



Parish Newsletter 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Feast of St Thomas More

Mass Intention 20th June – 28th June 2026

Our Lady of Fatima (OLF)

St Thomas More (STM)

Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Theresiakutty Kurian (RIP., Ann.) Rose & Chris Dyson (RIP)		
Sunday Polish	10.30am 12.15pm	Hayley Wright (RIP) Krzysztof Czop (Birthday) & Dominik Furmanek (Birthday)	8.30am	Dusze w czyśćcu cierpiące (Holy Souls)
Monday	9.00am	For the young to be protected from evil and be filled with The Holy Spirit		
Tuesday	9.00am	Remembrance for Thomas and (Thanksgiving), Brian & Ryan spiritual welfare, conversion of sinners and souls in purgatory		
Wednesday	7.00pm	Jude Kingsley Nesarajah (RIP)	10.00am	Elizabeth Cassidy & Elizabeth Foster (RIP).
Thursday	9.00am	Varkey Varkey (RIP, Ann.)		
Friday			10.00am	People of the Parish Patches Family (Thanksgiving)
Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	David Brogan (sick, SI) Peggy Kellett (RIP)		
Sunday Polish	10.30am 12.15pm	For those who have devotion to Our Lady Eliza & Laura (5 th Birthday SI)	8.30am	Alex Capaldi (RIP, Ann.)

Prayer for good humour by St. Thomas More

Grant me, O Lord, good digestion, and also something to digest.

Grant me a healthy body, and the necessary good humour to maintain it.

Grant me a simple soul that knows to treasure all that is good and that doesn't frighten easily at the sight of evil, but rather finds the means to put things back in their place.

Give me a soul that knows not boredom, grumblings, sighs and laments, nor excess of stress, because of that obstructing thing called "I."

"Grant me, O Lord, a sense of good humour.

Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke to discover in life a bit of joy and to be able to share it with others.

Jeremiah 20: 10-13: Despite the criticism and persecution by his co-nationals, Jeremiah continues to assert his unshakeable faith in God.

Romans: 5: 12-13: Christ, the new Adam, through His willingness to forgive, brings universal healing to all who ask for it.

Matthew 10:26-33: In sending the Apostles to carry on His mission, Christ assures them of His support regardless of what difficulties or opposition they may encounter.

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

CHURCH CLEANING: OLF Church 26th June 6.00pm Team C

Feasts of the week: 22nd June – SS John Fisher & Thomas More, Mm – National Feast
24th June – Nativity of St John the Baptist - Solemnity

THOMAS MORE was born in London in 1478 and studied to become a lawyer. Recognized for his great intelligence, impartiality, and wisdom, he rose through the ranks of Parliament and earned King Henry VIII's favour until he became Lord Chancellor in 1529. He resigned the chancellorship three years later, however, when he was unable to support Henry's divorce of Catherine of Aragon and marriage to Anne Boleyn. In 1535, he was convicted of treason and beheaded, and four hundred years later, he was canonized.



"The righteous man walks in his integrity; his children are blessed after him"
Proverbs 20:7

SOCIAL EVENT: We are holding a breakfast event after the 8.30am mass on Sunday 21st June at STM Church, to mark the Feast of St Thomas More. Everyone is welcome. Thank you so much to all volunteers who have given their time and energy to support this event.

On Sunday, 21 June, we mark the **DAY FOR LIFE** under the theme "The Wonder of the Child in the Womb." The theme also recognises the loss of children who died before birth and the grief of their parents. The bishops' message and prayers can be found on the Day for Life website: www.dayforlife.org. The second collection will go towards the Day for Life Fund, which distributes grants to organisations that promote respect for life from conception until natural death. You can also donate online via the Day for Life website. **Second Collection this Sunday is for Day for Life.**

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.

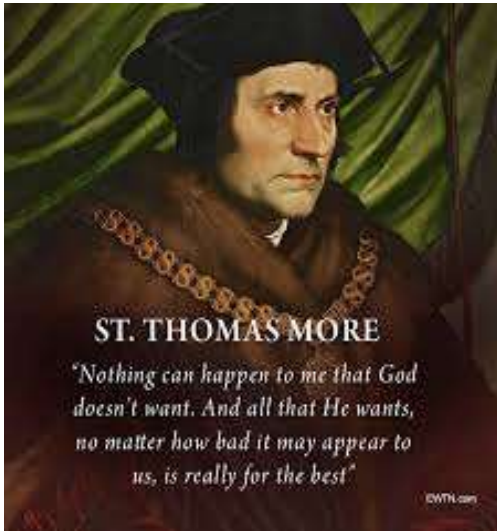
GIFT AID DONATION: There are still a few envelopes, for the new tax year, that need collecting.

ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP, Summer 2026 – places are filling fast. Applications are open for children currently in school year 5-7 (i.e. aged 9-12 in August 2026) to spend a week at camp 25th July to 1st August or the 1st – 8th August. All application details and full information are at www.boscocamo.co.uk

Pray for the sick: Xi, 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 Kosteckki, 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: Victors Keviss, 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 McMahan, 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, 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.

Feast of St Thomas More



As a young man, More was torn between the priesthood and matrimony, eventually discerning that marriage was his strongest desire. Over the years, his Catholic faith continued to fuel all of his life's work. He was a highly respected intellectual who wrote extensively on matters of law and theology, and he was befriended by some of the best academics of his time. Extremely devoted to the king, Thomas More was a powerful and wise public servant. His work and actions were always guided by steadfast moral principles. The clearest example of this moral influence occurred in the most difficult decision he ever made: he could either publicly endorse King Henry VIII's divorce, re-marriage, and claim to being head of the English Church, or he could follow the dictates of his conscience and repudiate Henry's actions.

His decision was made all the more difficult by his beloved daughter's entreaties to avoid a traitor's death and support the king. More's ultimate choice to follow his conscience was contrary to the expectations of both society and his family, but he was willing to forsake reputation, profession, and even filial attachment to do what was right. Incredibly, Thomas More did not fall prey to self-pity when faced with his own death. Instead, he maintained his typically cheerful disposition and provided for others' needs ahead of his own to the very end. By his example, then, St. Thomas More challenges us to grow beyond ourselves, to seek the truth wherever it may lead, and to serve our world with grace and magnanimity.

Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist



Ordinarily the Church observes the day of a saint's death as his feast, because that day marks his entrance into heaven. To this rule there are two notable exceptions, the birthdays of Blessed Mary and of St John the Baptist. All other persons were stained with original sin at birth, hence, were displeasing to God. But Mary, already in the first moment of her existence, was free from original sin (for which reason even her very conception is commemorated by a special feast), and John was cleansed of original sin in the womb of his mother. This is the dogmatic justification for today's feast.

The date is tied closely to the summer solstice. According to the Gospel of Luke, John was born six months before Jesus. The timing mirrors John's famous declaration about Christ: *"He must increase, but I must decrease"*. After John's birthday in late June, the hours of daylight begin to shorten (decrease), just as the days lengthen (increase) following the birth of Jesus near the winter solstice.