



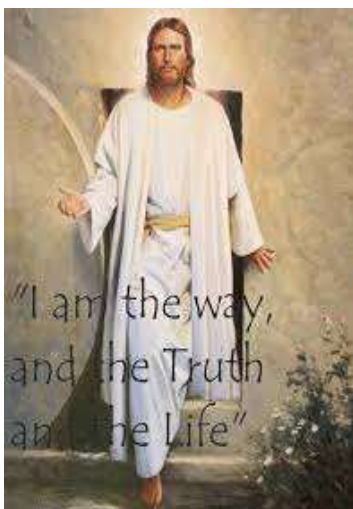
Parish Newsletter Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A

Mass Intention 2nd May – 10th May 2026

Our Lady of Fatima (OLF)

St Thomas More (STM)

Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Nikita & Shoji (Thanksgiving) Zofia Pilek, Zofia Fraudenburger, Zofia Siek (RIP)		
Sunday Polish	10.30am 12.15pm	Gwendoline Middlecoat (RIP) Teresa & Genowefa Będzieszak (10 th Ann. RIP), Daniel Matysiak (RIP)	8.30am	William & Dorothy Riley (RIP)
Monday	9.00am	Anmol Antony & Annie Antony (SI) Violet & Family (Thanksgiving)		
Tuesday	9.00am	Bobby (RIP, Ann.) Souls of the Priests		
Wednesday	7-8 pm	Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament	10.00am	Alice & A. T. Thomas (RIP)
Thursday	9.00am	Ernest (Jn. RIP.), Ernest (Sr. RIP), Carmen Demesa		
Friday			10.00am	Fr Sławomir Jędrych (SI) Leon-Jae (Thanksgiving & 3rd Birthday)
Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Dona Dris (RIP) & Buenafe Family (Thanksgiving) Barbara Siwocha (3 rd Ann., RIP)		
Sunday Polish English	10.30am 12.15pm 2.30pm	Lapsed Families First Holy Communion First Holy Communion	8.30am	Eric Holdstock (RIP, Ann.)



In recent years, "ministry" in the Church has been given a broader understanding than it had previously received. Not so long ago, it was largely restricted to priests and religious. The Laity were "also rans" in the ministerial stakes! As one noted orator commented - "the role of the laity was to 'pay up and shut up'"! Not today! And the scripture readings today all touch on this subject of ministry and its broad application in the Church.

Acts 6:1-7 So that they could have time to concentrate on their principal ministry, preaching, the Apostles chose seven disciples to attend to the material demands of the rapidly growing Christian community. They were called deacons.

1 Peter 2: 4-9: Here the laity are endowed with a missionary character to make known the Word by the example of their lives

St. John 14: 1-12 The gospel opens to us the image of Jesus ministering to the disturbed and puzzled Apostles with words of comfort and assurance. It was not a ministry of fear and terror, of threats of hellfire and damnation, or an arbitrary use of authority, but simply encouragement, reassurance and love.

Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette

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HALLS BOOKING

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CHURCH CLEANING: OLF Church 8th May 6.0pm **Team C&D** FHC Parents

Feast of the week 2nd May St Athanasius, Bp, D Memorial 4th May The English Martyrs, National Feast
6th May St John Payne, Pr, M Memorial

FIRST COMMUNION First Confession in English and Polish: 6th May 5.30pm in the OLF Church.

THE SACRAMENT CONFIRMATION The candidate must be at least 14 years of age this year and a practising member of the Catholic Church in Our Parish. The Sacrament of Confirmation for those who are baptised and have received their First Holy Communion. A registration form will be given to you by the priests. You will need to provide a copy of your Baptismal Certificate if you were baptised outside of our Parish. Before, during and after the preparation you are required to attend Church. You also need to be committed to the programme.

