St Thomas More Catholic Church

SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2020, 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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**** 100 club Membership ****
Good Luck to all our members!!

MASS INTENTIONS
+28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Confessions by request any day after mass .

SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2020
6.00PM (SATURDAY VIGIL) ROSE FARRELL RIP A
10:00AM PATRICK WHELTON RIP LD
12:00PM MALTILDA MULLIN RIP A

MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER
10:30AM IN THANKSGIVING OF KEITH DESOUZA

TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER
10:30AM INTS OF BETTY SMITH

WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER
10:30AM INTS OF JOAN TINDER

THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER
10:00AM– 11AM EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & ROSARY

FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER
10:30AM MARIA SCIBOR RIP A

SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER
12PM FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

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SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER
6.00PM (SATURDAY VIGIL) ROSE FARRELL RIP A
10:00AM TINA MARIE GALVIN RIP A
12:00PM ANTHONY & SEAN
(SUAN) MULLIN RIP A

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Parish Sick List: Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers: Julie Pattinson, Theresa More, Dudley Plunkett, Paula Wazny, William O'Shea, Sean Moohan, Daisy Cunningham, Bianca Malheiros-Fauz, Kundan Singhoraya, 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:
This week little tiger is helping with the liturgy and the next letter for the mystery word. Next week will be our final week of clues before you can claim your prize, so make sure you watch to get this week's letter.

https://youtu.be/qBYDu1cfzEo

If you have missed any weeks, clues started in the Children's Liturgy from 13th September and links to the videos can be found in the parish newsletters on the website from this date

Banking Volunteers required: Please can you help with banking the offertory collection? Our banking team numbers have recently declined over this period and we would like your help on a rota basis. You would be working with another team volunteer to simply collect money from the church once a month and escort to the bank, usually taking around 45 minutes return trip. If you are interested and would like further information , please contact the Parish Office **eastcote@rcdow.org.uk.**

Mission Witness 'Red Box' Appeal Sunday 18th October :
Through the Red box we care for our Church family around the world. Thank you to all the Parishioners who already give to the Pope's official charity for overseas mission, Missio and Britains own Missionary order through the Red Box. The Red box appeal will take place next ***Sunday 18th October 2020,*** *there will be a special collection basket provided at each of the Masses. Please can those Parishioners who have kindly collected through the Red Boxes , bring them along to Mass on this weekend. Thank You for your support.*

Pastor's Corner

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11TH OCTOBER 2020

Dear Parishioners,

"Everything is ready. Come to the wedding!"

The famous writer GK Chesterton insightfully once wrote '*Those who don't believe in something will believe in anything!*' In times of difficulty, uncertainty and anxiety it is precisely our faith which gives us a firm foundation on which to stand and to choose what we will believe. Faith is the light which we receive in Baptism, symbolised by our baptismal candle, which illumines our way as we follow the light of Christ through life. In the present days there is a pressing need to walk with the light of faith which pushes back the darkness of fear and uncertainty. Whilst we must of course seek to be prudent in these times, regarding the appropriate safety measures that have been advised, we can do this encouraged by the unshakeable promises of our faith. The Gospel reveals to us that God looks after us with infinite tenderness and love and through the Cross his divine will works to bring good out of all things. Our confidence in this message tells us what we can believe about our safety and welfare at these times. In the parable of Jesus in this Sunday's Gospel, a king sends out invitations to the wedding of his son. Many people who are invited refuse, believing that other matters are of more importance. Undeterred, the king further extends the invitation inviting others who would have been considered unworthy of such an honour. Each one of us is invited by God, the true king, to the wedding feast of his Son, Jesus. We are not called because we are worthy, but because of God's great love for us. Our response is to believe in that love and to offer our own love in return and to share this love with our neighbour. Let us pray at this time to be strengthened in our belief that our lives are eternally in the loving care of our Creator.

God bless you, Fr Martin

Notes from the Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council met online on 5 October. Our role is to advise and support Father Martin on the pastoral side of parish life. The following points were discussed:

1. The Council celebrated the actions taken by Father Martin which have encouraged the strong attendance at mass while still complying with social distancing and other requirements. We also acknowledged the importance of ongoing activities, such as the newsletter and children's liturgy, in engaging with members of the parish.

2. We reflected on the impact that the pandemic was having on parishioners and the important role of our faith in these times. We reviewed options to support fellow parishioners best in the short and medium term. The potential for online streaming of mass from our own church is being assessed by Father Martin.

3. Council members also deliberated on options to enhance communication with parishioners.

4. The celebration of Christmas is an important event in our religious calendar. We considered possible options for celebrating Christmas as a parish. These will continue to be reviewed amid changing restrictions.

If you have any suggestions that you would like to contribute please contact the Chair of the Parish Council, Anthony Inglese [anthony.inglese@btinternet.com] or Rahul Colaço [rpcolaco@gmail.com].