

Sunday 17th November 2019



As we come to the close of our liturgical year and prepare to begin the season of Advent very soon we are encouraged to think of our lives in ultimate terms. In the month of November, we remember the souls of the faithful departed and we think of the reality of the afterlife. This Sunday begins the last week of the Church's year and will conclude with the great celebration of Jesus Christ, Eternal King, next Sunday. We might already have this in mind this week and so below are some words to help us to prepare for this feast. This week is an opportunity for all of us to give thanks to God for all the blessings of this year and to pray for the year ahead. We do all this knowing that Jesus is our King of Kings and his all-powerful love can do all things for us and for our world.

The prophet Isaiah says: "My thoughts are not your thoughts; my ways are not your ways. As high as the heavens are above the earth, my ways are above your ways; my thoughts above your thoughts." Human kings and leaders can often follow the ways of the world, not the ways of God. So it could be an anomaly, a contradiction, to think of Jesus as a king because right away, we think of those aspects of earthly kings - power, possessions and prestige - and make that Jesus' way. It's not, if we're going to follow the way of Jesus and live Christianity rather than simply hold it up as an ideal. Each of us is called now to try to live the way of Jesus and really change according to his ways, his thoughts.

As we are called to contemplate the Feast of Christ the King, we can acknowledge that Jesus wanted to be a servant of all. He rejected excessive wealth; he wanted everyone to share in the goods of the world that God made for all, and not for a few. Above all, Jesus rejected violence. He chose the way of sacrificial suffering and death, showing forth love for those who were doing this to him. He was willing to suffer rather than inflict suffering; willing to be killed rather than kill, because he knew that the way of active love was the only way to transform our world into the reign of God.

So even though we celebrate Jesus as king, we must recognize not a king according to the ways of the world. He brings about the reign of God, which is where God's ways permeate our ways, God's thoughts become our thoughts, and this way leads to the fullness of life, peace in this world, and peace forever in the reign of God. If we follow his way, we will enter into that fullness of life, his risen life. We can even begin to live according to the reign of God now - an experience of peace and the joy that is the promise of that reign forever. (Bishop Thomas Gumbleton: National Catholic Reporter)

Fr Martin

Pilgrimage to Italy in 2020 – With the assistance of Pax Travel there will be a pilgrimage led by Fr Martin to the shrine of Our Lady, Queen of Love in Schio, Italy from May 11th – 16th 2020. While being based in the Marian shrine which began only in 1985, we will also visit the shrine of St Josephine Bakhita, who was from the Sudan and was stolen as a slave from her family until she came to Italy and became a member of the Canossian Sisters. She is now the patron saint of the work to stop modern day trafficking. We will also be visiting the holy sites of Padua – most especially the Basilica of the much beloved St Anthony. All are welcome. Places are limited to around 40. Some accommodation may be shared and flight prices are fixed only till early November so best to book early if interested. See the posters and leaflets in the porch or contact Pax Travel at info@paxtravel.co.uk & 020 7485 3003 or speak to Fr Martin for further details.

The family of the lately departed Sheila Miles RIP, would like to give a big thank you to everyone for all the prayers and support they have received since her passing.

Vacancy - Science Technician (Wednesday to Friday, 8.30 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.)

Start date: As soon as possible Contract type: Part Time

Salary: Scale 3 Contract term: Permanent

The Douay Martyrs Catholic Secondary School wishes to appoint a Science Technician to join our successful Science department. Working as part of the technician team the post holder will be responsible for preparing equipment for lessons and experiments, ensuring all chemicals and apparatus are stored correctly and adhering to COSHH standards. Previous experience of working in a school science lab would be an advantage. The successful candidate will have good organisational skills, be a confident ICT user and be willing to work alone as well part of a team. You will also need to demonstrate enthusiasm for the subject area along with the ability to communicate effectively with young people aged 11 to 18. To apply please contact gjohnston@douaymartyrs.co.uk or visit www.tes.com

St Thomas More Catholic Church
17th November 2019-33rd 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
33rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

SUNDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2019

6.30 pm (SATURDAY VIGIL) PATRICIA MARONEY
 RIP L/D

9:30 am HOLY SOULS
 11:30 am IVAN ROSE RIP A

MONDAY 18TH NOVEMBER

9:30 am SHEILA MILES RIP L/D

TUESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER

9.30 am LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH HOLY
 COMMUNION

WEDNESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

9.30 am PAUL ETUKA RIP

THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER

9:30am LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH HOLY
 COMMUNION

FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

9.30 am SHEILA MILES RIP L/D

SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

9:30 am HOLY SOULS

Followed by
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &
 Confessions**

Our Lord Jesus Christ , King Of the Universe

SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2019

6.30 pm (SATURDAY VIGIL) MARY O'REILLY RIP A
 9:30 am HOLY SOULS
 11:30AM JOHN LAURENCE RIP A

Parish Priest: Fr Martin Plunkett

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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

Christmas Carol Celebration Sunday 15th December 2019

After the service, there will be refreshments and a few stalls.
 We are now collecting donations, please leave in the narthex.

- Bottles for the bottle tombola,
- filled sweet jars (wrapped sweets please)
- Silent Auction items (see below)

Ellul flowers will also be running a stall with Christmas
 flowers/decorations.

Silent Auction: This will be running over the next month with
 final bids drawn after the Christmas Carol Celebration on
 Sunday 15th December

How it works. We all have items at home we no longer want
 or have never used. If these have a resale value, why not
 donate them to the church so that others can bid on them
 and the proceeds go towards church funds. Some examples
 may be unused electrical items boxed, unwanted boxed gifts
 such as perfumes, hampers. If you don't have an item to
 donate, perhaps you can offer your time and skills eg an hour
 of tuition, a haircut, babysitting. If you work for a company
 that can donate a voucher, i.e. a meal, please ask and donate
 it to the church. This is a great way to recycle and give to the
 church and it doesn't have to cost you a penny.

Please sign the list at the back of church with donations if
 larger items or a service, smaller items can be brought to
 church and left in the narthex.

Sick and Retired priests Collection- A big thank you to
 everyone who so generously donated to the Sick & Retired
 Priests collection last weekend. Your generosity is heart-
 warming and means our sick and retired priests will receive
 the care and support they need.

The Carol Service of Churches Together in Eastcote will take
 place at our church on **Monday 9th December at 8pm**. Please
 support this important and beautiful occasion when we join
 with fellow Christians to share our joy and hope at the birth of
 Our Lord. All are welcome and the service will be followed by
 refreshments.

Counting Rotas- New Counting Rotas for 2020 are now
 available for collection in the Narthex.

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 27TH
 November 2019** at 2.30pm in the Library. Their welcome
 extends to all Christians in their middle to later years. Please
 come along on Wednesday