



Parish Newsletter **26th Sunday in OT Year A**

World Day for Migrants and Refugees

Mass Intention 26th September - 4th October 2026

Our Lady of Fatima (OLF)

St Thomas More (STM)

Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Esther Kiernan (RIP) For those who have a devotion to Our Lady of Rosary		
Sunday	10.30am	Fr James Cassidy (60 years as a Canon Regular)	8.30am	People of the Parish
Polish	12.15pm	Janina & Ryszard Kosakowscy (RIP, Ann.)		
Monday	9.00am	John (Birthday, SI)		
Tuesday	9.00am	Brigit (RIP, Ann.) Brian (Birthday, Thanksgiving, SI)		
Wednesday	7-8.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	10.00am	Martina Dunlea (SI)
Thursday	9.00am	Adam Demeter (Birthday, SI)		
Friday			10.00am	Terry Farrington (RIP)
Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Lajos Demeter (Recently dead) People of the Parish		
Sunday	10.30am	Dolores Lawless (RIP, Ann.)	8.30am	Annabelle & Grandmother (Birthday, Thanksgiving)
Polish	12.15pm	Karol Bieleń (RIP)		



Motivation is very important factor in religious expression. Fear has often been employed to motivate people, even by the Church! but, the ultimate motivation for the religious person comes through love - God has first loved us -we are invited to give in return that love.

Ezekiel 18: 25-28: Individual response to God's invitation to be law abiding and honest is a dramatic change in Jewish religious thinking. Up to this point, the relationship between God and His people had been of a "corporate" character - God and the Chosen People. Now Ezekiel is spelling it out - the individual is responsible for his own standing before God.

Philippians 2: 1-11: St. Paul develops this theme of personal responsibility - a person commits to God because of the great love God, in the Person of Christ, has shown.

God has first loved people; people have the opportunity to return that love in their daily behaviour.

Matthew 21:28-32: Jesus's parable of the two sons, is quite clear - the choice is with the individual to respond to God's invitation, or to reject it. One who initially refused to work in the vineyard but later went, and another who agreed verbally but did not go. Your deeds show your true intentions and feelings because promises are easy to make, but behaviour proves sincerity. The parable highlights that it is never too late to change your mind, turn away from sin, and do what is right

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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 - 29th SS Michael, Gabriel and Raphael Archangels

Wednesday -30th September – St Jerome

Thursday - 1st October – St Terese of the Child Jesus

Friday - 2nd October– The Holy Guardian Angels

First Holy Communion 2026/27

Any parents who would like to enrol their child in the forthcoming preparation program for The First Holy Communion, please make an appointment with Fr Bogdan. The child should be year 3 or above and attending OLF or STM churches.

RCIA

The RCIA course for those interested in joining the Catholic Church, or those wishing to know more about our faith. For further details contact Fr. Bogdan. The first meeting will start on Tuesday 6th October at 7.00pm in the Presbytery.

THE BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP

A missionary from Bethlehem, The Holy Land, will visit us this weekend briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of olive wood to help support the poor Christian families. Any help you could give to them will be highly appreciated. (“When you help the poor, you help Our Lord”)

To mark the feast of **St Vincent De Paul’s** on the 27th September, the Harlow SVP team will be serving refreshments and cakes after the Sunday 10.30 mass in Our Lady of Fatima’s Hall, everyone is welcome.

CHURCH CLEANERS NEEDED

We are currently in need of additional volunteers to join our church cleaning teams. 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 2nd October at 2.00 pm Team A

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. You can now also donate at both churches using our **QR Code** – please see the posters. If you have any queries, please see Kay.

Pray for the sick: Kevin Sainsbury, Xi, 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: Anne Dearle, Jessica Nelson, Margaret Brian, 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, Giona Nkunim Botchway-Adjei, Christopher Keenan, Denis Grogan, Kathleen Thompson, Mary Sage, Hayley Wright, Patricia Carter, Radosław Iwańczyk, Billy Lomasney, Kenneth Samuels, Terry Farrington, Kevin McGrath and all those whose anniversaries occur this month.

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.

Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou,

O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God,

thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits,

who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

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