

St Thomas More Catholic Church

SUNDAY 27th JULY, 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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**** 100 club Membership 2020/2021****

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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.

+17 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 26TH JULY 2020

6.00PM (SATURDAY VIGIL) BILL MALONEY RIP LD
10:00AM KITTY TOBIN RIP LD
12:00PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

MONDAY 27TH JULY

10:30AM FRANK O'ROURKE RIP A

TUESDAY 28th JULY

10:30AM STEPHEN WILBY RIP A

WEDNESDAY 29th JULY

10:30AM SUSAN KEANE RIP A

THURSDAY 30th JULY

10:30AM INTS OF BERNIE MINOLI RIP

FRIDAY 31st JULY

10:30AM INTS OF HILDA MINOLI

SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST

10:30AM INTS OF MOIRA O'ROURKE

Followed by

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions

+18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 2ND AUGUST

6.00PM (SATURDAY VIGIL) PAULINE ELLUL RIP

10:00AM INTS OF BERNIE MINOLI RIP

12:00PM JOSEPHINE ROSSER (NEE CURTIS) RIP LD

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.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN EASTCOTE.

Owing to the restrictions placed on all of us during the current health crisis, CTE had to postpone its AGM which was due to take place on June 28th. The committee held a virtual meeting in June to accept the Chair's and Treasurer's reports which can be accessed via the CTE Website. We had invited the Medaille Trust, an organisation working to combat modern slavery, to address the AGM meeting. They have created a video for us which you can access by following the link below. This is a very informative video and we hope you will find it of interest; you may also want to support their work and the video contains details of various ways of doing this. We hope to find a way of supporting the Medaille Trust at a future event, and we would value your feedback as to this idea. When we are allowed to meet again CTE will hold a public AGM and a service of thanksgiving to which all will be warmly invited. If you have any comments or queries please contact Jane Inglese at jinglese@btinternet.com.

Please click on link below to view Medaille Trust video:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/pl5dfs26ffgrids/Medaille%20Power%20Point%20General%20Eastcote%20CT.wmv?dl=0>

Children's Liturgy-17th Sunday in Ordinary time: Welcome to the last Children's Liturgy before the Summer break. We will continue to be on line in September, however this may change depending on restrictions at that time. Please follow the link below.

<https://youtu.be/VfBPbHuo2OU>

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,

"Again, the Kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it." Matthew 13:45-46

This week we hear in the Gospel that, whether we know it or not, the greatest thing we will ever 'possess' in this life is the Kingdom of Heaven. We know we are constantly surrounded by offers of happiness and fulfilment from the messages that come to us in this world. Many of these offers are of course legitimate and necessary aspects of what can contribute towards a meaningful and worthwhile life. The Christian insight that is offered to us through our faith however is that unless we grow constantly in our awareness of where all the good things in life originate and what they are for we are still risking not living the 'life to the full' that we were created to experience. At its heart, the Christian life makes everything relative to love; the love of God and the love shared with our neighbour. The Kingdom of Heaven is a Kingdom of Love. This life, with God our Father made possible through the sacrifice of Jesus and the gift of the Holy Spirit, is true life: it is the 'pearl of great price'. Below are some words of reflection on this week's parable:

'There are many beautiful insights we can take from this passage. Certainly we can see the Kingdom of Heaven as analogous to that 'Pearl of Great Price!' But the passage actually states that the Kingdom of Heaven is analogous to the 'merchant searching for fine pearls.' This is a revealing fact. One insight this offers us is that the Kingdom of Heaven is found in our diligent search. We search the mystery of Heaven and it is this search that, in and of itself, presents to us God's Kingdom. Speaking of the 'search for God' is another way of saying that God is a profound Mystery of Faith, a *Mysterium Fidei* as we say in Mass. As a divine 'Mystery' it's important to understand that we can never fully 'find' God. We certainly can find Him, understand Him, come to know Him and give our lives to Him. But we can never do so fully. The truth is that the more we come to know God, the more we seek Him and the more we seek Him the more we realise we do not fully know Him. But this revelation draws us ever more deeply into the life of God and the acquisition of the Kingdom of Heaven.

The discovery of the beauty, value, mystery, power, and glory of God and His Kingdom is what life must be about. We must spend this life searching, finding, and searching more. This is what we will do in Heaven. Heaven will be a moment of the full revelation of the Kingdom and the inner life of God, but we will discover in this revelation that we will eternally enter more deeply into God and His glorious presence. We can reflect, today, upon the search that we embark on in our life. Is it a diligent search for God? Or do we grow weary in this endeavour? Let us recommit ourselves to a wholehearted search for God and so that we can find that this search is actually a discovery of the glories of the Kingdom of Heaven.' (*Catholicdailyreflections.com*)

Lord, I love You and desire to love You all the more. Please fill me with zeal and hope as I seek You. May my wholehearted search for You reveal to me the mystery of Your glorious inner life. As I discover You, help me to seek You all the more. Jesus, I trust in You.

God bless you, Fr Martin

