



Parish Newsletter **All Saints** Year A

Mass Intention 31st October 2026 – 8th November 2026

Our Lady of Fatima (OLF)

St Thomas More (STM)

Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Gomes Family (spiritual welfare) & souls in purgatory Krystyna, Józef & Jadwiga (RIP)		
All Saints Sunday Polish	10.30am 12.15pm	Lynn Jeanette Power (Recently dead) Władysław Lisz (4 th Ann., RIP)	8.30am	Souls from November Dead List
All Souls Monday	9.00am	All the faithful departed		
Tuesday	9.00am	All Souls in purgatory & Antony & Gomes Families		
Wednesday	7-8.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	10.00am	Shoji George (Birthday, SI)
Thursday	9.00am	Souls in purgatory		
Friday			10.00am	People of the Parish
Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Thanksgiving, Conversion of sinners & Souls in purgatory Souls from November Dead List		
Sunday Polish	10.30am 12.15pm	Vivian Agbeve (Birthday, SI) Katarzyna & Salvador (RIP)	8.30am	Netochukwu Ojiakor (Thanksgiving & for good health)



Immortality Fact or fiction! This is the ever-present question all people ask. There is no doubt that all forms of life die; only the human form knows, from an early age, that it is destined to die. This gives rise to that most fundamental religious question - is death the end? Christ says NO! Today's Feast and readings all centre on this hope of immortality that inspires Christian effort.

Apocalypse 7:2-14 With imagery bordering on the fantastic, St. John seeks to encourage the early Christian community during a time of fierce persecution. The hope of eternal union with God is as valid for us as it was for those suffering because of their commitment to Christ.

John 3: 1-3 In this first letter of St. John speaks of the real relationship that exists between God and people. This relationship is acknowledged by the performance of good works leading to becoming permanent citizens in the eternal City of God.

Matthew 5:1-12 Few passages are as well known, or quoted as frequently, as this passage known universally as the Sermon on the Mount, or the Beatitudes. However, because of poor translations and the fact that words have different meanings in different languages and in different social environments, one needs to look closely at the original meanings to understand Christ's words.

Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette

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HALLS BOOKING

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

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

Next session on **Wednesday 4th November at 6.30pm**. Candidates Please one 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 Programme 2026/27

Dear Parents, please note that the Sacramental Preparation Programme starts on **Wednesday 4th November 2026**. The sessions start at **5:30 pm** and finish at **6:30 pm** and will take place in Our Lady of Fatima Church. Parents are not required to stay with the children but please arrive promptly at 6:30 pm to collect your child after the session. Please take one copy so they will have information of the dates and themes.

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 **3rd November at 7.00pm** in the Presbytery.

SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING EVENT:

Christmas Bazaar, Saturday 5th December at 12.00pm to 4.30pm in OLF Hall. Please see Clara or Kay to register your interest in volunteering your help on the day with one of the stalls. **Raffle tickets will be available to purchase from Saturday 31st October;** a list of prizes will be available soon. To support the Christmas Bazaar, if you are able to donate any of the following, it would be very much appreciated - there will be a collection box in the porch from Sunday 8.11.26. Bottles of Alcoholic and non-Alcoholic Drink, Soft drinks, Tins of food/Dry goods, Bags of sweets - sweets need to be wrapped, unwanted Gifts, Christmas decorations - everything should be in very good condition.

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 6th November at 6.00 pm Team B

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, 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, K.P. Jacob, Felomena 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.

The funeral of **Maria Lunnon** will be held on 5th November at 1.30pm at Parndon Wood Crematorium.

Parndon Wood Cemetery (CM19 4SF) 8th November (Sunday) at 15.00pm.

Prayers will be said in the open, for the dead. **From November 2-8** a plenary indulgence can be gained for them, so long as one visits a cemetery and says a prayer for the dead.

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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."

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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."

Prayer for All Souls

Loving God, we remember now in prayer our dearly departed. May they rest in peace with you and experience the eternal joy of heaven. Heal our grief, merciful Lord, strengthen our hope that we, too, will one day share in the resurrection of your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
Amen.

THE POWER OF MASS INTENTIONS

Every Mass is a profound encounter with Christ's love and sacrifice. When we offer a Mass intention, we unite our prayers with the Eucharistic offering — bringing countless graces to our loved ones and to the world.

OFFER MASS INTENTIONS FOR:

 1. THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED For the repose of souls and eternal rest.	 2. FOR HEALING For physical, emotional, and spiritual healing.	 3. FOR THANKSGIVING To give thanks for blessings received.
 4. FOR FAMILIES For unity, peace, and God's protection.	 5. FOR SPECIAL NEEDS For personal intentions and urgent needs.	 6. FOR CONVERSION For a return to God and a renewed faith.

"One single Mass offered for someone can change eternity for that person."