



Parish Newsletter **22nd Sunday in OT Year A**

Mass Intention 29th August – 6th September 2026

Our Lady of Fatima (OLF)

St Thomas More (STM)

Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Angelina (SI Birthday) For those who have a devotion to Our Lady of Rosary		
Sunday Polish	10.30am 12.15pm	Sean Anglim (RIP, Ann.) Monika & Marcin Denkewicz (17 th Wedding Ann.)	8.30am	People of the Parish
Monday	9.00am	Ruby & family (SI, Thanksgiving)		
Tuesday	9.00am 11.00am	Tomkinson Family (Sick Member) Funeral Mass of Ellen Ovenden		
Wednesday	7-8.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	10.00am	Ehi Yvonne Anasigwe (Birthday, Thanksgiving)
Thursday	9.00am	Demeter family (Thanksgiving)		
Friday			10.00am	Ernest Ricketts (Snr & Jnr)
Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Peter (RIP) Roman Grodecki (50 th Birthday)		
Sunday Polish	10.30am 12.15pm	Hayley Wright (RIP) Sylvia Bartoszek (SI, Birthday)	8.30am	Dusze w czyśćcu cierpiące (Holy Souls)



From the time we learned to say the phrase "It's not fair". It has been standard for all. As children we complained "It's not fair"! As adolescents, the same grievance is uttered and in adulthood, it is no different as we question the hand life deals us with questions such as - "Why me"? Today's readings deal with this apparent unfairness in life.

Jeremiah 20:78-9: - Jeremiah speaks in a direct and honest way, without softening his language. God has not played fair and Jeremiah has had as much as he is going to take! With what result? He backs off as he sees a deeper purpose at work in the demands being made of him.

Romans 12: 1-2: - Here Paul is encouraging the Romans to understand that Christian discipleship leads them to a deeper understanding of life and its ultimate purpose. Christian commitment asks that we evaluate life not only in terms of the present, mundane values, but in terms of spiritual transformation enabling us to know what it is God wants, and why He wants it.

Matthew 16: 21-27: - Christ warns the Apostles that the day of reckoning must come - that His mission can only be fulfilled through death. He must go up to Jerusalem for the final confrontation. Peter argues that there must be another way; Christ assures him that there is not.

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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:

Tuesday 1st September – St Sebbi, K – Diocesan Memorial

Thursday 3rd September – St Gregory The Great, P, D – National Feast

CONTACTLESS PAYMENTS

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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 4th September at 2.00 pm **Team A**

WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA: On **Saturday, 12th September** the Diocese of Brentwood will host the Visitation of the National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the relics of Saints Jacinta & Francisco, at the **Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Helen, Brentwood**. This will be a Day of Prayer & Devotions, with the opportunity for the veneration of the relics. Bishop Alan accompanied by Priests of the Diocese will concelebrate Holy Mass (10:30am), this will be followed by the Consecration Prayer of the Diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Bishop Alan.

As this is a Day of Prayer, we ask all those participating to bring a packed lunch, teas and coffees will be available in the Cathedral Parish Hall. **Please see poster for full details.**

OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE

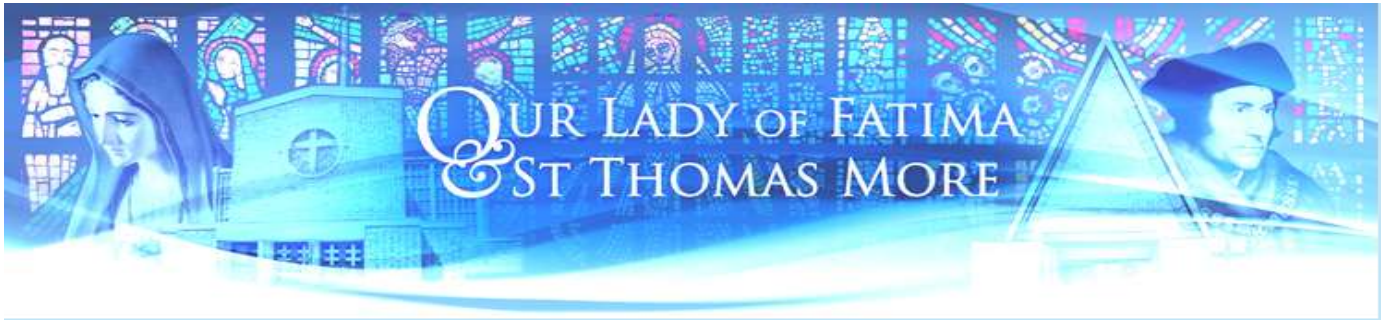
The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill which aims to legalise assisted suicide has returned to the House of Commons, and Members of Parliament will vote on its Second Reading on 11 September.

We are urged to write to our Members of Parliament to petition them to vote against the Bill.

Pray for the sick: Xi, 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: Maria De'Incarnacion, Aroujo Herbert, 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.



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