



Parish Newsletter **28th Sunday in OT Year A** **Prisoner's Week**

Mass Intention 10th October - 18th October 2026

Our Lady of Fatima (OLF)

St Thomas More (STM)

Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Roberta, Agnes, Juliana, Martina (Birthday) Ireneusz Zolcik & Dimitri Antoniadis (RIP, Ann.)		
Sunday Polish	10.30am 12.15pm	Hayley Wright (RIP) Roch Michał Furmanek (2 nd Ann., RIP)	8.30am	People of the Parish
Monday	9.00am			
Tuesday	9.00am	Demeter Family (Thanksgiving)		
Wednesday	7-8.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	10.00am	People of the Parish
Thursday	9.00am			
Friday			10.00am	
Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Linus (Birthday Thanksgiving) & others celebrating their birthday this week Jan & Staniasława Stachoń (For Health, SI)		
Sunday Polish	10.30am 12.15pm	Anna Ciapała, Karol Maks & Gromala (Birthday) Halyna Wetaszczuk (RIP)	8.30am	Domenica Capaldi (Ann., RIP)



Legend has it that the early Christian martyrs astonished the Roman spectators by singing hymns of praise and joy as they awaited execution. But there should be no wonder in this. Joy is the test of Christian vitality in the individual's soul. Our readings today emphasize this aspect of the Christian personality.

Isaiah 25: 6-10 Here, Isaiah echoes the "Great Feast" theme to illustrate God's kingdom. The Almighty is again portrayed as a source of exultation and joy for His followers.

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20: Balance is a main characteristic of the mature Christian personality - poor or rich; hungry or well fed; the follower of Christ is ready for any situation.

Matthew 22: 1-14: As individuals, we are free to accept or to refuse the invitation to join in the "great feast". Refusal, however, comes at a cost.

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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:

Thursday 15th October – St Teresa of Jesus – V.D

Saturday 17th October – St Ignatius of Antioch, Bp, M

PRISONER'S WEEK (13-19 October)

This year's official theme is **"All Are Invited"**. It takes inspiration from the parable of the wedding banquet in Matthew 22:1–14, emphasizing radical hospitality and transformation. **SECOND COLLECTION is for Prisoner's Sunday**

CONFIRMATION

Preparation for Confirmation will commence with our first session on **Wednesday 21st October at 6.30pm**. This first session will be an opportunity to meet other candidates and understand the expectations of the programme. Candidates should be aware that enrolment on the programme carries a significant commitment. Attendance at sessions, regular participation at Sunday Mass, and full engagement throughout the programme are expected. Only those fully committed should embark on the programme.

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 next meeting on Tuesday 13th October at 7.00pm in the Presbytery.

SOCIAL & FUNDRISING EVENT: This year's Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday **5th December 2026**.

If you would like to volunteer running one of this year's stalls, please speak to Clara or Kay. A list of items needed to support the event will be displayed on the notice board from next week. Thank you for your support.

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 16th October at 6.00 pm **Team C**

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, 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.

OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October is a month dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. The Rosary is a pattern of prayer popular among Christians. At heart it is a series of meditations on some aspects, or mysteries, of the life of Jesus Christ and Mary his mother. The rosary is integral to the spiritual life of many Catholics in our countries and, if we deepen our understanding of the foundations of our rosary prayers, we can, in turn, deepen our devotion to Mary, the Mother of God.

How to pray the Rosary



Make the Sign of the Cross.

Holding the Crucifix, say the *Apostles' Creed*.

On the first bead, say an *Our Father*.

Say one *Hail Mary* on each of the next three beads.

Say the *Glory Be*

For each of the five decades, announce the Mystery (perhaps followed by a brief reading from Scripture) then say the *Our Father*.

While fingering each of the ten beads of the decade, next say ten Hail Marys while meditating on the Mystery. Then say a *Glory Be*.

(After finishing each decade, some say the following prayer requested by the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima: *O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy.*)

After saying the five decades, say the Hail, Holy Queen, followed by this dialogue and prayer:

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: O God, whose Only Begotten Son, by his life, Death, and Resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech thee, that while meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

You pray mysteries for each of the five sections (decades) of the rosary according to the day of the week:

Mondays and Saturdays:

The Joyful Mysteries remind the faithful of Christ's birth: The Annunciation (Luke 1:26–38); The Visitation (Luke 1:39–56); The Nativity (Luke 2:1–21); The Presentation (Luke 2:22–38); The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:41–52)

Tuesdays and Fridays:

The Sorrowful Mysteries recall Jesus' passion and death: The Agony of Jesus in the Garden (Matthew 26:36–56); The Scourging at the Pillar (Matthew 27:26); The Crowning with Thorns (Matthew 27:27–31); The Carrying of the Cross (Matthew 27:32); The Crucifixion (Matthew 27:33–56).

Wednesdays and Sundays:

The Glorious Mysteries focus on the resurrection of Jesus and the glories of heaven: The Resurrection (John 20:1–29); The Ascension (Luke 24:36–53); The Descent of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1–41); The Assumption of Mary, the Mother of God, into heaven; The Coronation of Mary in heaven.

Thursdays:

Pope John Paul II added The Mysteries of Light, also known as the Luminous Mysteries, in 2002: The Baptism in the River Jordan (Matthew 3:13–16); The Wedding Feast at Cana (John 2:1–11); The Preaching of the coming of the Kingdom of God (Mark 1:14–15); The Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1–The Institution of the Holy Eucharist (Matthew 26).