

OUR LADY OF FATIMA & ST THOMAS MORE

Parish Newsletter **Baptism of the Lord Year A**

Mass Intentions
10th January – 18th January 2026

Our Lady of Fatima (OLF)

St Thomas More (STM)

Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Christmas Family Tree Mass Hayley Wright (RIP)		
Polish	10.30am 12.15pm	Mathew Joseph Gregorian Mass (1) Salwator Mojak (RIP, Ann.) & Katarzyna Mojak	8.30am	For Family Relationship & Mental wellbeing (Clarissa)
Monday	9.00am	Joby Joy (2 nd Ann., RIP) Mathew Joseph Gregorian Mass (2)		
Tuesday	9.00am	Mathew Joseph Gregorian Mass (3) Peter Flynn (RIP)		
Wednesday	7.00pm	Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament	10.00am	Mathew Joseph Gregorian Mass (4) Irene & Marvin Baker (Ann., RIP)
Thursday	9.00am	Mathew Joseph Gregorian Mass (5) People of the Parish		
Friday			10.00am	Mathew Joseph Gregorian Mass (6) The victims of massive fire in Tai Po
Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Mathew Joseph Gregorian Mass (7) Maureen Sheils (Thanksgiving)		
Sunday Polish	10.30am 12.15pm	Mathew Joseph Gregorian Mass (8) Nicoletta Piątek (Birthday)	8.30am	Holy souls (dusze w czystcu cierpiące)

Ambassadors

The readings today continue to focus our attention on Christ and His ministry. In doing this, of course, we are being reminded of our own role as Christians, which is to reflect Christ's presence amongst people.

Isaiah 42 1-4,6-7 The first reading from Isaiah tells us that the role of the Messiah is to act as a witness to the peoples; to open the eyes of the blind; to free captives from prison; to be a leader and a light to the nations. Messiah means "The Anointed One" translated by the Greek word "Christos" from which comes our word "Christ".

Acts 10: 34-38 In the second reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we see Christ being presented as the pivotal link between God and all peoples.

Matthew 3: 13-17 The Gospel defines the different roles of John the Baptist and of Christ. John was there to identify the Anointed One. Christ is solemnly proclaimed to be the "Son". The best translation of "son" is "servant", and Christ

was quick to identify himself with the role of the "suffering servant of Yahweh" to be a bridge between the Old and the New. With Christ a new era of religious expression was ushered in.

Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette:

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HALLS BOOKING

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

CHURCH CLEANING: OLF Church – Friday 16th January – **Team D** (FC Parents Polish Group)

FEASTS: 17th January - **St Anthony (Abbott)** - Memorial

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion meeting for children on **Wednesday 14th 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 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.

REVIEW OF 2025

Parish statistics for 2025, which may be of interest.

Marriage – 2

Baptism – 20

Deaths – 16

First Holy Communion – 43

Average Mass attendance – 623

Confirmation – 0

Average Mass collection - 912

THE RELICS OF ST GERARD MAJELLA

Later this month our diocese will be hosting the relics of St Gerard Majella, patron of expectant mothers and those longing for children, as part of the celebrations of his 300th anniversary. It is a rare opportunity to draw close to the life, witness, and spiritual legacy of one of the most loved saints in the Catholic Church, whose holiness was rooted in humility, compassion, and trust in God. Brentwood is the first diocese in the Redemptorist tour, which will encompass all of England and Wales. The relics will be hosted at four locations:

- Holy Trinity, Basildon on Monday 19th January
- St James the Less and St Helen, Colchester on Wednesday 21st January
- Our Lady of the Rosary and St Patrick, Walthamstow on Thursday 22nd January
- St Antony of Padua, Forest Gate on Friday 23rd January.

The churches will be open for personal prayer in the presence of the relics from 6pm before Mass at 7pm and there will be opportunities for blessings and Confession. Individuals and families are warmly invited to bring their intentions to this popular saint.

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 soul of: 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. Reception of the body into the church 25th January at 17.00pm.