St Thomas More Catholic Church

SUNDAY 24TH JANUARY 2021, +3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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GOOD LUCK TO ALL OUR MEMBERS!!

MASS INTENTIONS
+3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 24TH JANUARY 2021
06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) TERESA GANNON RIP LD
09:30AM INT OF FR MARTIN PLUNKETT & FAMILY
11:30AM EILEEN STENSON RIP LD

MONDAY 25TH JANUARY 2021
09:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM DEBORAH BROPHY RIP LD

TUESDAY 26TH JANUARY 2021
09:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM MEME (MARGARET) O'SHEA RIP LD

WEDNESDAY 27TH JANUARY 2021
09:00AM-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INTS CATH & ED GORMAN

THURSDAY 28TH JANUARY 2021
10:00AM-11:00AM ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY 29th JANUARY 2021
09:00AM-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INTS OF JUDY & ERIC DOKE

SATURDAY 30th JANUARY 2021
09:00AM-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INTS OF MARIE MCKINNEY

FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

+4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 31st JANUARY 2021
06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) INTS OF GILLIAN TOBIN
09:30AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
11:30AM INTS OF TESSA & RICHARD MAUDE

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Parish Sick List:
Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers: Pedro Johns, 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: Ciaran Gallagher, Margaret Newton, *Deborah Brophy , Josephine Peter, Eileen Stenson, Meme (Margaret) O'Shea, and Montserrat Vineta, Mary Brady.*

For those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Constantino Mascarenhas, Norah Donnelly, Joseph McConnell, John Philpott & Anne Cox.

First Holy Communion Books for collection: Our First Holy Communion programme will be commencing on **Saturday 6th February 2021** via Zoom platform. A letter with all the information will be sent to all the parents. The First Holy Communion & Reconciliation work books are now ready on a table in the Narthex awaiting collection. If you could please come and collect your child's book and sign the register to let us know you have collected. The Church is open daily Monday - Saturday 09:00am-11:00am or Sunday from 09:30am-12:30am.

Children's Liturgy
Well this week Bertie and Ginger Bear learn about being fishers of men
https://youtu.be/_Zp9AJIsSR0

LOST PROPERTY: A Kindle book cover was left in the church last weekend . If this belongs to you, please retrieve from the Lost Property box in the Church entrance, thank you.

HILLINGDON FOOD BANK REMINDER: The next collection will be **Wednesday 27th January 2021.** Thank you for all your generous donations.

Pastor's Corner

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Dear Parishioners

'The Kingdom of heaven is close at hand'

The challenge for the Christian person is to live in two worlds at once. We are physical beings who live in this world and must engage with all that it means and all that we experience. At the same time we are spiritual beings who can know the presence of God in our souls and so we also live with this awareness. Through our spiritual identity we are able to look beyond what we simply see and to seek the will and purposes of God as we live our lives in this world. This week Jesus tells us that 'the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand'. Jesus has brought that kingdom to us and by our baptism and our membership of the Church we become its citizens. What is the defining characteristic of such citizens? It is to allow our lives to be guided by love and truth in a personal relationship with God and his Church. In this way God can help us to navigate both the joys and challenges of this life believing that God is with us and that everything is taking us closer and closer to his kingdom. The early disciples, whom we hear about being called in this week's Gospel, shared in the mission of Jesus to make his kingdom known by their lives. We too are called to the same mission. As we go about our daily existence, as we face the very challenging issues of these days we are living through, we are to 'believe the Good News' and seek to live authentic lives of love and truth. In this way we witness to the message of the Gospel and we are already becoming true citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven. Let us pray for and help one another, especially those most struggling at this time, and so reveal through our own lives that 'the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand'.

God bless you, Fr Martin

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **Tuesday 26th January 2021** at **8pm via Zoom platform.** If you would like to add any ideas/items to the Agenda , please contact Parish Office: **eastcote@rcdow.org.uk** or telephone 0208 8666581.

Finance Committee Meeting: Finance Committee will meet in February 2021 ,details to follow soon. If you have any items you wish to be added to the Agenda, please contact the Parish Office **eastcote@rcdow.org.uk** or telephone 0208 8666581.

Epiphany House Blessing

The Feast of the Epiphany is a wonderful time for the family to gather to ask God's blessing on their home and on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows, especially during these difficult and challenging times.

In this time of uncertainty and hardship when we are spending so much more time in our homes and seeing fewer family members, friends and loved ones let us keep faith and hope alive in our homes and our hearts. It is a timely reminder, as the Christmas season draws to a close and the New Year begins, to place our home under God's watchful gaze. With the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, we can entrust our family, loved ones, friends and neighbours into God's loving protection as we bless our home. (A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to write above the home's entrance. It can also be written somewhere inside the home.)

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The letters C, M, B have two meanings:
• They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar.
• They also abbreviate the Latin words Christus Mansionem Benedicat, "May Christ bless this house."
The "+" signs represent the cross and 2021 is the year.

Here's a suggested format for the blessing:

All make the Sign of the Cross: *In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen*

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who live here and all who visit. May we be blessed with health, kindness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Additional prayer for these challenging times of the pandemic:

May the peace of Christ be with all who enter this house. Watch over and protect our families and loved ones in these difficult times of the pandemic. Keep us free from sickness, danger and restore to health those have contacted the virus. May we be signs of your healing presence to one another as welcome you, Saviour of us all, into hearts and homes. May the love of Christ, bring hope to all whose lives have been compromised in any way by the pandemic, especially the unemployed, the homeless, the poor and those whose lives are in danger. Keep us safe from all that might harm us in any way and fill us with a deep and abiding trust in your loving presence. May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.
All: AMEN

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Is your marriage stressed, unloving, cold?
Do you want to improve your communication?
Have you separated, divorced, are you thinking of doing so?
Do you want to try again?

The **Retrouvaille** programme may be just what you need!

Next programme commences with a weekend

25th.28th Feb 2021

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