



Parish Newsletter 21st Sunday in OT Year A

Mass Intention 22nd August –30th August 2026

Our Lady of Fatima (OLF)

St Thomas More (STM)

Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Jerome Gomes (RIP, Ann.) & all ancestors) Victor Keviss (RIP)		
Sunday Polish	10.30am 12.15pm	Thomas Reynolds (SNR) (RIP) Ryszard Dudak for health & Anna Harmas (Birthday)	8.30am	Kay (RIP)
Monday	9.00am	People of the Parish		
Tuesday	9.00am	Cliyon Clinson (10 th Birthday, SI)		
Wednesday	7-8.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	10.00am	Tony Hyde (RIP)
Thursday	9.00am	David John Creek (Recently dead)		
Friday			10.00am	Rowland Stephen Owie (Birthday, Thanksgiving)
Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Angelina (Birthday, SI) For those who have a devotion to Our Lady of Rosary		
Sunday Polish	10.30am 12.15pm	Sean Anglim (RIP, Ann.) Monika & Marcin Denkiewicz (17 th Wedding Ann.)	8.30am	People of the Parish



Leadership

Probably the understatement of the year is to say that leadership is in a state of crisis at whatever level we look - political, commercial, church. But leadership, generally is only a reflection of the community at large. Today's readings touch on this question of leadership. Today's readings refer to this role of leadership within, and by, the people of God.

Isaiah 22: 19-23: Isaiah draws attention to the character who, through default, was deprived of his leadership because he had failed to live up to his responsibilities. He had been given an assignment and had failed and, so, was dismissed from his office.

Romans 11: 33-36: Paul is concerned with the failure of his people, the Jews, to accept the leadership of Christ; but, directed by his great faith,

he proclaims that, in God's own good time and place, the plan of salvation will be carried out.

Matthew 16: 13-20: In the Gospel we have the foundations of the structure of teaching authority vested in Peter and, from him, to be transmitted to following generations and preserved for us today in the person of the Pope as the legitimate successor of Peter.

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

Feasts of the Week:

Monday 24th August – St Bartholomew, Ap – Feast

Thursday 27th August – St Monica – Memorial

Friday 28th August – St Augustine Bp, D – Memorial

Saturday 29th August – The Passion of St John the Baptist



"The power of the keys" is one of the most characteristic theological concepts related to the mission of the Church. The concept of "the power of the keys" derives directly from the Gospels. Jesus says to Peter: "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven" (Mt 16:19). In Jewish tradition, the symbolism of keys meant the manager of the house and the power of attorney to exercise power on behalf of the owner. Christ, by entrusting it to Peter, places him at the head of the emerging community of the Church and makes him the first responsible for its unity and teaching.

Aspects of "The power of the keys":

The power to forgive sins: The right to sacramental forgiveness of sins in the name of God (confession). Through Christ's blood and the Holy Spirit's action. The soul dead through sin comes back to life.

Teaching Authority: Concern for the purity of the faith, its defence and the correct interpretation of the deposit of revelation. It is also the power of judgment, from which comes the discernment of what is in accordance with the Gospel and what contradicts it.

Governance and Unity: Responsibility for leading the community of the Church and maintaining spiritual order in it.

CONTACTLESS PAYMENTS

Contactless payments are now available at Our Lady of Fatima Church. You will find the DONA machine at the back of the church. If you are able to **Gift Aid** your donation, please answer **Yes** and follow the instructions. An email will be sent to you which will need to be completed. If you have any queries, please see Kay.

CHURCH CLEANERS 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 CLEANING – OLF Friday 28th August at 6.00 pm **Team D, STM** Tuesday 25th August at 5.30pm.

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: David Creak, 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 Elsie Ovenden and David Creak who have died recently.