's heavenly reality. We give thanks for those who have gone before us and we look with prayer and hope to their new life in heaven and our desire to join them there one day.

We have a special practice as a part of this month of remembrance. A stack of cards and a basket are placed at the

altar. Those whose names are placed there are prayed for daily at Mass and at Evening Prayer.

St Thomas More in "**The Supplication of Souls**", affirmed that the souls in Purgatory "have been recommended unto God and eased, helped, and relieved both by the private prayers of good virtuous people, and especially by the daily Masses and other spiritual suffrages of priests, religious, and folk of Holy Church".

Love brings healing and comfort amid sorrow and suffering. In this month of the Holy Souls, therefore, let us pray for the dead in the hope that, as St Thomas More said, "We will merrily meet in heaven."

From November 2-8 a plenary indulgence can be gained for them, so long as one visit a cemetery and says a prayer for the dead.

What is a plenary indulgence?

A plenary indulgence is a grace granted by the Catholic Church through the merits of Jesus Christ to remove the temporal punishment due to sin. It is not a forgiveness of sin but the remission of punishment for sins already forgiven. It may apply either to oneself or to souls already in purgatory.

In order to obtain **a plenary indulgence (November 2-8)**, the faithful must

- **Visit a cemetery:** Go to a cemetery and pray for the deceased.
- **Pray mentally:** The prayer for the dead can be mental, and the indulgence is applicable to the souls in purgatory.
- **Meet the standard requirements:**
 - Go to confession have sacramentally confessed their sins
 - Receive communion (either within or outside of Mass),
 - Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.
 - Be free from all attachment to sin (even venial sin),



Additional options

- **On November 2 (All Souls' Day):**

You can also gain a plenary indulgence by visiting a church or oratory and reciting the Our Father and the Creed.

- **On other days:**

You can obtain **a partial indulgence** by visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead, or by reciting the Office of the Dead or the prayer "Eternal rest".

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."