

OUR LADY OF FATIMA & ST THOMAS MORE

Parish Newsletter 3rd Sunday in OT Year A

Sunday of the Word of God

Mass Intentions

24th January – 1st February 2026

Our Lady of Fatima (OLF)

St Thomas More (STM)

Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Mathew Joseph Gregorian Mass (14) Tadeusz Lisakowski Zalewski (3rd Ann. RIP)		
Sunday Polish	10.30am 12.15pm	Mathew Joseph Gregorian Mass (15) Andrzej (for health, SI)	8.30am	Pauline Holdstock (Ann., RIP)
Monday	9.00am 10.30am	Mathew Joseph Gregorian Mass (16) Funeral Mass of Gwendoline Middlecoat		
Tuesday	9.00am	Mathew Joseph Gregorian Mass (17) Hayley Reynolds (Birthday)		
Wednesday	9am 11am 7-8pm	Charlotte Donkor (Thanksgiving & SI) Funeral of Mgr Manson - Brentwood Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament	10.00am	Mathew Joseph Gregorian Mass (18)
Thursday	9.00am	Mathew Joseph Gregorian Mass (19) People of the Parish		
Friday			10.00am	Mathew Joseph Gregorian Mass (20) Geoff Parkin (RIP)
Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Mathew Joseph Gregorian Mass (21) Family Christmas Tree Mass		
Sunday Polish	10.30am 12.15pm	Mathew Joseph Gregorian Mass (22) Adrian K., Ernest M., Magda L., Patrick & Justyna L., Nadine Le Roi. (SI)	8.30am	Frank Taliana (RIP)



Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3: - Isaiah prophesied that Zebulun and Naphtali, the lands first to be degraded, would be the first to see the light of God's salvation. Jesus today fulfills that prophecy—announcing the restoration of David's kingdom at precisely the spot where the kingdom began to fall.

Corinthians 1:10-13, 17: His disciples are to preach the gospel, Paul says in today's Epistle, to unite all peoples in the same mind and in the same purpose - in a worldwide kingdom of God.

Matthew 4: 12 - 23: - His gospel of the Kingdom includes not only the twelve tribes of Israel but all the nations—symbolized by the “Galilee of the Nations.” Calling His first disciples, two fishermen on the Sea of Galilee, He appoints them to be “fishers of men,” gathering people from the ends of the earth.

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

CHURCH CLEANING: OLF Church – Friday **30th January 6.00pm Team B** - Polish Group

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

It is particularly significant that this year the celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God coincides with the celebration of the Conversion of Saint Paul, the day that concludes the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The Word that Christ addressed to Paul on the road to Damascus struck his heart so deeply that it made him the great evangelizer we know. Today it is up to us to ensure that the same Word reaches the ends of the earth, so as to transform the life of all peoples by dwelling among us.

20-question quiz on Bible Knowledge. It contains sample questions such as:

- Jewish people call the first five books of the Bible the _____.
- “The Lord is my light and my _____, whom should I fear?”
- _____ was the first to see that Jesus had risen from the dead.

Find the downloadable Quiz Here: [BIBLE. CAT Oct 2016 CathIQ](#)

FEASTS: 26th January, **St Timothy & Titus**, Bpp. Memorial

28th January, **St Thomas Aquinas**, Pr.D, Memorial

31st January, **St John Bosco**, Pr. Memorial

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION meeting for children on **Wednesday 28th January 2026** in the OLF 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 **27th January 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.

REVIEW OF 2025

Parish statistics for 2025, which may be of interest.

Baptism – 20

First Holy Communion – 43

Confirmation – 0

Marriage – 2

Deaths – 16

Average Mass attendance – 623

Average Mass collection - 912

Pray for the sick: Stephen Galagala, Keith Harris, Pam Barnard, Ivan Pirnak, J.C. Nkosa, Teresa Lamb, Noreen Wright, 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 souls: Margaret Sacket, Frederick Pipkin, Gwendoline Middlecoat, Joseph Dawood Thomas, Mgr David Manson, Patricia Delahunt, Mary Patterson, Thomas Mulligan, Fr Władysław Wichniarz MS, May Aitken, Romualda Ratajczyk, Bp Thomas McMahon, 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. Pałys 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.

Condolences Our deepest sympathy to the family of Gwendoline Middlecoat who recently died. The funeral will be held on 26th January at 10.30am in Our Lady of Fatima Church.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Margaret Sacket who recently died.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026

“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling”
(Ephesians 4:4)

Churches and Christian communities around the world are invited to take part in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, from 18 to 25 January 2026 (Northern Hemisphere).

