



Parish Newsletter 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Mass Intention 1st August – 9th August 2026

Our Lady of Fatima (OLF)

St Thomas More (STM)

Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Madam Mary Bobbey (Ann. RIP) All Allen Family (Living and dead)		
Sunday Polish	10.30am 12.15pm	John (Jack) Toohey (Ann. RIP) Władysława Kazłauskiene (RIP)	8.30am	Dusze w czyśćcu cierpiące (Holy Souls)
Monday	9.00am	For the suffering souls in purgatory People of the Parish		
Tuesday	9.00am	Martha, Birthday & Martha and Herity (Wedding Ann.)		
Wednesday	7-8.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	10.00am	Nora (Noreen) Ward (RIP 1 st Ann.) Souls of the Priests
Thursday Transfiguration	9.00am	Thanksgiving for Demeter Family		
Friday	1.00pm	Funeral Mass of the late Bridget Egan	10.00am	Immaculate August (Birthday & SI)
Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	The Parish and conversion of sinners Anh Nguyen (for Peace and SI)		
Sunday Polish	10.30am 12.15pm	Hayley Wright (RIP) Karolina Grzelakowska (40 th Birthday)	8.30am	Kasia (SI)



Life cannot be lived without a sense of balance. Moments of madness may intrude from time to time, but, always, one is brought back to earth - sometimes with a thump - by the recognition that if life is to be lived responsibly and fruitfully, then it must be lived in terms of balanced decisions.

Isaiah 55; 1-3: This passage was written by the prophet to assure the Jewish exiles in the Babylonian captivity that liberation would come by the power of God. This liberation is depicted, as it often is in the Old Testament, in terms of abundance of the good things of life.

Romans 8; 35, 37 - 39: St. Paul, with a much deeper insight than the earlier religious writers, presents Christ as a source of constancy in the face of adversity and balance in the face of success.

Matthew 14; 13-21: This passage portrays Christ as having compassion for the people and His expectation that His disciples would help to relieve the people's hunger. But it not only the physical hunger that needs to be satisfied; there is also a spiritual hunger to be satisfied, ultimately, by Christ's presence in the Eucharist.

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

Feasts of the Week:

Saturday 1st August, St Alphonsus Mary de' Liguori, Bp, D – Memorial

Tuesday 4th August, St John Vianney (Cure of Ars), Pr. – Memorial

Thursday 6th August, The Transfiguration of The Lord (A), – Feast

Saturday 8th August, St Dominic, Pr. - Memorial

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 7th August at 2.00 pm Team A

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.

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: 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: Elsie Ovenden, 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 deepest condolences and prayers to the families of Bridget Egan, Anna-Maria Gould and Elsie Ovenden who have died recently.

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).