



Parish Newsletter **Jesus Christ, King of the Universe** year C 2025

Youth Sunday

Mass Intentions 22nd November – 30th November

Our Lady of Fatima (OLF)

St Thomas More (STM)

Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	For Souls from November Dead List John Toohey (RIP, Ann.)		
Polish	10.30am 12.15pm	Hayley Wright (RIP) Krystyna Sassak (2 nd Death Ann.)	8.30am	Valerie Dunn (RIP)
Monday	9.00am	People of the Parish		
Tuesday	9.00am	Mieczysław (RIP)		
Wednesday	7pm- 8pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	10.00am	Mary Johnson (Birthday)
Thursday	9.00am	Thomas Harkins (RIP)		
Friday			10.00am	For Souls from November Dead List Kathleen Donaghue (for healing)
Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Fr Bogdan (Birthday, SI) O zdrowie (w rocznicę urodzin)		
1 st Sunday of Advent Polish	10.30am 12.15pm	Vivian Agbeve (Thanksgiving for academic achievements) Adelajda Górzyńska (RIP)	8.30am	Dusze w czyśćcu cierpiące (Holy Souls)

Leadership

In one way or another, the majority of people are cast in the role of being leaders. Leadership is very definitely integral to a Christian response to life's situations. Today's liturgy focuses our thoughts on Christ as Leader and Exemplar as a pattern for our attempts to be leaders.

2 Sam 5:1-3 - In this passage we are told of the nomination and election of David as King of all the tribes of Israel. Under his leadership, they flourished and grew into a great civilisation.

Colossians 1:12-20 - Here St. Paul lists the reasons why the leadership of Christ should be acknowledged - He collaborated with the Father in the work of creation; in him all perfection is to be found and He has redeemed the human race from the slavery of sin.

Luke 23:35-43 - To all intents and purposes, Christ on the cross was the perfect picture of defeat. His enemies derided and mocked Him; his companions, with

the exception of John and a few women, had abandoned Him. It remained for one of the thieves crucified with Him to recognise Christ for what He was - a King- "Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom".

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

CHURCH CLEANING: OLF Friday 28th November at 2.00pm – International Team A

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY

This year the theme for World Youth Day is *"You also are my witnesses, because you have been with me" (Jn 15:27)*. The Pope Leo XIV said that Christian witness arises from friendship with the Lord, who was crucified and rose for the salvation of all. This witness is not to be confused with ideological propaganda, for it is an authentic principle of interior transformation and social awareness."

Jesus, he continued, fully knows who we are, our hearts...He does not want us to be servants, nor 'activists' of a political party; he calls us to be with him as friends, so that our lives may be renewed.

He added that "His example reminds us that true witnesses do not seek to occupy the centre stage, nor to bind their followers to themselves. True witnesses are humble and inwardly free to listen, to understand, and also to speak the truth to everyone, even in the presence of those who are powerful."

This weekend SECOND COLLECTION is for NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY to help bring faith alive, empowering young people to lead, serve and grow closer to Christ, through retreats, pilgrimages and events.

FEASTS of the Week:

Monday 24th November – St Andrew Dung-Luc, Priest and Companions – Memorial

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion meetings will continue for children on Wednesday each week at **5.30pm** in the church hall.

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. The next meeting is on Tuesday **25th 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.

SOCIAL & FUND RAISING:

The **Christmas Bazaar** opens at 12.00 midday on Saturday **6th December 2025**. We are still collecting bottles, particularly **Coke/ Lemonade/ Water, and Squash**. If you would like to bake a cake or cupcakes for the Tea/Coffee refreshment stall, it will be very much appreciated (please provide a list of ingredients), please confirm to Clara or Kay. Raffle tickets will be on sale every Sunday and most weekday masses. The raffle draw will be held at approximately 4.00pm on the day of the Bazaar. Please see the notice board for prizes. Thank you for your donations.

Learn To Pray Course Online

Would you like some tips to help your prayer life each day? The Diocesan Service Team are offering an online course running from Friday 14th November for six weeks until Friday 19th December from 7.30 to 9.00 pm. If you are interested in signing up for this course, please follow this link: <https://wkf.ms/3VcDEgi?text0=>

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: Thomas Mulligan, May Aitken, Frank Taliana, Maria Cooper, Alice (Dow) Insch, Nick Cronin, Tony Poole, Mathew Joseph, Helen Noyo Owie, Br Wojciech Durlak MS, Fr Augustyn Hamielec MS, Giona Nkunim Botchway-Adjei, Christopher Keenan, Denis Grogan, Kathleen Thompson, Fr Andrzej Kuder MS, Fr Z. Palys MS, Hayley Wright, Mary Sage, Patricia Carter, Radosław Iwańczyk, Billy Lomasney, Kenneth Samuels, 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.