



Parish Newsletter **29th Sunday in OT Year A**

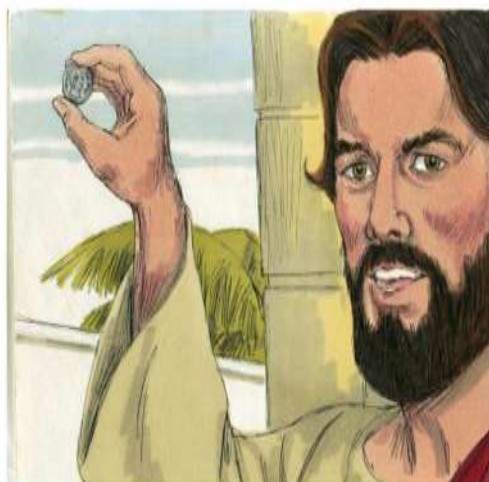
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Mass Intention 17th October - 25th October 2026

Our Lady of Fatima (OLF)

St Thomas More (STM)

Saturday	9.00am	Linus (Birthday Thanksgiving) & others celebrating their birthday this week		
	6.00pm	Jan & Staniasława Stachoń (For Health, SI)		
Sunday	10.30am	Anna Ciapała, Maks & Karol Gromala (Birthday)	8.30am	Domenica Capaldi (Ann., RIP)
Polish	12.15pm	Halyna Wetaszczuk (RIP)		
Monday	9.00am	Philip Donkor (Birthday, SI) Christine Braddick (Recently dead)		
Tuesday	9.00am	Mary McDaid (Recently dead)		
Wednesday	7-8.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	10.00am	For the sick & those who care for them Tomkinson Family (SI)
Thursday	9.00am	Louise & Niall & McDaid family (SI)		
Friday			10.00am	Sonny Minihane (Ann., RIP) Maria Lunnon (Recently dead)
Saturday	9.00am	Fr Bernard Grogan SDB, (SI, Birthday)		
	6.00pm	People of the Parish		
Sunday	10.30am	Meny Huertas (Recently dead)	8.30am	Dusze w czyśćcu cierpiące
Polish	12.15pm	Adam (SI, o uwolnienie z nałogu)		(Souls in purgatory)



Crisis inevitably makes us think of the deeper questions in life - evil, goodness, purpose and so on. And it is then that many return to the roots of our culture, religion, and remember that, like it or lump it, we are body and soul, and our lives revolve around the needs of both. This is clearly stated in today's gospel reading in which the role of Caesar (body) and God (soul) are clearly affirmed.

Isaiah 45: 1;4-6: Here the Prophet writes of the restructuring of the Jewish society after Cyrus' decision to free the Jews from the Babylonian captivity so that they could resume their traditional culture.

Thessalonians 1: 1-5: The letter to the Thessalonians is the first book of the New Testament to be written. it originated some 15 years after Christ's death and already there is evidence of a Christian community in existence.

Matthew 22: 15-21: The Gospel highlights the dual responsibility of a person within the social structure - religion and civil authority.

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HALLS BOOKING

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

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This year's theme, chosen by Pope Leo, is **'One in Christ, united in mission.'** Being 'one in Christ' calls us to keep Our Lord at the centre of our lives and communities, and our mission is lived by witnessing to God's love through our words and deeds. In his message Pope Leo XIV shared: *'Your prayers and practical support, particularly on World Mission Sunday, will be a great help in bringing the Gospel of God's love to everyone, especially the poorest and those most in need. Every gift, no matter how small, becomes a meaningful act of missionary communion.'*

SECOND COLLECTION is for Missio

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 20th October at 7.00pm in the Presbytery.

SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING 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**.

CHURCH CLEANING – OLF Friday 23rd October at 6.00 pm Team C

NOVEMBER is the month during which Catholics remember and pray for the dead.

In November our minds turn particularly to the **"Holy Souls" in Purgatory**. Use a blank list in an envelope to record the names of those who have died and whom you would like to remember at Holy Mass, in prayer during this month. Please return the envelopes to our churches or the priests house at any time. The names of your deceased will be laid at the altar at every Mass. Holy Masses will be offered for them in November.

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: Maria Lunnon, Meny Huertas, Anne Dearle, Jessica Nelson, Margaret Brian, Maria De'Incarnacion, Aroujo Herbert, David Creak, Elsie Ovenden, Carl O'Connor, Bridget Egan, Anna 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, 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.

Our deepest condolences and prayers to the families of Maria Lunnon and Meny Huertas who have died recently.



The month of November is traditionally a time in which the Catholic community remembers those who have died. The Church then uses this end of the year period as a time to think of the end of life and the end of all things and the great hope that our earthly end is transition into a new life in God's heavenly reality. We give thanks for those who have gone before us and we look with prayer and hope to their new life in heaven and our desire to join them there one day.

We have a special practice as a part of this month of remembrance. A stack of cards and a basket are placed at the

altar. Those whose names are placed there are prayed for daily at Mass and at Evening Prayer.

St Thomas More in "**The Supplication of Souls**", affirmed that the souls in Purgatory "have been recommended unto God and eased, helped and relieved both by the private prayers of good, virtuous people and especially by the daily Masses and other spiritual suffrages of priests, religious and folk of Holy Church".

Love brings healing and comfort amid sorrow and suffering. In this month of the Holy Souls, therefore, let us pray for the dead in the hope that, as St Thomas More said, "We will merrily meet in heaven."

From November 2-8 a plenary indulgence can be gained for them, so long as one visit a cemetery and says a prayer for the dead.

What is a plenary indulgence?

A plenary indulgence is a grace granted by the Catholic Church through the merits of Jesus Christ to remove the temporal punishment due to sin. It is not a forgiveness of sin but the remission of punishment for sins already forgiven. It may apply either to oneself or to souls already in purgatory.

In order to obtain **a plenary indulgence (November 2-8)**, the faithful must

- **Visit a cemetery:** Go to a cemetery and pray for the deceased.
- **Pray mentally:** The prayer for the dead can be mental, and the indulgence is applicable to the souls in purgatory.
- **Meet the standard requirements:**
 - Go to confession have sacramentally confessed their sins
 - Receive communion (either within or outside of Mass),
 - Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.
 - Be free from all attachment to sin (even venial sin),



Additional options

- **On November 2 (All Souls' Day):**

You can also gain a plenary indulgence by visiting a church or oratory and reciting the Our Father and the Creed.

- **On other days:**

You can obtain **a partial indulgence** by visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead, or by reciting the Office of the Dead or the prayer "Eternal rest".

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."