



Parish Newsletter **Pentecost** Year A

Mass Intention 23rd May – 31st May 2026

Our Lady of Fatima (OLF)

St Thomas More (STM)

Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Varkey Kurian (RIP, Ann.) Antonio Ercilla Sr (RIP, Ann.)		
Pentecost Sunday Polish	10.30am 12.15pm	Hayley Wright (RIP) Maria Grzegorzewska (80th Birthday)	8.30am	People of the Parish
Monday	9.00am	Eladia Castro Dumayag (Recently Dead) For Kevin (RIP)		
Tuesday	9.00am	Souls in Purgatory Thanksgiving & SI from Beena & Fam.		
Wednesday	7-8pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	10.00am	Michael Cywinski (SI)
Thursday	9.00am	Stevie Lyn-Kee Chow (SI)		
Friday			10.00am	Theresa Cywinski (RIP) & Evelyn Falzon (RIP)
Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Demeter Family (Thanksgiving) People of the Parish		
Holy Trinity Sunday Polish	10.30am 12.15pm	Julia Breen (RIP) Halina Niepsuj (RIP, Ann)	8.30am	Frank Taliana (RIP)



The fundamental theme of today's liturgy is transformation. The Community of Church came about as a result of the transformation of the Apostles with the confirmation of their faith in Christ when they received the Holy Spirit. And, just as the Church came into being through transformation, so, too, it will only continue by the willingness of its members to be transformed by Christ's teaching and example.

Acts 2: 1-11 The symbolism contained in this description - the noise of the rushing wind, the tongues of fire, and the communicating with those who did not understand the language - tells us of the passionate enthusiasm with which the Apostles accepted their transformation; from a band of frightened and confused people they became zealous Apostles making known the Good News.

1 Cor. 12:3-13 In this passage, Paul emphasises that though there are many ways in which the Holy Spirit works within the Church, every individual gift is given for the benefit of the community. Individuals do not receive special charisma for self-glorification.

John 20: 19-23 Christ commissions the disciples to be witnesses to His word and work - to teach and to heal. The transition from a frightened apostles in a locked room to a bold, Spirit-led community is a reminder that the Christian life is not about having perfect courage, but about yielding to the Holy Spirit's transforming power.

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 29th May 6.00pm **Team C**

Feasts of the week

25th May: Mary Mother of the Church, Memorial

26th May: St Philip Neri, Pr. Memorial

27th May: St Augustine of Canterbury, National Feast

28th May: Our Lord Jesus The External High Priest, National Feast

30th May: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Feast (transferred from 31st May)

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. 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. A registration form will be given to the candidate personally by the priests.

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.

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: Sharon Brown, 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 McMahon, 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.

Our sympathy and prayers to **Eduards Kevis** on the death of his father **Viktors Kevis**. The funeral service of will take place on Wednesday 29th May at Parndon Wood Crematorium at 2.30pm. May his soul rest in peace.

O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers.



Spiritual gifts are supernatural abilities granted by the Holy Spirit to believers. Their primary purpose is to serve and build up a community of faith rather than for personal status. Unlike natural talents, which are inherited genetically, spiritual gifts require grace and the Holy Spirit's empowerment to operate. In the Bible, primary lists of these gifts are found in 1 Corinthians 12, Romans 12 and Ephesians 4.

What Are the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit?

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are, according to Catholic Tradition, **wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of God.**

Wisdom is both the knowledge of and judgment about “divine things” and the ability to judge and direct human affairs according to divine truth.

Understanding is penetrating insight into the very heart of things, especially those higher truths that are necessary for our eternal salvation—in effect, the ability to “see” God.

Counsel allows a man to be directed by God in matters necessary for his salvation

Fortitude denotes a firmness of mind in doing good and in avoiding evil, particularly when it is difficult or dangerous to do so, and the confidence to overcome all obstacles, even deadly ones, by virtue of the assurance of everlasting life.

Knowledge is the ability to judge correctly about matters of faith and right action, so as to never wander from the straight path of justice.

Piety is, principally, revering God with filial affection, paying worship and duty to God, paying due duty to all men on account of their relationship to God, and honouring the saints and not contradicting Scripture.

Fear of God is, in this context, “filial” or chaste fear whereby we revere God and avoid separating ourselves from him—as opposed to “servile” fear, whereby we fear punishment.

The standard interpretation has been the one that St. Thomas Aquinas worked out in the thirteenth century in his *Summa Theologiae*:

These are heroic character traits that Jesus Christ alone possesses in their plenitude but that he freely shares with the members of his mystical body (i.e., his Church). These traits are infused into every Christian as a permanent endowment at his baptism and sealed in the sacrament of confirmation.

They are also known as the sanctifying gifts of the Spirit, because they help the Christians to grow in holiness and making them fit for heaven.

These gifts enable person to transcend the limitations of human reason and human nature and participate in the very life of God, as Christ promised (John 14:23)

They serve to complete the four cardinal or moral virtues (prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance) and the three theological virtues (faith, hope, and charity).

The Bible teaches that spiritual gifts are only truly effective when motivated by the **virtue of charity.**