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**St Thomas More Catholic Church**

**SUNDAY 19th JULY, 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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**Mass Intentions**

Our Church is open for public worship, Monday - Saturday **10am-12pm** for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private individual prayer with Mass at **10:30am**. Please note a slight change in the Saturday vigil and Sunday Mass times.

**+16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020**

6.00PM (SATURDAY VIGIL) SYLVIA PELLEGRINI RIP

10:00AM INTS OF MRS LATINA COEHLO

12:00PM ELIZABETH THARMUMALINGAN RIP A

**MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

10:30AM ELIZABETH O'ROURKE RIP A

**TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY**

10:30AM SPECIAL INTS OF JOHN HINDE RIP

**WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JULY**

10:30AM INTS OF YVONNE BYRNE

**THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JULY**

10:30AM INTS OF THE DARCY FAMILY

**FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

10:30AM INTS OF BERNARD & MADALINE LUCKHURST

**SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

10:30AM INTS OF MARY WRIGHT & FAMILY  
Followed by

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions

**+17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020**

6.00PM (SATURDAY VIGIL) BILL MALONE RIP LD

10:00AM KITTY TOBIN RIP LD

12:00PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

**Parish Sick List :** Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers: Paula Wazny, William O'Shea, Sean Moohan, Daisy Cunningham, Bianca Malheiros-Fauz, Kundan Singhoraya, Eileen Harrington, Sarah Dunning, Eamonn Kearney, Ruby Bastiampillai, Peggy McMahon and Delores Walsh: for Deborah Brophy, Kitty Goldie, Kathleen Dunleavy, Phyllis O'Brien, and those in our local nursing homes; and for our housebound parishioners, especially Katie Loftus.

Please let us know if you wish to add or remove any names on the sick list.

**Children's Liturgy-16th Sunday in Ordinary time:** Although the church is now open for Mass, the Children's Liturgy will continue to be on line for the time being due to restrictions that remain in place. Please follow the link below.

<https://youtu.be/rxWR7gCHfTE>

**Reader's Corner**

If you have a favourite bible reading, don't forget to send an e-mail to the Parish Office [eastcote@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:eastcote@rcdow.org.uk), with a sentence as to why you like the reading. We can share this with the parish via a video, to help keep us united at this time.

**Marian Movement: Saturday 1st August 2020**

Nick Foley from St Lukes Parish in Pinner is hoping to resume the Marian Movement Priest Prayers **Saturday 1st August 2020**. The prayers lasting approximately 30 minutes are said before Holy Mass on the First Saturday of each month, commencing at 9.45am. Please register your interest by email to : [nick.stbenets@googlemail.com](mailto:nick.stbenets@googlemail.com) or contact the Parish office.

**A Catholic Response to George Floyd and Black Lives Matter - Friday 24th July 2020, 7.30-8.30pm**

Join us for a deeper look at how the death of George Floyd and Black Lives Matter protests across the globe impact on us as Catholics. Our guest speakers, **Baroness Scotland** (London, UK) and **Leslye Colvin** (Alabama, USA), will guide us in a reflection on our responses and what action to take. To join, please register with Eventbrite and you will receive a Zoom link closer to the event: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-catholic-response-to-george-floyd-and-black-lives-matter-tickets-112811815176>

**Food Bank:** We are now taking donations, if you could please place your food items in the large box provided in the Church porch. Thank you.

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OFFICE OPEN: 9:30-1PM (MON-THURS ONLY)

Dear Parishioners,

It was very encouraging to have been able to celebrate the first Sunday masses in the parish this weekend since the lockdown began in March. Of course we are going forth carefully as a society aware that the situation must be monitored for any setbacks. Let us continue to pray to God asking for his healing and protection for our world and our society at this time. Of course there is still no Sunday obligation and many people will rightly still be very cautious about what steps they take personally regarding resuming familiar practices. That being said the Church is following all the necessary guidelines regarding sterilisation and social distancing to ensure the best situation possible under the circumstances. Whether we are at home or at church let us stay united in prayer at this time. The month of July is traditionally devoted to the remembrance of the Precious Blood of Jesus poured out for us at Calvary and in every Holy Mass. It is in this inestimable gift of God's mercy that we put our trust as the children of God. Let us ask that by this same gift our world could receive the healing love of Christ in our particular need at this time. Below are a few words which explain the devotion:

