St Thomas More Catholic Church

SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2020, 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

GOOD LUCK TO ALL OUR MEMBERS

MASS INTENTIONS

+24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2020
6.00PM (SATURDAY VIGIL) CHRISTIE KEANE RIP A & FAMILY
10:00AM SYBILLE ROEDNER RIP
12:00PM DYLAN BUCKLEY RIP A

MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER
10:30AM INTS OF BETTY SMITH

TUESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER
10:30AM INTS OF LIVIA GROSS

WEDNESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER
10:30AM STEPHEN HIGGINS RIP LD

THURSDAY 17 TH SEPTEMBER
10:30AM EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & ROSARY

FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER
10:30AM IN THANKSGIVING ROSHAN PATEL

SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER
10:30AM INTS OF KEITH D'SOUZA

Followed by
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions

+25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER
6.00PM (SATURDAY VIIGIL) PAT GALLAGHER RIP LD
10:00AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
12:00PM ANDREA (ANDIE) ALLEN RIP A

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Parish Sick List: Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers:
Theresa More, Dudley Plunkett, 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.

First Holy Communion Masses 2020: The First Holy Communion Mass celebrations will take place **Saturday 10th October & 17th October 2020 at 12pm.** The Mass will be strictly for the First Holy Communion families only. The Catechist team will be contacting the families with further information.

First Holy Communion 2021: Our First Holy Communion programme will be commencing in January 2021 after the children return back to school. Applications and Medical forms are now available in the main entrance of the church. Applications are also available on the Parish website https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/eastcote/sacramental-prep/receiving-the-sacraments
Please remember to include a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate and return application forms to the Parish Office by the end of **October.** More information will follow on the format of the classes.

Memorial Garden: Please see Page 3 of this newsletter for an update on changes to the Memorial Garden.

Children's Liturgy
Welcome back to all our children and youth after the summer break.
Children's Liturgy starts again this weekend. Each week there will be a link in the newsletter to look out for which will take you to that week's liturgy.
There is also a puzzle to solve over the next 6 weeks, so don't forget to watch each week to get the clue.

https://youtu.be/QQQ-2-zZsjs

Food Bank: If you could please place your food items in the large box provided in the Church porch. Thank you.

Pastor's Corner

Sunday 13TH SEPTEMBER 2020,
+24th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Dear Parishioners,

"Forgive your brother from your heart" (Matthew 18:35)

Perhaps because we have heard it many times we forget or fail to see the real impact of the Christian teaching on forgiveness. In this week's Gospel Peter asks how many times he should forgive and Jesus tells him "Not seven times, but seventy-seven times". Jesus refuses to put limits on the importance of forgiveness. In the parable that follows Jesus tells us about a debtor who is forgiven his immense debt but who then fails to forgive the smaller debt of someone else owing him money. The teaching is that, if we are not willing to put real forgiveness into practice we are showing that we have learned little about God's forgiveness for us. It can be hard to forgive of course. The greater the wound the harder it is to forgive. This perhaps makes us feel justified in saying "Oh no! I could never forgive that!" But any area that we are not willing to let God's merciful love come into our minds and hearts is an area that will drag us down and also hurt others. None of us have received the offense that the Son of God receives by being rejected by humanity and crucified and yet Jesus willingly forgave in order that we could become children of God through the Holy Spirit by baptism and the pardoning of our sins. In the Our Father we pray 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.' It is a defining characteristic, we could say, of the Christian life that we are generous with others what we have received from God. Let us pray to be missionaries of merciful love in our lives in gratitude for all that we will ever receive through our loving Saviour, Jesus Christ

God bless you, Fr Martin

ST THOMAS MORE MEMORIAL GARDEN

The St Thomas More Memorial Garden will soon be undergoing a face-lift.

Over recent years several shrubs have been planted in the two half circles within the Memorial Garden which are reserved for the internment of ashes. This is causing a problem and we need to resolve the situation. If you or your family have shrubs within the area you are invited to relocate them to either elsewhere around the Memorial Garden or in the church grounds generally or you my wish to take them to your own garden. If you wish to relocate these shrubs to within the church grounds please consult Father Martin about the available spots.

Sometime after the end of September those shrubs left in the two half circles will be repositioned within the grounds.

There is no objection whatsoever if flowers, fresh or in pots, are located within the half circles but no guarantee can be given about watering them. We also ask that you are proportionate about other mementos left there for fear of the Garden running out of space for internment of parishioner's ashes or of damage caused by the wildlife visiting.

Thank you for your understanding.