

OUR LADY OF FATIMA ST THOMAS MORE

Parish Newsletter • Year A The Baptism of the Lord 2020

MASS INTENTIONS 11th – 19th January

Mass Day	Mass Time	Our Lady of Fatima (OLF)	Mass Time	St Thomas More (STM)
Saturday	6.00 pm	Tom Delaney (Sick)	10.00 am	People of the Parish
Sunday	11.00 am	People of the Parish	9.00 am	Christmas Tree Mass
Monday	9.00 am	Kevin Connor (Sick)		
Tue(Convent)	9.30 am	For the souls of priests in Purgatory		
Wednesday	7.30 pm	Leticia Claudia Pemintel Alves RIP	10.00 am	Margaret Tomkins RIP
Thursday	9.00 am	Piotr Kibirev RIP		
Friday	9.00 am	Odorico Da Cunha RIP	10.00 am	Celestin Perrichot RIP
Saturday	6.00 pm	Ian McGregor RIP	10.00 am	Sophia Njoki (B'day)
Sunday	11.00 am 1.30 pm PL	Barbara & Allen Upton RIP Ludwika Ambroziewicz RIP (Ann.)	9.00 am	People of the Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Legion of Mary	Saturday: 9.30 – 10.00 am at St Thomas More Saturday: 5.00 – 6.00 pm at Our Lady of Fatima
	Monday: 7.00 – 8.00 pm at Our Lady of Fatima Thursday: 7.00 pm - Our Lady of Fatima Hall, Upper Room

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers		Counters
6.00 pm	N. Jacobs	T. Minihane	U. Minihane	J. & L. McNaughton
9.00 am	V. Kimeng	P. Jacob J. Brown	L. Mathew M. White	Felix & Lou
11.00 am	H. Linden C. Paguiligan	K. Evans (H) A. Demeter (C)	C. Manyati (H) D. Lawless (C)	Church Cleaning OLF Team: B

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from the 18th to the 25th January.

On 10th February many Christians in Malta celebrate the Feast of the Shipwreck of St Paul, marking and giving thanks for the arrival of Christian faith on these islands. The reading from the Acts of the Apostles used for the feast is the text chosen for this year's Week of Prayer.

Hospitality is a much needed virtue in our search for Christian unity. It calls us to a greater generosity to those in need. The people who showed unusual kindness to Paul and his companions did not yet know Christ, and yet it is through their unusual kindness that a divided people were drawn closer together. Our own Christian unity will be discovered not only through showing hospitality to one another, but also through loving encounters with those who do not share our language, culture or faith.

In such tempestuous journeys and chance encounters, God's will for his Church and all people comes to fulfilment. As Paul will proclaim in Rome, this salvation of God has been sent to all peoples (see Acts 28:28).

God of mercy, lost and disheartened, we turn to You.

Instil in us Your hope and courage.

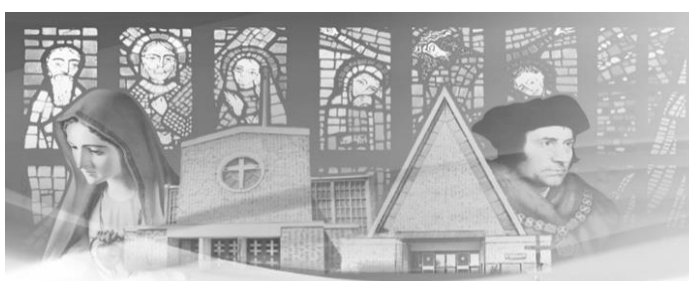
May our churches strive for the unity

for which Your Son prayed on the eve of His passion.

We ask this through Him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

Amen.

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OUR LADY OF FATIMA & ST THOMAS MORE

12th January 2020

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD YEAR A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

1st Reading: from the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 12:1-4,6-7)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 28

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

2nd Reading: from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 10:34-38)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

The readings today continue to focus our attention on Christ and His ministry. In doing this, of course, we are being reminded of our own role as Christians, which is to reflect Christ's presence amongst people.

Isaiah 42 1-4,6-7

The first reading from Isaiah tells us that the role of the Messiah is to act as a witness to the peoples; to open the eyes of the blind; to free captives from prison; to be a leader and a light to the nations. Messiah means "The Anointed One" translated by the Greek word "Christos" from which comes our word "Christ".

Acts 10: 34-38

In the second reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we see Christ being presented as the pivotal link between God and all peoples.

Matthew 3: 13-17

The Gospel defines the different roles of John the Baptist and of Christ. John was there to identify the Anointed One. Christ is solemnly proclaimed to be the "Son". The best translation of "son" is "servant", and Christ was quick to identify himself with the role of the "suffering servant of Yahweh" to be a bridge between the Old and the New. With Christ a new era of religious expression was ushered in.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

29TH DECEMBER 2019 £891.02
5TH JANUARY 2020 £899.92

THANK YOU

JANUARY EXPENSES

GAS – OLF £455.10
GAS – STM £345.86
ELEC – OLF £1,280.20
ELEC – STM £161.19
DIOCESAN QUOTA £1,329.28

FIRST COMMUNION 2020

The children's preparation continues on **Tuesday at 6.00 pm in Our Lady of Fatima Church** with the theme: God Gives you Forgiveness. **Next Sunday we will welcome the children and their families for a Special Group Mass.** Please remember them in your prayers.

PARENTS MEETINGS

There will be a meeting for **Polish parents on Monday 27th January at 7.30 pm in the Hall** and for **non-Polish parents on Wednesday 29th at 7.00 pm – also in the Hall.**

RCIA

The RCIA course continues on **Tuesday at 7.00 pm in Our Lady of Fatima Hall.** If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, or to learn more about our faith, please contact Fr. Bogdan.

CONFIRMATION 2021

IF you are interested in being confirmed during the Bishop's Pastoral Visit early next year, please contact the Presbytery for an application form. Candidates must be 14+

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL – A group of people who assist the priest in discerning how the parish can best carry out the mission of the Church. The Church is as alive and active as we are alive and active. If anyone is interested in joining a new Council, please contact Fr. Bogdan

ADMISSION TO OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Our Catholic Schools are "designed not only to develop with special care the intellectual faculties but also to form the ability to judge rightly, to hand on the cultural legacy of previous generations, to foster a sense of values, to prepare for professional life." Pope Francis.

St Alban's Catholic Academy does this very well indeed. As a school, it is outstanding in its mission to "prepare children for service in the spread of the Kingdom of God". St Alban's Catholic Academy, through its Catholic Mission, inspires and motivates our children so they can learn together, grow together and achieve together.

The deadline for applications to St Alban's Catholic Academy is 15th January 2020 for a September 2020 admission.

JOIN US FOR THE BIG PICTURE!

The Big Picture is a series of meets to be held during this Year of the Word, to allow us to undertake an inspiring journey through the Bible. Each session will be 50 minutes and include a short DVD clip to provoke thought with the opportunity for discussion. Books to accompany the course are available for £10 each. The sessions will all be on Wednesdays from 6.30 pm-7.20 pm at St. Alban's School, with Session 4 on 22nd January Please do come along.

REVIEW OF 2019

BAPTISMS	26
DEATHS	12
MARRIAGES	3
FIRST COMMUNIONS	48
MASS ATTENDANCE	420

(Based on October Mass Count)

For further details about our Parish, our Faith, Sacraments and contact details, please see our website www.olfstm.weebly.com

