

8<sup>th</sup> November 2020,  
+32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time



Dear Parishioners,

*"Behold, the Bridegroom is coming! Come out to meet him."*

We are all very aware that our nation is once again passing through a time of more restricted regulations. This means that from this time we have had to suspend acts of public worship in the Church for the immediate future. Our hope and prayer is that this will provide the necessary means from which to re-establish the life of freedom and peace that we were made for. This will also mean a time of sacrifice in many areas of our lives including not being able to participate in the life of the parish and most essentially the most powerful prayer of the Holy Mass. In our Christian tradition, sacrifice has a very privileged and significant place because it is united to the sacrifice in love made by Jesus on the Cross. Jesus is 'the Bridegroom' mentioned in this Sunday's Gospel who comes to espouse God's people through his Bride, the Church. In the parable Jesus tells there are ten bridesmaids, of whom five prudently conserve enough oil in their lamps as they wait for the Bridegroom's arrival. We are encouraged to have the same spiritual wisdom as the 'wise virgins' and to conserve the 'oil' of our loving trust in the almighty plan of God and in the promises of the Gospel. In this time, when we will not be able to worship together, it is especially important therefore to pay close attention to our spiritual lives and make sure that we cultivate hearts of hope so that the light of faith is not extinguished in the 'lamp' of our soul. We do this by choosing to put the commandments of Jesus first in our lives. These commandments call us to love God, no matter what, and to love our neighbour as Christ has loved us. In this month of November we can feel especially close to all our loved ones who have walked this path before us and have passed over into eternity. We can also feel the responsibility of praying for the 'Holy Souls', those who still pass through the purifying domain of Purgatory, as they await their longed-for encounter with God in heaven. Let us also keep one another in prayer, especially those who will be suffering in particular ways due to the current situation.

God bless you,  
*Fr Martin*



## St Thomas More Catholic Church

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

Congratulations to our winners for the October draw: 1<sup>st</sup> Tom Lynskey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Joan Tomlinson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Patricia Wilby

#### MASS INTENTIONS +32 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Due to the change in government regulations our Church will remain open for personal individual prayer only, **Monday -Sunday 10am-11am** during the restrictive period of **5th November -2nd December 2020.**

\*Fr Martin will be offering November Mass intentions in his private daily mass. Please note there will be no public celebration of Mass during this period.

#### SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2020

10AM-11AM CHURCH OPEN FOR PERSONAL PRAYER  
\*10:00AM ANNE HEALY RIP LD

#### MONDAY 9TH NOVEMBER

10AM-11AM CHURCH OPEN FOR PERSONAL PRAYER  
\*10:30AM DICK HINDE RIP A

#### TUESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

10AM-11AM CHURCH OPEN FOR PERSONAL PRAYER  
\*10:30AM EILEEN HARRINGTON RIP LD

#### WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

10AM-11AM CHURCH OPEN FOR PERSONAL PRAYER  
\*10:30AM LORNA WHITE RIP A

#### THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

10AM-11AM CHURCH OPEN FOR PERSONAL PRAYER

#### FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

10AM-11AM CHURCH OPEN FOR PERSONAL PRAYER  
\*10:30AM INTS OF JEAN & MICHAEL BARNFIELD

#### SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

10AM-11AM CHURCH OPEN FOR PERSONAL PRAYER  
\*10:30AM CLARE LOGUE RIP LD

#### +33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER

10AM-11AM CHURCH OPEN FOR PERSONAL PRAYER  
\*10:00AM MARIA BERNADETTE WEIR RIP LD

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

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

#### **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:** Oliver Maguire, Patrick (Paddy) Tobin, Tom McKearney, Barbara Bailes, Eileen Harrington, Clare Logue, Anne Healy, Patrick Ng, Julie Pattinson, Antonino Spano and Marie Weir.

#### **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.

**CHILDRENS LITURGY :** Please see link below with Jane and Anthony and their little helper

<https://youtu.be/VK4N3YmLMUI>

**SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS:** We were due to have the annual collection for Sick & Retired priests fund this weekend in our Parish. We will now postpone and advise of a new date in the near future. Please continue to pray for all our clergy: active, retired or ill. Thank you

**MASS INTENTIONS** The Celebration of public masses will not take place during the period of new government restrictions from **5<sup>th</sup> November to 2<sup>nd</sup> December.** Fr Martin will be offering the daily mass intentions privately, however if you have a mass intention booked during this time and would prefer to re-arrange the date for when you can attend Mass in Church please contact the parish office. [Eastcote@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:Eastcote@rcdow.org.uk) or 0208 866 6581

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OFFICE OPEN: 9:30-1PM (Mon- Thurs Only) Please note Parish Administrator will be working remotely from 5<sup>th</sup> November to 2<sup>nd</sup> December



## CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES

### Statement from the President and the Vice-President of the Conference on the National Lockdown

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Today, Parliament passed into law the Regulations governing many aspects of activity in the whole of England until 2<sup>nd</sup> December. These Regulations prohibit the gathering of people for communal worship in churches and other religious buildings.

Churches remain open and in use for activities other than communal worship, including personal prayer and support for those in need. Funeral Masses and funeral services may be held. Please refer to the Regulations (for places of worship see paragraph 18) and associated Guidance.

Despite profound misgivings it is important that we, as responsible citizens, observe these Regulations, which have the force of law: *'Remind them to be obedient to the officials in authority; to be ready to do good at every opportunity'* (Titus 3:1). We do this in solidarity with so many others on whom are being imposed restrictions which impact severely on their lives and livelihoods.

It is also important to recognise that these Regulations are not an attack on religious belief. However, they do demonstrate a fundamental lack of understanding of the essential contribution made by faith communities to the well-being, resilience and health of our society.

At this difficult moment, we ask that, as a Catholic community, we make full use of our churches as places of individual prayer and sources of solace and help. We must sustain each other in our patterns of prayer, joining a national shared moment of prayer each day at 6pm, and observing the Vigil of Christ the King (21<sup>st</sup> November) as a day of prayer for the ending of this pandemic. And we encourage you all in your practical service and support of each other and those around you in need.

This pathway of prayer and service is the royal road we are to take as a gracious witness in our society today.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols  
President

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP  
Vice-President