18TH OCTOBER 2020,
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Dear Parishioners

"Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God"

From the earliest days of the Church there was a need to recognise the different authorities present in the Church and in the State. Christians have always been encouraged to see themselves as full members of society and to therefore be fully subject to just laws. Christianity is not a 'revolutionary' religion in the political sense. However, we know even from the patron of our own parish, St Thomas More, that there come times when the authority of the Church, which directly expresses the authority of God, comes into conflict with that of the state. This is when martyrdom appears because courageous souls cannot abide by a culture or by laws that are contrary to Christian belief. In this week's Gospel reading Jesus does not fall into the trap set by the Pharisees to condemn the civic laws of the time, even if they were punitive or excessive, but uses their question to reveal a deeper meaning to life: *Give to God what belongs to God*. Our faith teaches us that this whole world is a gift from the Creator and is best lived in when we allow him the ultimate authority. At this time we feel the imposition of many rules and regulations due to the government restrictions regarding Covid 19. It is right that we should abide by these directives with a sense of a social duty of care. What is always going to be more important however is that we do not allow this to take away our complete confidence and trust in the almighty power and love of God. The Gospel teaches us that when we take up our cross, with our Saviour, then we are walking by faith that God will bless us and guide us in his providential care.

God bless you,

Fr Martin

SPUC Sign the petition to save the right to save lives

Pro-abortion MPs in Parliament want to stop pregnant women getting help outside abortion clinics by calling for buffer zones. SPUC is campaigning to save the right for peaceful pro-life vigils to take place. Hundreds of children are alive today in this country because their mother met a loving pro-life person just before they walked into the abortion clinic. We must protect this vital work.

Please sign our petition to save the right to save lives. It only takes a minute of your time, but it could mean a lifetime for an unborn baby. You can sign the petition here: https://spuc.org.uk/SaveTheRightToSaveLives <https://www.spuc.org.uk/Get-Involved/Campaigns/Say-NO-to-Buffer-Zones/Say-NO-to-Buffer-Zones-Petition>

Children's Liturgy - Claim your PRIZE This week we have the clue for the last letter in our mystery word, with the help of Old Ted who is a very old loved bear. (Remember if you have missed any letters you can watch back the videos using the links in the newsletters for the Children's Liturgy)

When you have watched the last video below and know the word, you will be given details of how to claim your prize. https://youtu.be/LY8K1mlqH2U

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THIS NEWSLETTER IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE: - www.rcdow.org.uk/eastcote

PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY TO RECEIVE YOUR ELECTRONIC COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER DIRECT INTO YOUR INBOX!



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

Good luck to all our members!!

MASS INTENTIONS
29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Confessions by request any day after mass

SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2020
6.00PM (SATURDAY VIGIL) ROSE FARRELL RIP A
10:00AM TINA MARIE GALVIN RIP A
12:00PM ANTHONY & SEAN (SUAN) MULLIN RIP A

MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER
10:30AM PAULINE & STEVE HAWES INTS

TUESDAY 20TH OCTOBER
10:30AM OPHILDA D'SOUZA RIP

WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER
10:30AM ANTHONY MCGILLICUDDY RIP

THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER
10:00AM– 11AM EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & ROSARY

FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER
10:30AM INTS OF HILDA MINOLI

SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER
ANTONINO SPANO RIP LD

+30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER
6.00PM(SATURDAY VIGIL) HARRY, JANE & TONY BYRNES RIP A
10:00AM ROBERT TINDER RIP LD
12:00PM KATHLEEN MURCHAN RIP A

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Order of Mass: Please note that the Order of Mass is available on our Parish website for you to print off at home and bring along with you to mass. This includes the words of the Penitential Act, The Gloria and Creed.
https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/eastcote/news/order-of-

Please join us in praying for those who are sick, and those who have died.

Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers: Patrick (Paddy Tobin) 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: Barbara Bailes ,Eileen Harrington, Clare Logue, Anne Healy, Patrick Ng, Julie Pattinson, Antonino Spano and Marie Weir.

We offer our prayers and express our sincere condolences to Jane Inglese and her family after the loss of her mother Barbara Bailes. May her soul rest in peace. Please remember the Inglese family in your prayers

For those whose Anniversaries occur around this time: Betty Bensted, Anthony & Sean (Suan) Mullin, John Henrick, Eileen Athanasiou , Tina Marie Galvin, Bridget O'Sullivan, Clement Grant –Ross, Tina Marie Galvin, Daisy Sutherland & Sheila Miles.

Mission Witness 'Red Box' Appeal Sunday 18th October
The Red box appeal will take place this weekend, there will be a special collection basket provided at the end of each Mass. Please can those Parishioners who have kindly collected through the Red Boxes, bring them along to Mass this weekend. Thank You for your support.

Counting Offertory, Volunteers required: The Counting team are looking for three volunteers to help with counting the weekly offertory monies. Counting is undertaken by dual control and therefore you would be working with another team member and counting once a month. A Safe environment along will PPE will be provided. If you are interested and would like further information, email **eastcote@rcdow.org.uk.**