St Thomas More Catholic Church

SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2020, 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Congratulations 100 Club Winners for August Draw ..
1st : Fiona Cole, 2nd : Patrick O'Rourke 3rd: Jackie Gray. Cheques will be posted.

MASS INTENTIONS
+23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2020
6.00PM (SATURDAY VIGIL) ANTHONY KELLY RIP A
10:00AM EILEEN POWLEY RIP LD
12:00PM INTS OF MAURA KNIGHT

MONDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER
10:30AM DAVID JONES RIP A

TUESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER
10:30AM BETTY MCGILLICUDDY RIP LD

WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER
10:30AM INTS OF FR MARTIN

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

FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER
10:30AM STEPHEN HIGGINS RIP LD

SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER
10:30AM INTS OF THE DARCY FAMILY

Followed by
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions

+24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER
6.00PM (SATURDAY VIGIL) CHRISTINE KEANE RIP A & FAMILY
10:00AM SYBILLE ROEDNER RIP
12:00PM DYLAN BUCKLEY 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 & Confirmation
As you are all aware this years First Holy Communion and Confirmation Celebrations were postponed. Please note there will be an update in next weeks newsletter to conclude the First Holy Communion and Confirmation services. Please keep the children in your prayers.

Memorial Garden… A message of thanks
Fr Martin would like to say a big thank you to the Confirmation children that kindly volunteered to help with tending and weeding the Memorial garden recently. Thank you for helping to maintain and help flourish our beautiful church grounds. Please see in this newsletter an update regarding the Memorial Garden.

Weekly Collection 'Counting & Banking Teams' As we try to return to the 'new normal' we are beginning to think about how we can resume the weekly collection being counted and banked each week. Please can you let the Parish Office **eastcote@rcdow.org.uk** know if you would like to continue to volunteer or become a new volunteer.

Face coverings: Since Saturday 8th August 2020,Face coverings have now become mandatory in places of worship.Those who are exempt from wearing a face covering can be found here:
When you do not need to wear a face covering
https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own

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 6TH SEPTEMBER 2020,
+23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Dear Parishioners,

"Where two or three are gathered, I am in their midst" (Matthew 18:20)

Jesus is always with us, whether we are at home, work, school or church. It seems particularly important that we realise he is especially with us where there is love. At this time, we have been prevented from going to church and to gather in all sorts of ways but of course Jesus has still been with us in our time of need. Our parish church has been now open since July although we are still having to worship with certain restrictions in place. Whether we feel comfortable returning now or we are still waiting for a more secure time let us remember that we are not alone. Jesus came to establish a kingdom of love amongst us and whenever we choose to love we are part of that kingdom. Perhaps during this time, we have been able to appreciate more the things that really matter in our lives. In the history of our faith we see from our ancestors that it was often at times of difficulty that they were most aware of their need for God's help. Let us not forget to pray and to continue to ask God to help us and our world in this current situation of the pandemic. September is a time of new beginnings so let us hope for a new beginning in faith to restore again the features of our daily life which bring us together and show us that Jesus is amongst us.

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.