The theme of the 2026 edition, taken from Saint Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians, *“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling”* (Eph 4:4), reminds us that, despite the diversity of traditions, all believers belong to the one Body of Christ.

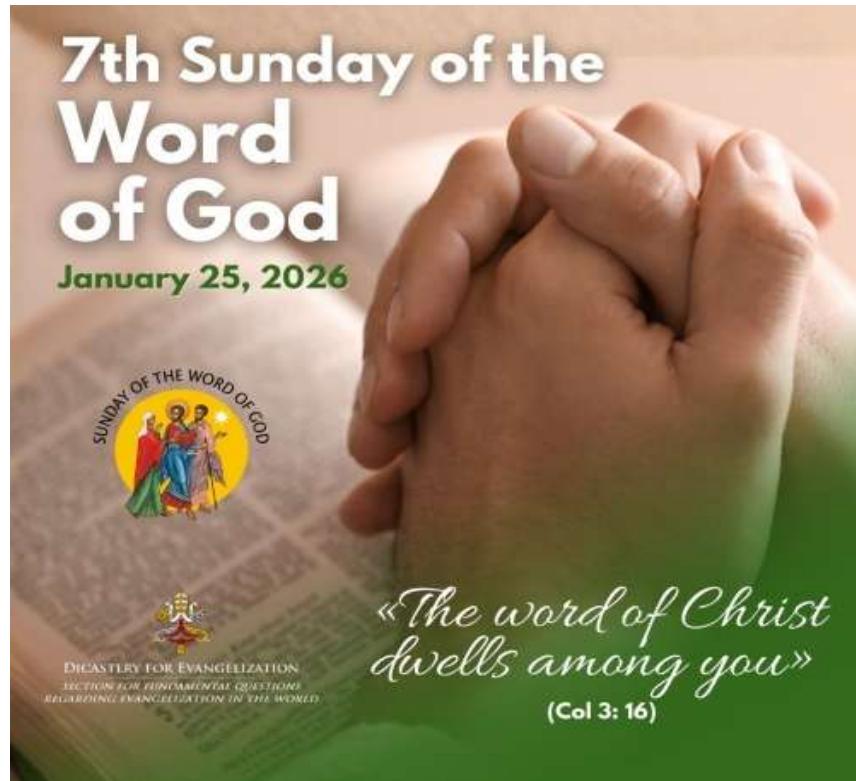
For this year, the prayers and reflections for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by the faithful of the Armenian Apostolic Church, along with their brothers and sisters of the Armenian Catholic and Evangelical Churches. These resources draw upon centuries-old traditions of prayer and petitions used by the Armenian people, along with hymns that originated in the ancient monasteries and churches of Armenia, some of which date as far back as the fourth century.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 extends an invitation to draw upon this shared Christian heritage and to delve more deeply into our fellowship in Christ, which unites Christians worldwide. Unity is a divine mandate at the core of our Christian identity. It represents the essence of the Church’s calling – a call to reflect the harmonious oneness of our life in Christ amidst our diversity. This divine unity is central to our mission and is sustained by the profound love of Jesus Christ, who has set before us a unified purpose.

In a world where the Body of Christ is wounded by divisions within and between traditions and confessions, the Apostle’s call to unity is addressed to each of us, not only as separated church communities, but also as individuals within our communities. By living in unity, we not only witness to the love and power of our Lord Jesus Christ but also embody the essence of His teachings. As we support one another and celebrate our diverse gifts and talents, let us reflect the heart of Christ and further His work on earth.

There is
one body
and one Spirit,
...one Lord,
one faith,
one baptism,
one God
and Father of all.
Ephesians 4





The Sunday of the Word of God is a profoundly pastoral initiative to make it clear how important it is in the daily life of the Church and our communities to refer to the Word of God, a Word that is not confined to a book, but which remains ever alive and becomes a concrete and tangible sign.

‘The biblical expression chosen for the celebration of the seventh edition of the Sunday of the Word of God is taken from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians: “The word of Christ dwells among you” (3:16).

What we have received from the Apostle is not a simple moral exhortation, but the indication of a new way of living. Paul does not ask that the Word be merely listened to or studied; he wants it to dwell, that is, to take up stable residence, to shape our thoughts, guide our desires, and make credible the witness of the disciples. The Word of Christ remains a sure criterion that unifies and renders fruitful the life of the Christian community.’

