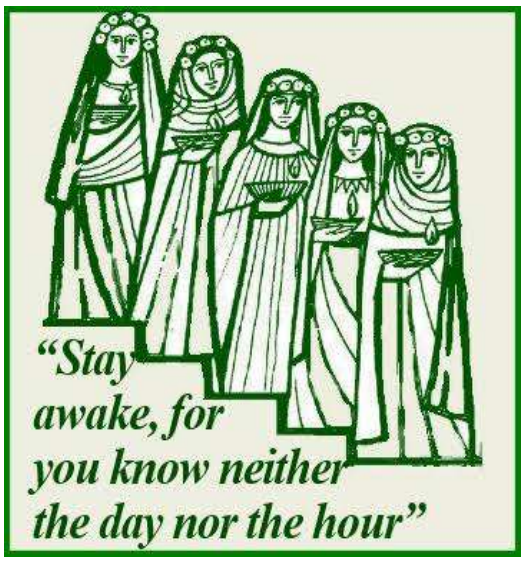


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Mass Intention 7th November 2026 – 15th November 2026

Our Lady of Fatima (OLF) **St Thomas More (STM)**

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 & Salwador (RIP))	8.30am	Netochukwu Ojiakor (Thanksgiving & for good health)
Monday	9.00am	Richard Green (RIP)		
Tuesday	9.00am	Demeter Family (Thanksgiving)		
Wednesday	7-8.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	10.00am	Chinedu Anasigwe (Birthday, Thanksgiving)
Thursday	9.00am	Gerald O'Carroll (RIP)		
Friday			10.00am	Kimberly (Birthday, SI)
Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Marie Beckett (RIP, Ann) November Dead List		
Sunday **Polish**	10.30am **12.15pm**	Hayley Wright (RIP) Souls from November Dead List	8.30am	Holy Souls (Dusze w czyśćcu cierpiące)



Lord Chesterfield, English diplomat and author, in his witty "Letters to His Son", had this advice -"No idleness, no laziness, no procrastination; never put off till tomorrow what you can do today". Today's readings contain similar advice for those preparing for eternity.

Wisdom 6:12-16: Teaches that the gift of wisdom is given to those ready to learn and is to be found in unexpected ways at unexpected times.

1 Thess. 4:13-18: For Paul, the essence of wisdom is to know that this life is a constant preparation for eternity.

Matt.: 25:1-13: is quite blunt in its message to make the most of the opportunities that come our way.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN US IN PRAYING THE ROSARY FOR OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES at Parndon Wood Cemetery on Sunday, 8th November, at 3:00 pm.

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

CHURCH CLEANING – OLF Friday **13th November** at 6.00 pm **Team C**

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

Dear Parents, please note that the Sacramental Preparation Programme the next session in on **Wednesday 11th 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 **10th November at 7.00pm** in the Presbytery.

SOCIAL & FUNDRISING 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. Bottles/cans for the adult tombola Unwanted gifts welcome.

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 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: 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.



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 visits 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."

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.

