

Parish Newsletter **Second Sunday after The Nativity Year A**

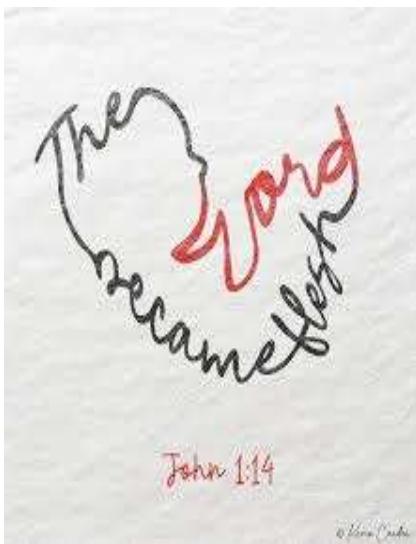
Mass Intentions

3rd January – 11th January 2026

Our Lady of Fatima (OLF)

St Thomas More (STM)

Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Genowefa Gaweł Gregorian Mass (24) Howard Lieu (RIP, Ann.)		
Polish	10.30am 12.15pm	Bridie Dunlea (RIP, Ann.) Franciszek Górzynski (1st Ann., RIP)	8.30am	Genowefa Gaweł Gregorian Mass(25)
Monday	9.00am	Genowefa Gaweł Gregorian Mass (26) People of the Parish		
Tuesday The Epiphany	9.30am	Christmas Family Tree Mass	7.30pm	Genowefa Gaweł Gregorian Mass(27)
Wednesday	11.00am 7.00pm	Funeral Mass Mary Patterson Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament	10.00am	Genowefa Gaweł Gregorian Mass(28)
Thursday	9.00am	Genowefa Gaweł Gregorian Mass (29) Helen Noyo Owier (71 st Birthday Rem)		
Friday			10.00am	Genowefa Gaweł Gregorian Mass(30) Jan Rybaczuk (SI), Danuta Rybaczuk (For health)
Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Christmas Family Tree Mass Hayley Wright (RIP)		
Sunday Polish	10.30am 12.15pm	Mathew Joseph Gregorian Mass (1) Salwator Mojak (RIP, Ann.) & Katarzyna Mojak	8.30am	For Family Relationship & Mental wellbeing (Clarissa)



First reading: Sirach 24:1-2, 8-12 The First Reading speaks of praise of Wisdom. The Hebrew concept of Wisdom portrays a Wisdom as a female person who is to be honoured and praised. There is a close link between the Old Testament understanding of Wisdom and GOD.

Psalm: Psalm 147: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20 The Psalm also speaks of the Word of GOD and shows the power of the Word of GOD in touching the lives of faithful believers.

Second reading: Ephesians 1: 3-6, 15-18 In the selection from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians, Paul also speaks of the link of Jesus and the Spirit of Wisdom which give knowledge of who Jesus is.

Gospel: John 1:1-18 This reading might sound tricky, but it isn't really. There was lots of talk about the Word. From the very beginning of time the Word was with God and the Word was God. And the Word brought life and light to the world. The Word is another name for Jesus. So, throughout this gospel reading it is talking about Jesus, who is the Son of God. The gospel reminds us that God sent his only Son, Jesus, into the world to be with us.

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

What is the significance of Epiphany in Christian Tradition?

This holy day marks the arrival of the Magi to worship the Baby Jesus and the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles as the Savior of the world. However, longstanding tradition connects the Epiphany with two additional events: the baptism of the Lord and the miraculous transformation of water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana of Galilee.

EPIPHANY BLESSING OF CHALK

It has been a tradition in the Catholic Church to bless chalk at the Masses for Epiphany and then use the blessed chalk as part of blessing one's home in the New Year. The home blessing can be done as follows:

Use the blessed chalk to write: **CMB+2026** above the doorways: **2026** for the year; **C M B** for the three Magi – Casper, Melchior and Balthasar – and for **Christus Mansionem Benedicat** – Latin for “May Christ bless this house.”

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

CHURCH CLEANING: OLF Church – Friday **9th January** – **Team C** (FC Parents English Group)

FIRST HLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion meeting for children on **Wednesday 7th January 2026 is cancelled.**

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 **13th 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.

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, Włodysław Borecki, Ewa Samborska, Peter Ryan, Adele Ryan, Niall 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: Joseph Dawood Thomas, Mgr David Manson, Patricia Delahunt, Mary Patterson, Thomas Mulligan, Fr Włodysław 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 Mary Patterson who recently died.
The funeral will be held on **7th January** at 11am in Our Lady of Fatima Church.

*"The LORD BLESS you and KEEP you;
the LORD make his face SHINE on you
and be GRACIOUS to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you PEACE."*
NUMBERS 6:24-26