

# St Thomas More Catholic Church

**SUNDAY 2ND AUGUST , 18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
& SUNDAY 9TH AUGUST 2020, 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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## **MASS INTENTIONS**

**+18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SUNDAY 2nd August 2020**

6.00PM (SATURDAY VIGIL) Pauline Ellul RIP  
10:00AM INTS OF BERNIE MINOLI RIP  
12:00PM JOSEPHINE ROSSER (NEE CURTIS) RIP LD

**MONDAY 3rd August**

10:30AM DENIS O'SULLVANE RIP A

**TUESDAY 4th August**

10:30AM INTS OF MOST NEGLECTED SOULS IN  
PURGATORY

**WEDNESDAY 5th August**

10:30AM INTS OF CHRISTINA & RAPHAEL ETUKA

**THURSDAY 6th August**

10:30AM LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH HOLY  
COMMUNION

**FRIDAY 7th August**

10:30AM PATRICK FOGARTY RIP LD

**SATURDAY 8th August**

10:30AM INTS OF CATH & ED

*Followed by*

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions*

**+19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SUNDAY 9TH AUGUST**

6.00PM (SATURDAY VIGIL) KATHY O'BRIEN. TED &  
PHYLLIS MCGODLRICK RIP A  
10:00AM SPECIAL INTS OF LILY & MAYA  
GOLEBIEWSKA

12:00PM INTS OF CHRISTINA ETUKA AND FAMILY

**MONDAY 10th August to THURSDAY 13th August**

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH HOLY COMMUNION

**Friday 14th August**

10:30AM SPECIAL INTS OF HELEN & DICK HINDE

**Saturday 15th August 10:30am** SPECIAL INTS OF  
BERNARD & MADALINE LUCKHURST

*Followed by*

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions*

**+20TH SUNDARY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Sunday 16th August**

6:00PM MARK GRIFFITHS RIP A  
10:00AM DOLORES KILKERR RIP LD  
12:00PM PADRAIG JOYCE 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 McMahan 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.*

**Parish Finances:** Thank you to everyone that continues to donate to the Parish by standing order and via the weekly offertory collections. At the moment we have not made available the planned giving envelopes, however you can continue to donate using the 'my weekly offering' envelopes that are available in the church porch or if you are interested in setting up a standing order , please contact the Parish office: [eastcote@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:eastcote@rcdow.org.uk).

Alternatively you can visit the Parish website to donate a regular gift ,

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/eastcote/donate/>.

Here there are two options , you can use the Virgin Money giving or if you prefer to pay by bank transfer the bank details are available. Thank you for your support.

**Urgent Temporary Volunteers required : Church**

**Cleaning:** We urgently need to establish a team of volunteers that would be available mornings or evenings on a rota basis to help with keeping our church clean. In order to be able to open the church we need to maintain a Covid 19 safe and secure environment. Some of our current team are vulnerable or maybe shielding and therefore we need to increase our cleaning team. Protective equipment will be provided , if you can please help and would like more information please contact [pat.faille@btinternet.com](mailto:pat.faille@btinternet.com) or mobile 07540 468 393

**Parish Newsletter:** This will be the last newsletter for the Summer and will be published again on weekend of **Sunday 4th September** .

**Food Bank:** Please place your food donations in the box provided in the Church Porch.

Dear Parishioners,

This newsletter comes at the start of the month of August which we would normally think of as a time of holiday and rest. In this year it is not clear exactly how we should consider this month. Hopefully some people will still be able to benefit from a time of stopping and recharging. We all know that the world is going through a very significant time and in so many ways it is not entirely obvious how we should react. What we can receive from our faith is however that, at all times, we are given the opportunity to trust in God and to seek the path of believing that he is in ultimate control of our world and our lives. What this gives to us is a mysterious sense of peace that in the end everything will work out in the best way according to God's will if we keep trusting in him. The central doctrine in our faith of the almighty sufficiency of the death and Resurrection of Jesus our Saviour is such that it calls us to trust in God - no matter what. It is certainly not always easy to see this when we lack the evidence but if we can put our hand into the hand of our loving God we can walk forward with a confidence and security in life.

