

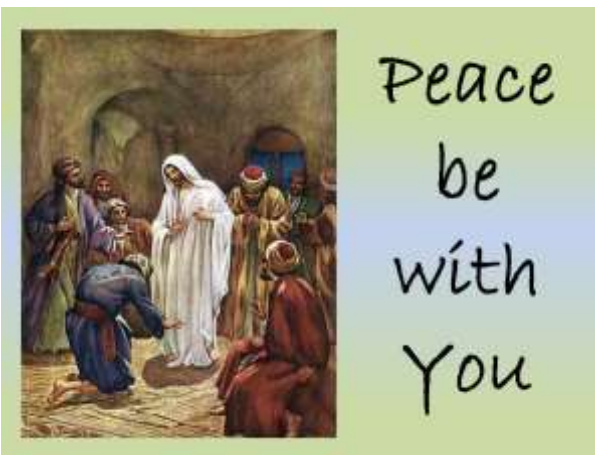
Parish Newsletter 3rd Sunday of Easter Year B 2024

Mass Intentions 13th April – 21st April

Our Lady of Fatima (OLF)

St Thomas More (STM)

Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	People of the Parish Sunday Okobi (10 th Ann., RIP)		
Sunday Polish	10.30am 12.15pm	Dolores Lawless (RIP) Bogusław Koczon (4 th Ann., RIP)	8.30am	Anne & Mick Pearson (SI)
Monday	9.00am	Tom & Mary Dowd (RIP, Ann.)		
Tuesday	9.00am	Tifani McIntosh (Birthday)		
Wednesday	7- 8pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	10.00	Claire Williams (Recently dead)
Thursday	9.00am	Alexander McIntosh (Birthday)		
Friday			10.00am	1. Martina Dunlea (SI) 2. Shana-Kay Watson (Birthday)
Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Demeter Family (SI) Daniel Beary (SI)		
Sunday	10.30am 12.15pm	Aris Trinidad (RIP) Dziękczynna od Rodziny Gromala	8.30am	People of the Parish



I recall the lyrics of a song written years ago urging us "to accentuate the positive; eliminate the negative". Motivators tour the country offering similar advice to people experiencing hard times. There are those, however, who try to gloss over the fact that life is a combination of good and bad times; who pretend that evil and suffering have no place in life. That is not the way Christ sees it - life is a combination of good and evil in which, through Faith and Hope, evil can be made to serve good, and Divine Justice will correct any final imbalance.

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 - Peter reminds the Jewish community of the great evil committed with the crucifixion of Jesus; however, he eases their sense of guilt by encouraging them to understand that

God's plan of salvation involved Christ's suffering and death. In a way, they were the unwitting instruments in the fulfilment of this plan that offers the possibility of forgiveness and reconciliation to all. O culpa felix! - 'O Happy Fault'

1 John 2:1-5 - Here, too, we find the same two elements of evil and goodness being emphasised. Evil as seen in the rejection of the commandments; goodness as in reconciliation and forgiveness.

Luke 24: 35-48 - The restoration of the Apostles' faith centred on the reality of Christ alive after Calvary - mixing with them, eating with them, talking with them. Such appearances by Christ convinced those early Christians that it was the real person, just dead, now alive and fully human that they were dealing with. The hope inspired by Christ's resurrection provided them with the incentive to counterbalance the goodness and evil in life.

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CHURCH CLEANING of OLF Church

This week 19th April, International group. Group A.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next lesson will be on Wednesday **17th April** 2024 at 5.30pm.

Parents Meeting on Wednesday 17th April at 5.30 to discuss the preparation and decoration of the church.

First Communion Parents Meeting:

Monday 22nd April 7.30 pm (English)

Tuesday 23rd April 7.30 pm (Polish)

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

The next meeting in Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall **on Tuesday 23rd April at 7.00pm.**

First Holy Communion and Confirmation

We have a large selection of cards and gifts for sale in the Repository and the church porch.

COUNSELLING SERVICE for OLF & STM

The service is free to parishioners. Further details and business cards are available in the porch or from Fr. Bogdan or Dr Ray Aldridge-Morris on 07946 854632.

PILGRIMAGE to AYLESFORD

On 4th May, 2024 - £20.00 per person. Bring own lunch. For further information contact Juliana 07757162385, Betty 07983914149. Pick up from OLF at 9.30am followed by STM.

SENT OR STUCK: Where are your people going?

This Divine Renovation online event will take place on Wednesday 17 April 2024 from 7-8:15pm

Is your parish forming disciples activated for mission? Or is it stuck, serving only those already in the pews?

How can your parish step up and send out missionary disciples? catholicparishsummit.com/webinars

ST ANDREW'S METHODIST

A Circus Praise Party - on the afternoon of April 28th. It will be a Christ centred event with entertainment and singing. it will aim at young families, but everyone is welcome. It goes from 3:30 pm to 5 pm and includes party food at the end.

STM Projector:

Thank you for the generous donation from Gill towards a new projector for STM Church.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next week second collection is for Promotion of Vocations

Pray for the sick: Hilary Riches, Fr Bernard Grogan, Grace Fisher, Angela Walsh, Billy Lomasney, Jeremy Collins, Peter Kelly, Pam Matthews, Andrew Dodge, Władysław Borecki, Ewa Samborska, Peter, Tom Ryan, Adele Ryan, Nial Briody, Maria Lunnon, Fabian Andrade, Des and Eileen, Helen Doherty, John Brickley, Pamela Barnard, Philip Ketedzi, Caroline Berry, Anna Sweeney, Stanislaw Kostecki, Carmel Delaney, Conrado Shea, Donnah Dris, Ryan Tomlin, May Quinlan, Krystyna, Josie Cronin, Mary Quinlan, Anna Borsuk, Ruby Antony, Eileen Jolly, Anna Słota, Monica, John O'Donnell and their children, Neil, Anna Gawlik, Eileen, Kathleen Kidney, Andrew Sinclair, Pauline, Alice and Rodney Bill, Valda, sick parishioners from Ashlyn, Alexandra and Abbot Care Home.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of: Kevin McGrath, Janina Zdrojewska, Zbigniew Piątek, Józef Chapski, Zofia Pisula, Peter Mwangi Gekonyo, Eileen Hynes, Irene Heaphy, Joby Joy, PJ Thomas, Eveline Falzon, Jakub Rutkowski, Amos Manyati, Dolores Lawless, Zbigniew Sienkiewicz, John Cywinski, Maria Cristina Galagala, Conway Love, Giuseppe Lobue, Thomas Nelson, Paul Gaize, Bridget Minihane, Katarzyna Kisala, Barbara Vernem, Romie Quinn, Zofia Bajan, Paul Bellairs, Stefan Morawa, Ellen (Eileen) Martyn, and all those whose anniversaries occur this month.

We extend our **deepest sympathy and prayers** to: **Anne McGrath and her family**, on the recent death of her husband Kevin.