



Parish Newsletter **5th Sunday in OT Year A**

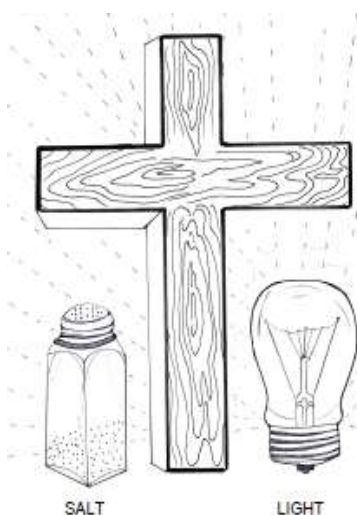
Mass Intentions

7th February – 15th February 2026

Our Lady of Fatima (OLF)

St Thomas More (STM)

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.)
Monday	9.00am	Mathew Joseph Gregorian Mass (30) Robin De Angelo Kartey (Birthday)		
Tuesday	9.00am	People of the Parish		
Our Lady of Lourdes	10.00am	People suffering from Parkinson's disease	10.00am	Kay (SI, for recovery)
Wednesday	7-8pm	Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament		
Thursday	9.00am	For Healing of body, mind and spirit Fr Bogdan and Fr Leszek (SI)		
Friday			10.00am	Fr Andrew Forys (SI) Rita Collins (RIP, Ann.)
Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Basil Jones (RIP, Ann.) Fr Leszek (Birthday)		
Sunday Polish	10.30am 12.15pm	Mary Aitken (RIP) Czesław with Family (SI)	8.30am	Alice and Rodney Bill (Birthday)



Are people influenced by example? The answer is "Yes", but, unfortunately, they respond to "bad" example more easily than to "good" example. However, we should not be too pessimistic that "good" example is without its impact. Today's readings all touch on this need to be exemplars; to be "lights in the darkness".

Isaiah 58: 7-10: Isaiah leaves his readers in no doubt that their religious sense of God's presence must be expressed in practical terms if it is to be fruitful and serve the purpose of bringing people to God.

Corinthians 2: 1-5: In his efforts to convert the Corinthians, Paul not only relied on word, but held before them the practical example of his own commitment.

Matthew 5: 13-16: Here we have yet another example of Christ's practical presentation of Christian discipleship. We all know how insipid food is without salt; Christ is saying Christian discipleship that consists only in lip service without practice is equally insipid.

You are the light of the world.
A city built on a hill cannot be hidden.

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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 13th February 6.00pm Team D (Parents Polish Group)

Feasts: 11th February - Our Lady of Lourdes (Principal Patroness of the Diocese)

The Sacrament of the Sick will be offered during Masses at 10am in both our churches.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is for any baptized Catholic (or non-Catholic in danger of death) who has reached the age of reason and is suffering from a serious, chronic, or terminal illness, as well as those facing major surgery or advanced age. It is not reserved solely for the final moment of life, but rather to bring spiritual strength, peace, and sometimes physical healing.

This Sunday a second collection will be for **the Lourdes Sick and Helpers Pilgrimage Fund.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION meeting for children on **Wednesday 11th February 2026** in the OLF Hall.

RCIA: The next meeting is on Tuesday **10th February at 6pm** in the Presbytery.

THE RIGHT OF ACCEPTANCE

Please pray for Leah and Zaniar who this Sunday will be received into the order of catechumens. The Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens is the first public, liturgical "threshold rite" in the Roman Catholic Church's Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), marking the transition from inquirer to catechumen. Held during Sunday Mass, it involves the formal declaration of faith, the signing of the cross on the senses, and a welcome by the community.

LITURGY MEETING: Monday 9th February at 7pm 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

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 families of Margaret Sackett, Raymond Smith, Czesław Pisula and Paul Mardi who recently died.