

Sunday
13TH OCTOBER 2019



Traditionally this month is one of the months of the year in which the faithful of the Church particularly draw closer to our Blessed Mother. From the earliest time we have evidence that believers have turned to the prayers of the Virgin Mary as a source of strength and encouragement. The Rosary forms a very important aspect of that devotional practice and many people have found in it a sure support and a beautiful way to be close to the heart of Our Lady. The following article encourages us to consider again the place of the Rosary in our own prayer life. This month would be a good time to begin again the practice of bringing the Blessed Virgin Mary more deeply into our prayer life. Let us ask her to help us, her children, to take up this powerful and fruitful prayer bequeathed to us by our ancestors in the Faith.

'The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. According to an account by fifteenth-century Dominican, Alan de la Roch, Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others. Since the prayers of the Rosary come from such excellent sources — from Our Lord Himself, from inspired Scripture, and from the Church — it is not surprising that the Rosary is so dear to our Blessed Mother and so powerful with heaven.

If we consider the power of the Rosary as seen in its effects, we find a great abundance of proofs of its wonderful value. Many are the favours granted to private individuals through its devout recitation: there are few devoted users of the Rosary who cannot testify to experiencing its power in their own lives. If we turn to history, we see many great triumphs of the Rosary. Early tradition attributes the defeat of the Albigensians at the Battle of Muret in 1213 to the Rosary. But even those who do not accept this tradition will admit that St. Pius V attributed the great defeat of the Turkish fleet on the first Sunday of October, 1571, to the fact that at the same time the Rosary confraternities at Rome and elsewhere were holding their processions. Today, when dangers far greater than those of the ancient Turks threaten not only Christianity but all civilization, we are urged by our Blessed Mother to turn again to the Rosary for help. If people in sufficient numbers do this, and at the same time live a faithful Christian life, we have the greater reason for confidence that we will be delivered from our dangers.' (Mary in our Life by Fr. William G. Most)

Fr Martin

Dear Parishioners,

Father Martin has sanctioned a refurbishment of the church grounds to provide a number of flowerbeds in which shrubs will be planted primarily for use as foliage for our church flower arrangers. This endeavour will enhance the church grounds and ease the ever-mounting costs of greenery.

To ease the work of the church gardener, Sarah who will plant the shrubs, I am looking for six to eight parishioners who are willing to dig and prepare the beds before winter arrives. Please let me know if you are willing to be part of this team by sending an e-mail to me (see below). I will then arrange a suitable date (either collectively or in small groups) to carry out this task.

The second part of this plea is to ask if you would be willing to donate money for the purchase of the shrubs. If so would you be so kind as to send an e-mail to me indicating the amount you would wish to contribute. We are considering producing a 'sponsor list' in recognition of the donations and at some point you will be asked if you would like your name to be so included.

If you do not have access to e-mail or would like further information please feel free to contact me on (020) 8866 7706. e-mail madalineluckhurst@btinternet.com. Many thanks.

Madaline Luckhurst

St Thomas More Catholic Church
13th OCTOBER 2019 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
THIS NEWSLETTER IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE:- www.rcdow.org.uk/eastcote
 PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY TO RECEIVE YOUR ELECTRONIC COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER DIRECT INTO YOUR INBOX!



***100 CLUB MEMBERSHIP-
 Good luck to all our members

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2019
 6.30 pm (SATURDAY VIGIL) JAMES FOWLER RIP L/D
 9:30 am FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
 11.30 am MALTIDA MULLIN RIP A

MONDAY 14TH OCTOBER
 9:30 am LILY SMITH RIP L/D

TUESDAY 15TH OCTOBER
 9.30 am LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH HOLY COMMUNION

WEDNESDAY 16TH OCTOBER
 9.30 am PRIVATE INTENTIONS

THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER
 9.30 am HOLY SOULS

FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER
 9.30 am INTS OF HILDA MINOLI

SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER
 9:30 am LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH HOLY COMMUNION

29th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

SUNDAY 20TH October 2019
 6.30 pm (SATURDAY VIGIL) JAMES FOWLER RIP L/D
 9:30 am FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
 11.30 am ANTHONY MULLIN RIP A

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 OFFICE OPEN: 9:30-1PM (Mon- Thurs Only)

CATECHISM CLASSES are after the 9.30am Mass on Sundays. If your child is **NOT AT A CATHOLIC SCHOOL** please ensure they regularly attend these classes prior to enrolment for First Communion programme.
Class dates for Years 1 & 2:
 15th September 2019
 29th September 2019
 13th October 2019
 10th November 2019
 24th November 2019
 8th December 2019

Altar Servers

Training for new Altar Servers will begin on **Sunday 13 October 2019**. The sessions will last for 30 minutes and will be held in the church directly after the 9.30 and 11.30am Masses and will continue for the following 5 weeks. If you are interested please see Liam or Fr Martin in the sacristy after Mass.

Church cleaning volunteers appeal 2019

Today we are launching an appeal for new volunteers to join the church cleaning teams. We hope you appreciate the cleanliness of our church. This is achieved by the work of our wonderful volunteers. Some have served for many years but due to age and ill health struggle to continue. We are down 4, at present. We are asking for a commitment of approximately 1 hour every 6 weeks, Thursday at 10am or there is one session at 7pm. For further information please see notice board in the Narthex and sign up forms.

First Holy Communion & Reconciliation Class applications:

Our First Holy Communion programme will be commencing on the first Sunday after the children return back to school in January 2020. Applications and Medical forms are now available in the Narthex. Please remember to include a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate on return. Please return all applications to the Parish Office.

Climate Issues Meeting –There is a meeting of the

Uxbridge/Hillingdon Faith Groups to Discuss Climate Crisis 7 pm, Wednesday October 30th , at the Quaker Meeting House, 150 York Road, Uxbridge UB8 1QW. The Quakers in Uxbridge are deeply concerned at the deterioration in the political and governmental will to effectively tackle the climate crisis. Can local faith groups help mitigate the crisis and support those who are active in seeking wider changes? To discuss this there is an invitation to join them at an open meeting to consider these matters further to be held at the Uxbridge Quaker Meeting House. It would help for refreshments them know or if you have any comments queries please ring or email David Burnell 01923 822817 or davidburnello31@hotmail.com.

The **ST VINCENT DE PAUL** group will meet on **at 10.45 every other Sunday**. For more information about the work of this group please contact Josien Sarratt on 020 8866 4395

The **LIFE ASCENDING** group meet on **Wednesday 16TH October 2019** at 2.30pm in the Library. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years. Please come along on Wednesday