St Thomas More Catholic Church

SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2020, 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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**** 100 club Membership ****
Congratulations to the winners of September Draw,
1st Prize Patricia Faille, **2nd Prize** Scott Knibb, & **3rd Prize** Gary Smith

MASS INTENTIONS
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Confessions by request any day after mass .

SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2020
6.00PM (SATURDAY VIGIL) INTS OF MOIRA & PAT O'ROURKE
10:00AM JIM O'SULLIVAN RIP LD
12:00PM RITA MOUCHABECK RIP LD

MONDAY 5TH OCTOBER
10:30AM PATRICK BOLGER RIP LD

TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER
10:30AM IN THANKSGIVING FOR KEITH DE SOUZA

WEDNESDAY 7TH OCTOBER
10:30AM EILLEEN HARRINGTON RIP LD

THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER
10:00AM–11AM EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & ROSARY

FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER
10:30AM ALEC & MERLE ROKE RIP A & JILL LAWSON RIP LD

SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER
12PM FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

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

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MON-THURS (9:30AM-1:30PM)

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 : Well this week we have the help of Polar Bear, who will give us the clue to the next letter in our mystery word. Click below to find out more.
https://youtu.be/kt4nxYnpzI8

NHS Test and Trace:he NHS : Test and Trace app was launched on the 24th September 2020. Places of worship and hall venues are expected to display the official NHS QR code posters to assist Test & Trace. Parishioners can 'check-in' using the app on their smart phone at different events using this option as an alternative to providing written contact details. Please see our official NHS QR code poster displayed on the table in the entrance to the church. We will also continue to operate the manual system of taking contact details on the arrival at church for those who do not have a smart phone. Participation in Test & Trace is not mandatory and will not lead to refusal of entry into Church. **How does the app work?**
The app is now available to download from the App Store. Once downloaded, users will be asked to enter the first half of their post code and if they want to enable the Bluetooth contact tracing.
The postcode is then used to show those in the app the current risk in their area. The app is a vital part of the NHS Test and trace service and will help us to protect each other.

Family Fast Day this Friday 9th October : This week our parish is marking CAFOD's Family Fast Day to help people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease – let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild and heal. Please pray for all those affected and donate online at **cafod.org.uk/give** or by using one of the envelopes after Mass.

Pastor's Corner

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4TH OCTOBER 2020

Dear Parishioners,

"They will respect my son"

A helpful piece of life advice is - the main thing is to make the main thing the main thing! We can often feel pulled in so many directions but it helps a great deal to ask ourselves 'What is the main thing in my life?' From this we can then approach everything else with a sense of our priorities and be strengthened by feeling secure in what is most important. For Christians the main thing in fact, not a thing but a person: Jesus. In the current experience we are going through of the difficulties and uncertainties associated with the restrictions and sufferings in the pandemic, we can find balance and perspective in letting Jesus be the 'main thing' in our lives. Christians have always had to be in the world but not of the world. This means that we live in a world in which we are part and we contribute to and are affected by all that happens here. However, we also live as citizens of heaven and followers of Jesus and so we have access to a different view of life's events. In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus tells a parable about the workers in a vineyard who sought to seize the property for themselves. In an effort to be reconciled with them the vineyard's owner sent his son to them saying "They will respect my son." However the son was rejected and killed. God the Father has sent his son into our world to bring us merciful love and help in all our needs through our prayer and through the Church. We can pray for the grace to respect his Son so that he can become the main thing in our lives. Let us pray to be able to support one another in our Christian way of life as a parish and find strength from God to help us trust in his almighty love at this time.

God bless you, Fr Martin

HILLINGDON FOOD BANK: Thank you to everyone who donated to the Food Bank, your generous donations are greatly appreciated.

St Thomas More Memorial Garden: Please be reminded that the Memorial Garden will be under going some maintenance work to remove shrubs that have been planted as these areas in the memorial ground are for interment of ashes only. If you have planted shrubs in ground of the Memorial Garden for your loved ones these will need to be relocated to somewhere in the church grounds or taken to your own garden. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange removal or relocation Eastcote@rcdow.org.uk or telephone 0208 866 6581

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.