

1<sup>st</sup> November 2020,  
ALL SAINTS



Dear Parishioners,

*“Blessed are the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of heaven”*

This month begins with the feast of All Saints closely followed by All Souls. These two feasts remind us of the reality of heaven as the final goal of our Christian life. In All Saints we recall the courageous witness of ordinary men and women throughout the centuries who have responded generously to God’s call. They are an example and encouragement for us to do the same. They are also a great support for us because their prayers help us to choose the same path as them so that we too can find our way to heaven to be with them. We may think that this path is beyond us but this Sunday’s Gospel reminds us that Jesus leads the way to heaven for those who are willing to be ‘poor in spirit’. This means those who are willing to be humble and to walk the way of self-sacrificing love. This is the way of Jesus himself and it leads us into the mysterious love revealed on the Cross. The Cross teaches us that we do not get to heaven principally by our own deeds and efforts but by the merciful love of God. However, the more we embrace the mystery of God’s immense love for us, the more we desire to live according to his will which means expressing our love for him and our neighbour in our lives. In so many ways this is what we see in the lives of the saints. As well as celebrating All Saints this Sunday, the feast of All Souls on Monday calls us to recognise the value of our prayers on behalf of the departed. On All Souls and throughout November we will pray for our loved ones and for those souls who are still in need of grace to reach the home that Jesus has prepared for them in heaven. Let us be encouraged by remembering All Saints and All Souls this month that whatever the circumstances and challenges we have to pass through in our lives, all things can help us to desire to become saints and to share the life of heaven with Jesus and Our Lady and all the Saints and Angels forever in eternity.

God bless you,

*Fr Martin*

**First Holy Communion 2021:** A reminder that 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. Please remember to include a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate and return application forms by this weekend. Further information on the format of the classes will follow shortly.

**St Thomas More Catholic Church**  
**01ST NOVEMBER 2020, ALL SAINTS**

**THIS NEWSLETTER IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE: - [www.rcdow.org.uk/eastcote](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/eastcote)**

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**\*\*\*100 CLUB MEMBERSHIP\*\*\***

Good luck to all our members!! Winners will be announced next weekend

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**+ALL SAINTS**

*Confessions by request any day after mass*

**SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER**

6.00PM (SATURDAY VIGIL) ANTHONY KELLY & MARY KELLY RIP A

10:00AM ANN COYNE RIP LD

12:00PM TOM, MAUREEN & NOIRIN O'CONNELL RIP A

**MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER –ALL SOULS DAYS**

10:30AM INTS OF HILDA MINOLI

**TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER**

10:30AM PATRICK NG RIP LD

**WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER**

10:30AM SOULS IN PURGATORY

**THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER**

10:00AM– 11AM EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & ROSARY

**FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER**

10:30AM INTS MADALINE & BERNARD LUCKHURST

**SATURDAY 7TH NOVEMBER**

10:00AM– 11AM EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & ROSARY

12PM CONFIRMATION SERVICE FOR CANDIDATES & THEIR FAMILIES ONLY

**+32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER**

6.00PM (SATURDAY VIGIL) BREEGE CONLON RIP A

10:00AM ANNE HEALY RIP LD

12:00PM INTS OF ANGELA KULAN & FAMILY

**Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers:**

Margaret Newton, Richard Stoneman, 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.*

**For those who have died recently:** Patrick (Paddy) Tobin, Tom McKearney, Barbara Bailes, Eileen Harrington, Clare Logue, Anne Healy, Patrick Ng, Julie Pattinson, Antonino Spano and Marie Weir.

**For those whose Anniversaries occur around this time:** John McMahon, Peter Hutchinson, Clair Wheeler & Mary Nora Kelly & Anthony Kelly.

**November Dead List**

During November, Mass is regularly offered for the deceased. If you would like deceased family and friends remembered then make a list and, enclosing an offering, deposit the envelope into the special box on the sanctuary. The lists and envelopes are on the welcome table in the entrance to Church.

**SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS** Next weekend is the annual collection for sick and retired priests in the Diocese of Westminster. There are more than 80 sick and retired priests who receive support after a lifetime of service to their parishes. By 2025 the number of priests in retirement is set to double. By giving to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can ensure our priests are cared for. You can take a donation envelope as you leave Church today, but the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online, reducing the risks to everyone of handling cash or touching the envelopes. Please continue to pray for all our clergy: active, retired or ill. Thank you

**PACT, OPERATION ELF** :This year Pact are unable to run the family days so they needed to find a gift that could be posted to a child from their parent and book tokens seemed like a really great idea. You can buy book tokens online from [www.nationalbooktokens.com](http://www.nationalbooktokens.com) or from bookshops. If you buy book token on line you can have it delivered straight to PACT-Operation Elf, 29 Peckham road, London SE5 8UA. The book tokens need to arrive with PACT no later than 23<sup>rd</sup> November to allow time for distribution.

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OFFICE OPEN: 9:30-1PM (Mon- Thurs Only)

**Order of Mass:** Please visit Parish Website

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/eastcote/order-of-mass/>