

Parish Newsletter 33 Year A

Mass Intention 14th November 2026 – 22nd November 2026

World Day of the Poor

	Our Lady of Fatima (OLF)		St Thomas More (STM)	
Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Marie Beckett (RIP, Ann) November Dead List		
Sunday **Polish**	10.30am **12.15pm**	Hayley Wright (RIP) November Dead List	8.30am	Holy Souls
Monday	9.00am	People of the Parish		
Tuesday	9.00am	Philip Thundiyil & Joseph Thundiyil (RIP)		
Wednesday	7-8.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	10.00am	Noel Jacob (SI, Birthday)
Thursday	9.00am	Souls of the Priests		
Friday			10.00am	Doreen Brenan (90th Birthday, SI)
Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Paul Samuels (Birthday, SI) Jan & Stanisława Stachoń (For Health, SI)		
Sunday **Polish**	10.30am **12.15pm**	V. D. Dunne (RIP, Ann.) Zbigniew Kozłowski (RIP - 2 rocznica)	8.30am	November Dead List



Everyone wants to live life to the full! Why, then, are so many disappointed? Could it be because we set ourselves impossible goals? Or is it because we neglect opportunities offered to us? Today's readings touch on this matter of "win/ lose" situations.

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20,30-31: tells of the character who courted and won a treasure for a wife, no doubt against stiff competition! Then, as now, "faint heart never won fair lady"!

Thessalonians 5: 1-6: Paul warns that time is slipping by while they argue over when Christ will come the second time.

Gospel Matt. 25: 14-30: Jesus is quite blunt in his advice - use your talents or else!!!!

Pope Leo XIV, in his message for the World Day of the Poor, invites the Church to an examination of conscience: "Are we a sign of a God who is a refuge for the poor?"

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - STM: Wednesday, Friday 9.30am-10am OLF: Saturday 5pm - 5.50pm
CHURCH CLEANING – OLF Friday 20th November at 6.00 pm Team D.
LITYRGY MEETING on Monday 16th November at 7pm.
Feast of the Week:
Monday 16th November -St Edmund of Canterbury (or of Abingdon), Bp – Diocesan Memorial
Saturday 21st November – The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME
Next session on **Wednesday 18th 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
Next session on **Wednesday 18th 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 meeting on Monday 30th November in OLF Chapel at 7pm.

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 **17th November at 7.00pm** in the Presbytery.

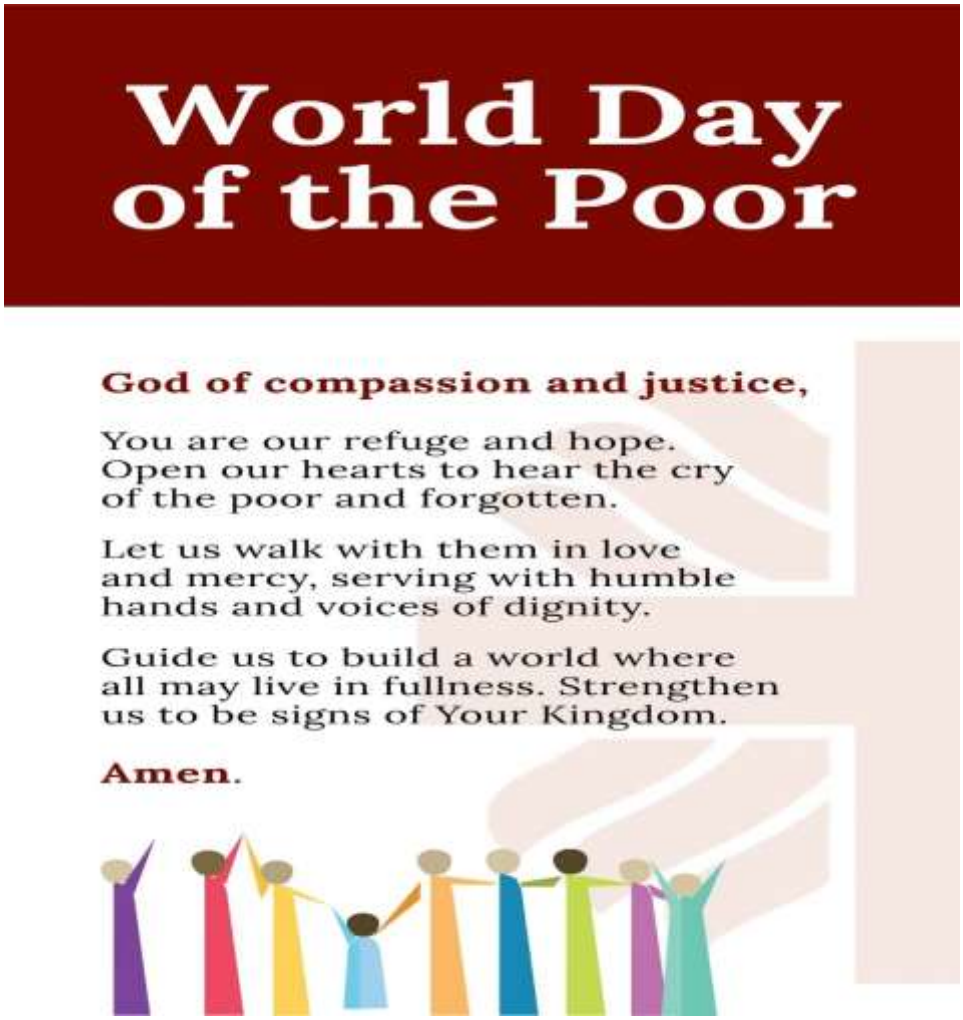
SOCIAL & FUNDRISING EVENT:
Christmas Bazaar, Saturday 5th December at 12.00pm to 4.30pm in OLF Hall. Raffle tickets are on sale, and contactless payments can be made to purchase tickets. If you have any bottles of alcohol or non-alcoholic drinks, soft drinks (cans and bottles) for the Adult Tombola, please leave them in the collection box in the porch or hand to Clara/Kay. International Food Group; if you would like to cook some food or cakes/biscuits please see Janice, (please ensure a list of ingredients are provided). Unwanted gifts are welcome. Thank you very much for your help.