In this Sunday's Gospel we hear of the providential care of Jesus displayed when feeding the crowd of five thousand with the miracle of the loaves and fish. This extravagant miracle speaks to us of the mystical gift of the Bread of Life, the Eucharist, which is at the source and summit of our faith. Christ gives us his very self, his own Body and Blood, as the most inestimable gift to ensure that we remain united to him in a deep and holy communion. This extravagant gift of his love is made ours by his sacrifice and by the gift of God's Holy Spirit. Through this God comes to dwell within us to support us in all our needs and open up the treasures of divine life for us so that we can live with him in this world and be with him in the next. This month we also celebrate two beautiful feasts which speak to us of the hope of heaven in different ways; the Transfiguration of Our Lord and the Assumption of Our Lady. In these feasts both Jesus and Mary show us the hopeful vision of what happens when God is allowed to work freely in our lives - he transforms us into what we were created to be: citizens of heaven. In our daily lives we can draw inspiration and hope from these feasts as we seek to allow God this freedom, giving him our hearts and our will, humbly seeking his mercy in our faults and failings and endeavouring to share God's love in this world, especially to those most in need.

Throughout history so many people have walked this path and handed on to the next generation the witness and example of their lives. Thanks to all of them we have now inherited the Church they believed in and cherished. In our own days it seems that it is now our turn. Perhaps we wonder what we can do for the world, especially at such a time as this when it appears such big solutions are needed to solve our present situation. The Christian response has always meant beginning with trust in God and then seeking to live an authentic and sincere life as possible. Many people in today's culture are prevented from knowing God as their loving Father because of the messages of secularism and atheistic and materialist ideas about the purpose of life. In some way this means that God cannot help them as much as he would like. We can therefore pray for all our brothers and sisters around the world in all their needs at this time so that they can discover the truth of who they really are and the place of God's promises in their lives. We can pray for healing and help to come from heaven so that our generation can learn to see the hope offered in the Transfigured glory of Jesus and the call to share in the heavenly life of Our Blessed Mother who has been Assumed to join her Son and who prays most lovingly for all God's children.

This newsletter will be the last for this month to allow a break for the parish office. The church remains open every weekday from 10am till 12pm with the Rosary at 10am, then Mass celebrated at 10.30am followed by an extended time of Eucharistic adoration. Sunday Masses remain at 6pm on Saturday and 10am and 12pm on Sunday.

God bless you, Fr Martin

## Hey God - A Story of Transformation

**Me:** Hey God.

**God:** Hello.

**Me:** I'm falling apart. Can you put me back together?

**God:** I would rather not.

**Me:** Why?

**God:** Because you aren't a puzzle.

**Me:** What about all of the pieces of my life that are falling down onto the ground?

**God:** Let them stay there for a while. They fell off for a reason. Take some time and decide if you need any of those pieces back.

**Me:** You don't understand! I'm breaking down!

**God:** No - you don't understand. You are breaking through. What you are feeling are just growing pains. You are shedding the things and the people in your life that are holding you back. You aren't falling apart. You are falling into place. Relax. Take some deep breaths and allow those things you don't need any more to fall off of you. Stop holding onto the pieces that don't fit you anymore. Let them fall off. Let them go.

**Me:** Once I start doing that, what will be left of me?

**God:** Only the very best pieces of you.

**Me:** I'm scared of changing.

**God:** But I tell you - you aren't changing, you're becoming!

**Me:** Becoming who?

**God:** Becoming who I created you to be! A person of light and love and charity and hope and courage and joy and mercy and grace and compassion. I made you for more than the shallow pieces you have decided to adorn yourself with that you cling to with such anxiety and fear. Let those things fall off of you. I love you! Don't change! ... Become! Become! Become who I made you to be. I will keep telling you this until you remember it.

**Me:** There goes another piece.

**God:** Yep. Let it be.

**Me:** So ... I'm not broken?

**God:** Of course not! - but you are breaking like the dawn. It's a new day. Become!!!

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## How to book Mass

Visit our Parish Website <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/eastcote/>

and select **EVENTS** the on the left hand side of webpage.

Next select: **Book a place**

*Please ensure you select 'book a place' located under the specific mass/date which you would like to attend.*

Next select :**Please reserve place(s)**, use the arrow to select the amount of places.

(Please note **select 1 place** if your are an individual/couple or **select 2** if your are a family).

*Maximum 2 places per booking allowed.*

Enter your name and contact details (email. Mobile/home number)

Please tick box to confirm you are free from Covid 19 related symptoms.

Finally select **BOOK PLACE** to secure booking.

*Remember if you are unable to use the website to book or require help or alternatively would like to book through Parish office please do not hesitate to contact us, please email:*

*[eastcote@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:eastcote@rcdow.org.uk) or phone 0208 866 6581.*

*Thank You.*

