



**Parish Newsletter 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**  
**Mass Intention 11<sup>th</sup> July – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2026**  
**SEA SUNDAY**

**Our Lady of Fatima (OLF)**

**St Thomas More (STM)**

Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Demeter Family Florence Gibson (51st Birthday)		
Sunday <b>Polish</b>	10.30am 12.15pm	Hayley Wright (RIP) Bożena Denkewicz (10 <sup>th</sup> Ann. RIP)	8.30am	People of the Parish
Monday	9.00am	For The Suffering Souls in Purgatory		
Tuesday	9.00am	Lily N (SI)		
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Leavers Mass</b>	10.00am	Sheila Connor (Ann, RIP.)
Thursday	9.00am	Lily N (SI)		
Friday			10.00am	Kevin Sainsbury (very sick)
Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Anita (RIP, Ann.) & All Souls in Purgatory All who are devoted to Our Lady & Rosary		
Sunday <b>Polish</b>	10.30am 12.15pm	Jenny D'Souza (RIP, Ann.) Jacek Zagórski (RIP)	8.30am	Kitty & Jim Shaw (RIP, Ann.)

**The Parable of the Sower**  
**Matthew 13:1-23**



Pessimism and a sense of defeat are in vogue today. Concern over falling church attendance, abandonment of traditional moral values, family disintegration, and widespread anti-religious sentiment all give rise to the question - "What's the world coming to"? Today's readings tell us that there is nothing new in this scenario. God's word has always been challenged.

**Isaiah 55, 10 - 11:** This reading introduces the theme of the Good News being compared with a seed which, when planted, takes root, survives harsh conditions and, finally, given good conditions, flourishes .

**Romans 8, 18-23:** The same message of growth, despite hardship, is given by Paul in his letter to the Romans. For him, this is the essence of Christian hope.

**Matthew 13: 1 - 23:** Christ repeats the analogy of the Word of God being compared with sown seed that, invariably, overcomes difficulties before taking root and coming to fruition in varying degrees.

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## HALLS BOOKING

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

**Feasts of the Week:** 15<sup>th</sup> July St Bonaventure, Bp, D

On 12 July, churches around the world celebrate **SEA SUNDAY**, a day for people to come together to pray for seafarers, fishers, and all who work at sea, and thank them for the vital role they play in our lives.

In today's Gospel the seed must die before it comes to life, and it is helped with the rain and the sun. Those at sea must leave family and home in order for their love ones to remain. This Sea Sunday we too can play our part as the Sowers of the seed by putting our faith into action by supporting the seafarers who grace our shores.

**Second Collection** this week is for Stella Marie - Sea Sunday

## CHURCH CLEANERS DESPERATELY NEEDED

We are currently in need of additional volunteers to join our church cleaning teams. Many hands make light work, and even a small contribution of time can make a significant difference. Serving in this ministry is a practical way to care for our church community and to use your gifts in service to others. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact **Grace 07818488815**. There is a list in the porch for anyone who is interested in joining a worthwhile and necessary ministry in our parish.

**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.

## 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.

**GIFT AID DONATION:** There are still a few envelopes, for the new tax year, that need collecting. If you are using Gift Aid Envelope No: **28** please see the priest after mass.

**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](http://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 Kosteckci, 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:** Shoni George, Haward John, 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.