



Parish Newsletter 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Mass Intention 25th July – 2nd August 2026

Our Lady of Fatima (OLF)

St Thomas More (STM)

Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Sheila, Dominic & Patricia Delahunt Alice Toohey (RIP, Ann.)		
Sunday Polish	10.30am 12.15pm	Luke Dunlea (Ann, RIP.) Anna Zagórska (RIP - 4th Ann.)	8.30am	Armand Mendy (SI)
Monday	9.00am	For all having surgery this week (SI)		
Tuesday	9.00am	Ben Tepe Sarichie (RIP)		
Wednesday	7-8.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	10.00am	Billy Johnson (RIP)
Thursday	9.00am	Successful child arrangements order (SI)		
Friday			10.00am	Molly Mathews (Ann. RIP)
Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Madam Mary Bobbey (Ann. RIP) All Allen Family (Living and dead)		
Sunday Polish	10.30am 12.15pm	Jack Toohey (Ann. RIP) Władysława Kazłauskiene (RIP)	8.30am	Holy Souls



I have found it! - Legend has it that on discovery of the principle of displacement while taking a bath, Archimedes jumped from the bath and dashed into the street crying aloud "Eureka". Such was his excitement, he had overlooked the fact that he was naked! The readings today speak to us of the excitement associated with the discovery of religious truth, in particular, the discovery of Christ as the centre of living.

1 Kings 3:5.7-12. Solomon, recognising the awesome responsibility that now was his as leader of the Israelites in succession to his father King David, asked for what he needed - wisdom, rather than for what he probably wanted. In the Hebrew tradition, the wise person was the one who knew how to deal with the challenges of everyday living; how to make the right decisions at the critical times.

Romans 8: 28-30 Paul wants us to understand that the partnership with God in Jesus is a real partnership through which, in the first instance, we enrich our own lives and then help to enrich the lives of others.

Matthew 13:44-52 The Gospel makes the point that we must look for, in order to find, the "hidden treasure". More than that, having found it, it must be used in a manner that, constantly, from our store room we are bringing forth both new and old.

Prayer for the summer break

Lord, what about you and me? I don't want to forget you just because I'm away from my normal routine. Keep close to me, Lord, and remind me that my relationship with you should never take a break.

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 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.

Church cleaners: Friday 31st July at 6pm Team D

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.

Pope Leo XIV has released his first teaching letter, an encyclical titled **MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS** ("Magnificent Humanity"). Addressed to all humanity, it is a reflection on what it means to protect and preserve human dignity in the age of artificial intelligence. Magnifica Humanitas spells out a "spirituality for our time", central to which is the affirmation that "the Word became flesh". In an age marked by promises of progress capable of overcoming every limit, the fullness of the human condition does not arise from technical power, but from a relationship involving freedom, love, responsibility and grace.

OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill which aims to legalise assisted suicide has returned to the House of Commons, and Members of Parliament will vote on its Second Reading on 11 September. We are urged to write to our Members of Parliament to petition them to vote against the Bill.

Pray for the sick: Elsie Ovenden, 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 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: Carl O'Connor, Bridget Egan, Anna-Maria Gould, Shoni George, Haward John, Victors Keviss, Sharon Brown, Eileen Dempster, Eladia Castro Dumayag, Maria Kunicka, Margaret Sackett, Frederick Pipkin, Gwendoline Middlecoat, Joseph Dawood Thomas, Patricia Delahunt, Mary Patterson, May Aitken, Thomas Mulligan, Romualda Ratajczyk, Bp Thomas McMahon, 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.

Our Lady of Fatima

Between May 13 and October 13, 1917, the Virgin Mary (Our Lady) made appearances to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal.

As 13 August approached, the story of the apparitions had reached the anti-religious secular press, and while this ensured that the whole country knew about Fatima, it also meant that many biased and negative reports were in circulation.

Our Lady appeared on 19 August at Valinhos, at about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, because, as mentioned above, on the thirteenth the children had been kidnapped by the mayor of Ourem. Having heard that they had been given a secret in the previous month, he threatened to kill them in a vat of boiling oil if they did not reveal it to him. The children manifested their heroic virtue by preferring to choose possible death rather than disobey Our Lady.

During the August apparition at Valinhos, Mary said to the children: "Go again to the Cova da Iria on the 13th and continue to say the Rosary every day." She also renewed her appeal for prayer and asked the children to "make sacrifices for sinners; for many souls go to hell, because there are none to sacrifice themselves and pray for them."

By now the children had thoroughly absorbed Mary's plea for prayer and penance and did everything they could to answer it.



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).