

OUR LADY OF FATIMA & ST THOMAS MORE

Parish Newsletter 4th Sunday in OT Year A Mass Intentions 31st January – 8th February 2026

Our Lady of Fatima (OLF)

St Thomas More (STM)

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)
Monday	9.00am	Mathew Joseph Gregorian Mass (23)		
Tuesday	9.00am	Mathew Joseph Gregorian Mass (24) Romualda Ratajczyk (1 st Ann, RIP)		
Wednesday	7-8pm	Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament	10.00am	Mathew Joseph Gregorian Mass (25) Joe Doyle (RIP, Ann.)
Thursday	9.00am	Mathew Joseph Gregorian Mass (26)		
Friday			10.00am	Mathew Joseph Gregorian Mass (27) People of the Parish
Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Mathew Joseph Gregorian Mass (28) Carol Mason (RIP, Ann.)		
Sunday Polish	10.30am 12.15pm	Mathew Joseph Gregorian Mass (29) Stanisława & Stanisław Rychlewicz (RIP), Aurelia & Mieczysław Banaszczyk (RIP), Roman Rajniak (RIP), Romualda Ratajczyk (1 st Ann.)	8.30am	Edith Fox (RIP, Ann.)

Humility

We are, by nature, self-centred. As the saying goes - "If you think I am conceited now, you should have met me when I was perfect"! Today's readings speak to us of the value of the virtue of humility in developing a Christian response to life.

Zepaniah 2: 3; 3: 12-13 - These excerpts from the Old Testament written some 600 years before Christ emphasise the need for humility in those who would follow the Lord; in addition, the Prophet establishes the connection between humility and the acquisition of truth.

Corinthians 1: 26-31 - With his customary clarity of expression, Paul reminds the egotistical Corinthians that the message of Christ came first to those who had little or nothing; and this was done to show up those who believed they had everything.

Matthew 5: 1-12 - This proclamation by Christ is also recorded by St. Luke and is universally known as the "Beatitudes". Both authors make the point that virtue has its own reward and highlight the virtues of justice, compassion and humility.

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

CHURCH CLEANING: OLF Church – Friday 6th February 6.00pm Team C (Parents English Group)

The Presentation of The Lord, Feast

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, celebrated on **2nd February** (40 days after Christmas), commemorates Mary and Joseph presenting baby Jesus at the Temple in Jerusalem, fulfilling Jewish law for the firstborn, where the devout Simeon and Anna recognized Him as the Messiah, the "Light to the Gentiles". Also known as **Candlemas**, it's marked by blessing candles symbolizing Christ as the world's light and concludes the Christmas season. Jesus as salvation and the call for Christians to share His light. On this day, we also reflect on **the gift of consecrated life**.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION meeting for children on **Wednesday 4th February 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 **3rd February 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.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

November collections:

£878.75
£3174.14
£977
£1142.85
£1254.52

THANK YOU

Expenditure - November:

Insurance - £1083.66
Heating - £2701.78
Council Tax - £369
Quota - £1416.55

Projects: OLF Hall: windows, boiler, door
STM Hall: New door, Lights, CCTV
Office: New Photocopy

OLF & STM Social & Fund-raising Team

Unwanted Gifts: If you have any unwanted gifts that you would like to donate to future raffles/fete/bazaar, it will be gratefully received. Please leave any donation(s) in the box provided in the foyer from Sunday 8th.

Save the date: We have decided to hold our own International 5 aside men's football tournament on Sunday 7th June from 1.30pm to 4.30pm. Please register your team with Clara or Kay. Further details will follow in due course.

Gift Aid Donations: Are you a UK taxpayer and would like to register for Gift Aid, we will have the necessary forms in the foyer over the coming weeks. You can donate via Standing order or Envelopes (you can do both). For every £1.00 donated, our Parish will receive an extra 25p at no extra cost to you. Kay and or Hugh will be available to answer any questions you may have.

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: MS, Margaret Sackett, Frederick Pipkin, Gwendoline Middlecoat, Mgr David Manson, Ks. Józef Mituś, Fr Władysław Wichniarz MS, Joseph Dawood Thomas, Patricia Delahunt, Mary Patterson, May Aitken, Thomas Mulligan, 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 and all those whose anniversaries occur this month.

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