



Parish Newsletter 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Mass Intention 8th August –16th August 2026

Our Lady of Fatima (OLF)

St Thomas More (STM)

Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	The Parish and conversion of sinners Anh Nguyen for Peace (SI)		
Sunday Polish	10.30am 12.15pm	Hayley Wright (RIP) Karolina Grzelakowska (40 th Birthday)	8.30am	For those who have a devotion to Our Lady of Rosary
Monday	9.00am	Kenechukwu Michael Anasigwe (SI)		
Tuesday	9.00am	Michael Cashman (RIP)		
Wednesday	6-7.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	10.00am	Philomina & Gabriel (Wedd. Ann. SI)
Thursday	9.00am	For Successful Child Arrangements Order		
Friday			10.00am	Leon Allen (Birthday, SI)
Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Alex Mason (RIP) Jenny D'Souza (RIP)		
Assumption of the BVM Sunday Polish	10.30am 12.15pm	Donkor Family (Thanksgiving) Anna Popiel (Birthday, God's Blessing)	8.30am	Alphonsa George (RIP, Ann.)



A common complaint heard these days is that it is not possible to be as trusting as in times gone by. Houses need to be secured; cars need to be locked; housing estates looking more like gaols with their security systems and high walls! Today's readings seek to present God as a God of assurance rather than as a threatening Presence to be feared.

1 Kings 19:9. 11-13: Here we see Elijah, dejected and fearful, doubting his vocation and threatened by his enemies. He seeks assurance from God and finds encouragement in God's presence, not in the raging of nature, but in the gentle breeze softly moving by.

Romans 9: 1-5: Paul is deeply saddened by the refusal of many of his Jewish colleagues to see in Christ the promised Messiah. The voice of God was there to be heard, but it was not being recognised.

Matthew 14: 22-33: Like Elijah, the disciples were in deep trouble! Peter, ever the impulsive one, responded to Christ's words of encouragement, but his sense of trust left him and he became afraid. He, literally, went to water! But he had the good sense to regain his sense of trust with his "Lord! Save me"! to be mildly rebuked by Christ -"Man of little faith! why did you doubt"?

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.

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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:

Monday 10th August – St Lawrence, Dc, M – Feast

Tuesday 11th August – St Clare, V – Memorial

Friday 14th August – St Maximillian Kolbe, P M – Memorial

Sunday 16th August – **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** - Solemnity

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 14th August at 6.00 pm Team B

THE SACRAMENT CONFIRMATION – CLOSING CALL

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, Terry Minihane, 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, David Creak, 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, Elsie Ovenden and David Creak who have died recently.

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