INVITATION TO A MASS OF THANKSGIVING
All parishioners from across the diocese are warmly invited to attend a Mass of Thanksgiving to be Celebrated by Bishop Timothy Menezes following his appointment as Bishop of the Diocese of Brentwood. Join us as we gather in prayer and thanksgiving to welcome our new Bishop and seek God's blessing upon his ministry. All are welcome.
***Masses will be celebrated in three locations*:**
Tuesday 8th Dec: 11:00 a.m. – Cathedral Church of St Mary & St Helen, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT
Tuesday 8th Dec: 7:30 p.m. – St Antony of Padua Church, St Antony's Road, Forest Gate, London E7 9QB
Wed 9th Dec: 7:00 p.m. - St James the Less and St Helen Church, Priory Street, Colchester CO1 2QB

NOVEMBER a month of prayer for our dead. *"We must empty Purgatory with our prayers." – Saint Padre Pio*

Pray for the sick: Oleksandra Małagowska, Lisa Vose, 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 Que Tran, Maria Lunnon, K.P. Jacob, Felomena Huertas, Anne Dearle**,** Jessica Nelson, Margaret Brian, Maria De'lncarnacion, 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 Tran family of Maria Que Tran who died recently.



Pope Leo XIV's message for the **10th World Day of the Poor**, to be celebrated on 15 November 2026, reminds Christians that **God is the refuge of the poor** and that the Church must actively defend and support those in need.

Reflecting on Psalm 14, the Pope highlights the growing problem of poverty, social injustice, corruption and discrimination. He warns that the poor are often deprived not only of basic necessities but also of their dignity, voice and place in society.

He emphasises that:

- **God hears the cry of the poor:** The poor place their trust in God because He is faithful, compassionate and just.
- **The poor deserve dignity and respect:** They are often forgotten, marginalised and excluded from society.
- **The Church must take action:** Christians should not remain indifferent but must offer the poor food, friendship, hope and a sense of belonging.
- **We must examine our priorities:** Following the example of Jesus, Christians are called to live simply, share with others and recognise the needs of those around them.
- **We must listen to the poor:** Rather than simply speaking about them, we should listen to their experiences and understand their struggles.