SOCIAL EVENT: Please see Clara (STM) or Kay (OLF) to register your interest in joining a team for the **International 5 aside men's football tournament on Sunday 7th June** from 1.30pm to 5.30pm by **Sunday 3rd May**. After the main tournament, we will be holding a small children's competition. **You can now register children's names**. During the course of the afternoon there will be **family games, cold drinks, hot dogs/sausage in a roll and cakes available to purchase for you to enjoy**. If you would like to volunteer your help on the day with children's games, refreshments/food stalls, can you please let Clara or Kay know. If you have First Aid or Fire Marshall experience and can support us on the day, it would be appreciated please see Kay, thank you for your continued support. **Raffle tickets will be available to purchase from Sunday 3rd May; a list of prizes will be available soon.**

GIFT AID DONATION: There are still a few envelopes, for the new tax year, that need collecting. They are available in the entrance of STM and OLF respectively. If you cannot find your envelopes, please email **Finance-harlowolf@brcdt.org** giving your details and we will get back to you asap.

Urgent request - Can you please speak to Kay or Hugh if you are using Envelopes No 28.

The 20th annual **MASS FOR MIGRANTS** on Bank Holiday Monday, 4 May 2026, at St Antony of Padua Catholic Church. The celebration will begin at 12.00 noon with a procession of banners.

DIOCESAN WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE – Saturday 23rd May

BCYS YOUTH MASS - The next Youth Masses will take place at Brentwood Cathedral on Thursday 7th May 4th June and 2nd July. It is open to any young people from around the Diocese to enjoy pizza, prayer, workshops and celebrate Mass together! For more information, please visit www.bcys.net/events

MARANATHA Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus! All are warmly invited to an evening of prayer, praise and worship, including Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Catholic Church of St Thomas of Canterbury, Grays RM17 6SR on Friday 15 May 2026, led by Fr. Paschal Uche.

Pray for the sick: Amelia Górczyńska, Brian Gomes, Ryan Gomes, Josie Cronin, 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: Eileen Dempster, Eladia Castro Dumayag, Maria Kunicka, 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 McMahan, Frank Taliana, Maria Cooper, Alice (Dow) Inch, 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, Mary Sage, Fr Andrzej Kuder MS, Hayley Wright, 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.

The Five First Saturdays

In reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

The First Saturdays Devotion, also known as the “**Five First Saturdays**” is a special request by Our Lord and Our Lady to make reparation for all the sins against the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Our Lady promised personal salvation if we fulfil the five consecutive First Saturdays.

In reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary include the following elements, performed with the intention of reparation for blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart, for at least five consecutive months (May, June, July, August, September):

Confession (shortly before or after the First Saturday — so long as the person receives Holy Communion in a state of grace);

Holy Communion received on the First Saturday of each month;

The Holy Rosary, five decades recited sometime during the day;

Meditating for 15 minutes on the Mysteries of the Rosary (one or more).

The “Fiat” that arose from your heart Mary opened the doors of history to the Prince of Peace. We trust that, through your heart, peace will dawn once more. To you we consecrate the future of the whole human family, the needs and expectations of every people, the anxieties and hopes of the world.

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima - 13 May

The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, appeared 6 times to 3 shepherd children; Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta; between May 13 and October 13, 1917. She came to the little village of Fatima which had remained faithful to the Catholic Church during the recent persecutions by the government. Our Lady came with a message from God to every man, woman, and child of our century. Our Lady of Fatima promised that the whole world would be in peace, and that many souls would go to Heaven if Her requests were listened to and obeyed. She told us that war is a punishment for sin; that God would punish the world for its sins in our time by means of war, hunger, persecution of the Church and persecution of the Holy Father, the Pope, unless we listened to and obeyed the command of God. At Fatima, Pope John Paul II said on May 13; " the message of Fatima is more relevant and more urgent " then when Our Lady first appeared. The message is an anguished appeal of our Heavenly Mother, who sees us in great danger and Who comes to offer Her help and advice. Her message is also a prophesy, a clear indication of what was about to transpire in the 20th century, and what is still going to happen infallibly in the near future, depending on our response to Her requests.

