St Thomas More Catholic Church

SUNDAY 10TH JANUARY 2021, +THE BAPTISM OF THE LORd

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Congratulations to the winners of the December 2020 Draw,
1st Prize Jackie Gray, **2nd Prize** Moira Bennett **& 3rd Prize** Sheila Jones

MASS INTENTIONS
+THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
Confessions by request any day after mass .

SUNDAY 10TH JANUARY 2021
06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) JACK KEATING RIP A & MONTSERRAT VINETA RIP LD
09:30AM INTS OF JIM O'ROURKE
11:30AM INTS OF MASSEY FAMILY

MONDAY 11TH JANUARY 2021
09:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INTS OF RITA & PATRICK

TUESDAY 12TH JANUARY 2021
09:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INTS OF MARGARET HARRINGTON
WEDNESDAY 13TH JANUARY 2021, +THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
09:00AM-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM PATRICK NG
THURSDAY 14TH JANUARY 2021
10:00AM-11:00AM ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
FRIDAY 15TH JANUARY 2021
09:00AM-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM DONAL HURLEY RIP LD
SATURDAY 16TH JANUARY 2021
09:00AM-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM HOLY SOULS
FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

+SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY 17TH JANUARY 2021
06:00PM MARGARET HAGAN RIP LD
09:30AM FOR THE PARISH OF THE PEOPLE
11:30AM AL MOORE RIP LD

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Parish Sick List:
Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers: Pedro Johns, Richard Stoneman, Theresa More, Dudley Plunkett, Paul 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 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: Margaret Newton, Joseph O'Shea, *Deborah Brophy , Josephine Peter, Eileen Stenson, Meme (Margaret) O'Shea, and Montserrat Vineta*

For those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mary & Patrick Tobin & Victoria Gattey.

Urgent appeal for Volunteer Church Cleaners: Our dedicated cleaning team have worked hard throughout the year to maintain a Covid 19 secure and hygienic environment, this has enabled us to keep the Church open. For us to remain compliant we need to continue at this level however some volunteers have unfortunately had to isolate recently. The more volunteers there are would mean the less frequent individuals would have to clean . If you can spare a little bit of time and are interested in volunteering please contact Pat Faille **pat.faille@btinternet.com** or 020 8429 3943.

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HILLINGDON FOOD BANK: Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Food Bank over the past few weeks, your generous donations are greatly appreciated. If you have any surplus unused/unopened food left over from Christmas you may wish to think about donating to the Food bank. The next collection will be **27th January 2021.**

Pastor's Corner

SUNDAY 10TH JANUARY 2021
+THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Dear Parishioners

"This is my Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased"

A very happy and blessed New Year to the family of St Thomas More Parish. As this year begins we are particularly conscious of needing God's blessing and assurances of peace. We are all conscious of the needs that present themselves at this time and the kind of year we have just had. Our Christian faith, reinforced by the mysteries we have been celebrating in our Christmastide, encourages us to see the loving hand of God always at work in our lives. This is especially important to know when circumstances around us are challenging and difficult. Again and again in the Scriptures we are told of God's people encountering trials and tribulations and being encouraged to put their hope and trust in God. It doesn't mean that things will always go as we expect, but it does mean that we retain our belief that God is with us and that he has a mysterious way of bringing us through the trials. This weekend we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. We hear the words of the Father saying "*This is my Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased*". This tells us that Jesus really is the Son of God and we can fully trust in him. He will give everything for us, even his life on the Cross, to ensure that we understand God's infinite love for us. Just as the Holy Spirit comes upon Jesus in the River Jordan like a dove, so too when we are baptised we receive the Holy Spirit, who comes to bring God's divine life and help to us. We too are made God's 'beloved' children and he declares that he is pleased with us. A New Year is a new beginning in time, our baptism is also that, but it is also our new beginning in eternity. Let us give thanks for our own baptism this week and find in it the promise and assurance of God's abiding presence and help in our lives that will carry us into this New Year.

God bless you, Fr Martin

A HUGE THANK YOU

I would like to say thank you for all the very kind gifts and generous offerings that came in over the Christmas period. I am very grateful for all the kindness shown to me in all the presents and good wishes at this time. Please be assured of my continued prayers of thanksgiving for all the love expressed and also in asking God's help especially for all your needs in 2021.

Poinsettias





Thank you to all those who gave poinsettias to decorate our church over Christmas. I am sure that you will all have been delighted at how beautiful the church looked with over 30 plants around the altar, shared as you will have seen, with an equal number of angels. A most wonderful way to introduce our Mass streaming facility.

The poinsettias will be transferred to the narthex after the feast of the Epiphany for your collection. Should you not wish to take them home please put a cross on the card alongside your plant and take your dedication note away. Alternatively, if you send me a short e-mail as to your wishes I will deal. It is unlikely that we will be able to keep them alive for long but we will try.

In case you have not heard, two of our younger parishioners were successful in naming the St Thomas More angels, 'Angel of Hope' (Francesca Horton) and 'Angel of Health' (Jayden Edwards). Father Martin has presented an angel to each of them to take home and keep.

Thank you again to everybody (including those who made the angels), it was truly magnificent response to our plea in these difficult times and gave our church flower team great fun in arranging the Angel & Poinsettias in a visage that was so pleasing to the eye.
Sincerely,

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#16days16stories

To mark 16 Days of Action Against Gender Based Violence

16 days of Action is a UK wide campaign which asks us all to take a stand to end violence against women and girls.

Over the next 16 days, IDAS has chosen to focus on **16 different types of abuse** experienced by women across the UK. We tell the stories of survivors, many of whom have been supported by us, shining a light on the different types of abuse and violence.

Please join us to learn more and to listen to stories of pain, determination and ultimately survival.

The stories of survivors' help shine a light on the reality of abuse and violence that is experienced by thousands of women every day.

Through these stories IDAS can raise awareness of the harmful impacts of living with abuse. They also help us understand the type of support women and girls need to help overcome the trauma caused by abuse. Most importantly, by sharing survivors' stories, we can reach out to victims across the UK who are isolated, fearful or unsure about the support available to them.