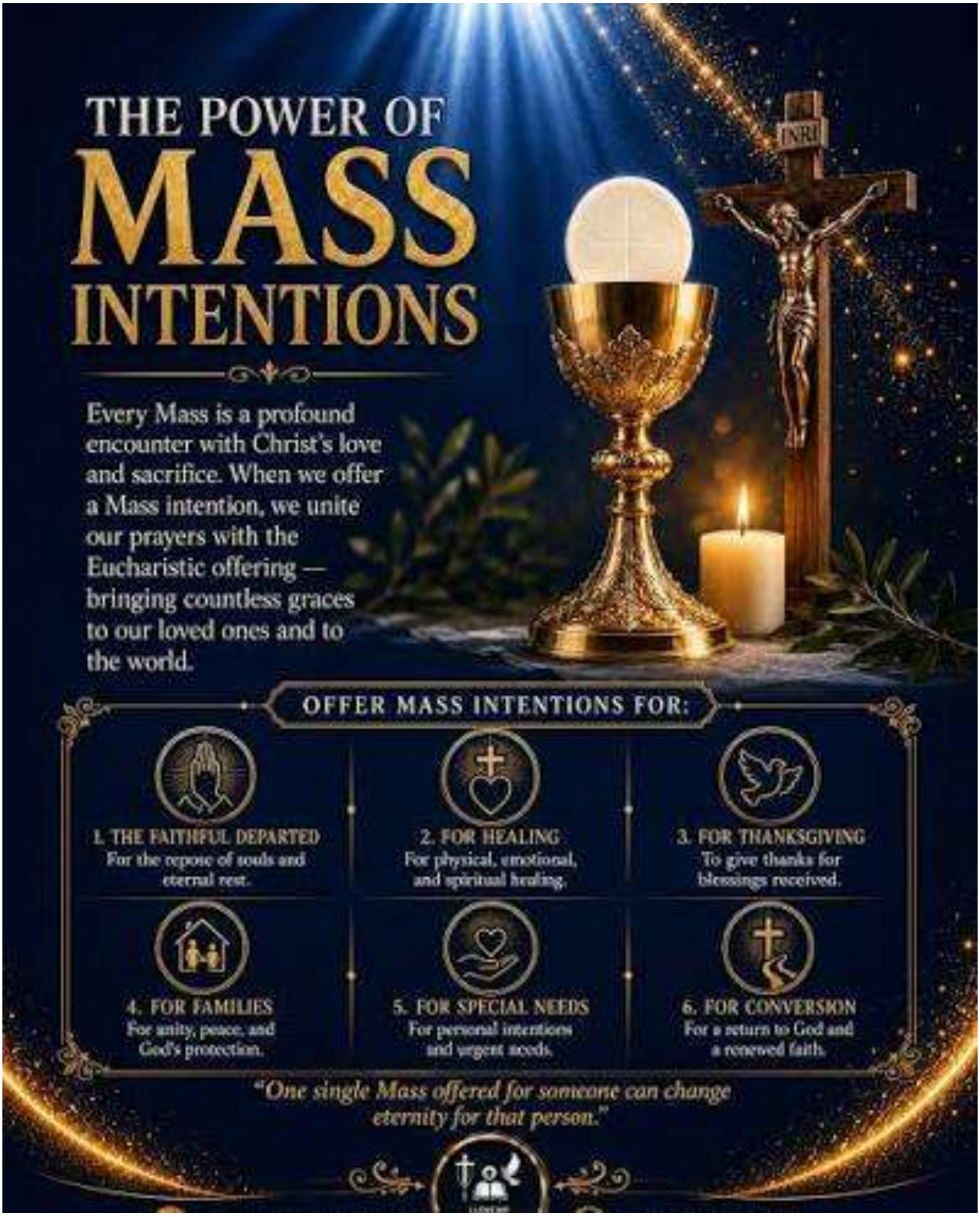
The Pope concludes by reminding Christians that they are called not only to find refuge in God but also **to become a refuge for the poor**.

Main message: The 10th World Day of the Poor calls everyone to show compassion, promote justice, defend human dignity and build a Church and society where the poor are welcomed, heard, loved and never forgotten.

"We must empty Purgatory with our prayers." *– Saint Padre Pio*

"Praying for the souls in purgatory is the highest act of supernatural charity" -Saint John Paul II

"As we enter Heaven, we will see them, so many of them, coming towards us and thanking us. We will ask who they are, and they will say, 'a poor soul you prayed for in Purgatory.'" - Venerable Fulton Sheen



"If during life, we have been kind to the suffering souls in Purgatory, God will see that help be not denied us after death." - Saint Paul of the Cross