*Like the Sacred Wounds of Jesus, His Precious Blood deserves special honour because of its close relation to the Sacred Passion. That honour was given to it from the beginning by the Apostles who praised its redeeming power: "we are justified by His blood" (Rom. 5:9); "and so Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people by His blood, suffered outside the gate"(Heb. 13:12); "and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin."(1 John 1:7) The Church has always held devotion to the Precious Blood in high esteem, since It is the Price of our salvation! Without the shedding of the Blood of the Lamb of God, we could not be redeemed. Without His cleansing and vivifying Blood coursing through the Church, there would be no Mystical Body of Christ. Without His glorious Blood, the Sacraments would have no effect. Without His redeeming Blood, Mary would never have been conceived without sin, and there would be no saints whatsoever, for "they have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb"(Rev 22:14).*

*The Precious Blood has been given to us as the Treasure of the Church which we may offer again and again for ourselves and for others. What can we call more our own in Christ's Sacred Body than His Blood, which He let fall to this earth from the Cross as the priceless endowment of our souls? And yet how few are those who know how to profit by it. Happy the soul who has found this treasure, the Precious Blood of Jesus, and who makes use of It. To offer the Precious Blood of Jesus let us take It wherever we are, in all we suffer, in all we do, in all we feel of good or of evil, to sanctify the one and repair the other. The offering of the Precious Blood of Christ for the Holy Souls is a mighty form of intercession on their behalf. (whitelilyoftrinity.com)*

*"The infinite love of the Saviour is announced in His Name, is symbolized in His heart, and is made eloquent in His Blood." – St Pope John XXIII*

God bless you, Fr Martin

## A reflection on the 'Lockdown' Masses

Since 'Lockdown' started all those weeks ago I guess that many of you have, by the convenience of the screened Mass, been to any number of churches both here and abroad. You would have participated in services, readings and homilies that would engage you, humble you, enthuse you and may be even frustrate you but the important thing is that you would have had the opportunity to hear Mass when your physical attendance in our church was denied.

For me the technological challenge was first to locate a church and then tune into that service in time for the beginning of Mass. This did not always work well; the delay in making the connection was agonising and when you did get the picture was it live or a recording, was the sound on or was it (my) operator error; should I start again, were the candles flickering, is the priest late, is there still Mass at this time today? During Mass the sound would suddenly cut off or the picture start to shudder, that annoying revolving circle doesn't tell you much only that you have lost the link, will it come back or do I need to reboot and all the time I am missing what is being said. Why is it usually around the Consecration that this break occurs? OK, the Devil is working overtime at the moment, lets say a prayer and wait.

And so for almost five months, since March 22<sup>nd</sup>, we have had a weekly or daily ritual of preparing for our *virtual* Mass. For those of you who joined in the Parish Mass Day we have been welcomed into unfamiliar surroundings but have been warmly invited by the celebrant to join his own congregation for the Mass.

I know from the feedback that many of you have given me that you gained a lot from these experiences. Some comments: about our visits,

- "The visits to Frs Robert and Jim were the highlights because of their personal connection with our parish"
- "I always love going to Walsingham"
- "The priests were all so kind and welcoming, my sincere thanks to them for their prayers, they certainly helped me during this difficult time."
- "On reflection: I loved every single one of them, as they each had their own special message"
- "It has been a very interesting and spiritual experience."
- "I shall continue with my favourite churches in future."
- "Our journey has not ended and we intend to visit many more Churches over the coming months and years."
- "There were some beautiful churches on our journey"
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- "We had great pleasure in receiving mass at these locations"
- "An elderly friend of ours has been very pleased to have that connection"

Now that we are once again having Mass in our own church, albeit with some restrictions and impositions, we are at least back together but this does not mean that we sever all relationships with those who have been pleased to accommodate us during the interregnum. The Pinners, Willesdens and Cardiffs have saved us from complete starvation of public worship and I am sure that many of you will, in the future, revisit those fifteen Parish Mass Day churches, along with other favourites that you have acquired over the months.

I shall, in time, ask Father Martin to offer a Mass for the intentions of those welcoming priests and congregations as a token of our appreciation for their kindness.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this experiment in any way and if anyone wishes to know further details of the churches that we have visited or the priests that we have met please do e-mail to me as below.

God Bless,

Sincerely,

Bernard

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