



## Parish Newsletter Sixth Sunday of Easter Year A

Mass Intention 9<sup>th</sup> May – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Our Lady of Fatima (OLF)

St Thomas More (STM)

Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Dona Dris (RIP) & Buenafe Family (Thanksgiving) Barbara Siwocha (3 <sup>rd</sup> Ann., RIP)		
Sunday <b>Polish</b> <b>English</b>	10.30am <b>12.15pm</b> <b>2.30pm</b>	Lapsed Families First Holy Communion First Holy Communion	8.30am	Eric Holdstock (RIP, Ann.)
Monday	9.00am	People of the Parish Jamie Lea Biscoe (RIP)		
Tuesday	9.00am	Norma, Colia & Paul Carpenter (RIP) Annamma George (RIP)		
Wednesday <b>Our Lady Fatima</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Gabriel Jacob (SI, Birthday)	10.00am	Encarnation Godoy Amican (RIP)
Thursday <b>The Ascension</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	People of the Parish	<b>7.30pm</b>	Abraham Thekkparambill (RIP)
Friday			10.00am	For deceased Members of Patches Family For the souls of the Priests
Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Demeter Family (Thanksgiving) Gwendoline Midlecoat (RIP)		
Sunday <b>Polish</b>	10.30am <b>12.15pm</b>	Sofia (SI) & Tibor Zdzisław Fronia (RIP)	8.30am	Dusze w czyśćcu cierpiące (Holy Souls)



How often has the advice been given - "to think before you speak"; and how often, having said something hurtful, do we hear the expression - "I could have bitten my tongue off". Our use of the faculty of speech is a powerful reflection of our Christian personality, and all the readings today offer thoughts on how we should use it.

**Acts 8:5-8, 14-17:** The first duty of Christian ministry is to evangelise - to make known the good news by example and, where, possible, by word. So, we see Philip proclaiming Christ to the newly established Christian communities and, also, to other listeners.

**1 Peter 3: 15-18:** Here Peter lays down some guidelines for the persecuted Christians to follow in their response to the opposition that they were experiencing- to speak with courtesy and respect and to speak with conviction.

**John 14: 15-21:** The gospel makes the point that "the proof of the pudding is in the eating"! Words without backup action are useless. A complete Christian response is made up of listening, so as to know what we are talking about; speaking and acting.

Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette

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## HALLS BOOKING

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**CHURCH CLEANING:** OLF Church 15<sup>th</sup> May 2.0pm **Team A**

**Second Collection:** Next week for **World Communication Day**

**Feasts of the Week:** Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May **Our Lady of Fatima** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May **The Ascension of the Lord**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** **Congratulation to our children who make their First Holy Communion this Sunday.** Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

**PARISH CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME** 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 7<sup>th</sup> June** from 1.30pm to 5.30pm **by Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**

**DIOCESAN WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE** – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

**BCYS YOUTH MASS** - The next Youth Masses will take place at Brentwood Cathedral on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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, Sharon Brown, Eladia Castro Dumayag, Maria Kunicka, Margaret Sackett, Frederick Pipkin, Gwendoline Middlecoat, Mgr David Manson, 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, 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 funeral service of **Eileen Dempster** will take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May at Parndon Wood Crematorium at 1.30pm. May her soul rest in peace.

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## 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.

**Our Lady of Fatima invites us once again to turn to prayer, penance, and conversion.**



### The Prayer of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

*by Pope Francis*

‘Holy Mary Virgin of Fatima,

with renewed gratitude for your maternal presence, we join our voice to that of all the generations  
who call you blessed.

We celebrate in you the works of God, who never tires of looking down with mercy  
upon humanity, afflicted with the wound of sin, to heal it and save it.

Accept with the benevolence of a Mother

the act of consecration that we perform today with confidence, before this image of you that is so dear to us.

We are certain that each of us is precious in your eyes

and that nothing of all that lives in our hearts is unknown to you.

We let ourselves be touched by your most sweet regard and we welcome the consoling caress of your smile.

Hold our life in your arms:

bless and strengthen every desire for good; revive and nourish faith;

sustain and enlighten hope; awaken and animate charity;

guide all of us along the path of holiness.

Teach us your own preferential love for the little and the poor,  
for the excluded and the suffering, for sinners and the downhearted:

bring everyone under your protection

and entrust everyone to your beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus. Amen.’