St Thomas More Catholic Church

SUNDAY 31st JANUARY 2021, +4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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GOOD LUCK TO ALL OUR MEMBERS!!

MASS INTENTIONS
+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

MONDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2021
09:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INTS OF YVONNE & TONY BYRNE

TUESDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2021
09:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INTS OF MOIRA & PAT O'ROURKE

WEDNESDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2021
09:00AM-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM OLIVER & EILEEN MCSHANE RIP A

THURSDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2021
10:00AM-11:00AM ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2021
09:00AM-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM SEAN DEVOREUX RIP A

SATURDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2021
09:00AM-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM JOHN O'DONNELL RIP A

FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

+5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2021
06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) INTS OF MADALINE & BERNARD LUCKHURST
09:30AM INTS OF JANE & ANTHONY INGLESE
11:30AM GERRY BRADY RIP A

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Parish Sick List:
Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers:
Vincent Fernandes, Duncan Webster, Pedro Johns, Paul Wazny, William O'Shea, Sean Moohan, Daisy Cunningham, Bianca Malheiros-Fauz, Kundan Singhoraya, Sarah Dunning, Eamonn Kearney, Ruby Bastiampillai, Peggy McMahon, Delores Walsh, Kitty Goldie, Kathleen Dunleavy and 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:
Ann Boone, Manuel Castelino and Freddie Mascarenhas

First Holy Communion Books for collection: Fr Martin has sent an email with all the information regarding the First Holy Communion programme this week. Just to remind you 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. The programme will commence **Saturday 6th February at 2pm**

Children's Liturgy:
Well this week Hugo the friendly gorilla is back, follow the link below

https://youtu.be/Sl4eiO4P_uU

Parish Diaries 2021: The Diaries 2021 are now available in the church entrance from this weekend. Please help yourself to a Parish Diary.

Finance Committee Meeting: The Finance Committee will be meeting Monday 15th February 2021 at 7:30pm via Zoom platform. If you have any items you wish to add to the Agenda, please contact the Parish Office eastcote@rcdow.org.uk or telephone 0208 8666581.

Pastor's Corner

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Dear Parishioners

"Here is a teaching that is new"

The whole point of 'news' is that it is precisely 'new'. If we have heard something before then it is, by definition, 'old news'. What makes news interesting is that we haven't heard it before. In hearing news therefore we anticipate that it may make a difference to us, it may change us or bring us something helpful. In this we can also differentiate between 'good news' and 'bad news'. We are keen to hear good news but not so happy to hear bad news. In this week's Gospel reading, what distinguishes the teaching of Jesus is that it is 'new'. Specifically what happens is that Jesus shows he can both talk about God and has the power to do the works of God. He demonstrates this in the synagogue by liberating a man possessed by an evil spirit. This is a foretaste of the truly 'Good News', that Jesus will offer his life for us and liberate us from the evil of sin and death and open the way to eternal life. Perhaps because we have heard it before we become desensitised to how 'good' and 'new' this message is. The Gospel can never get old and can never be bad news because God continues to offer his love and help to us as long as we keep being open to it. We are conscious that the current time we are living through is characterised by a constant diet of 'bad news'. It is good to be informed about current events and to be guided in the prudent decisions we must make, but simultaneously it is not good to be filled only by bad news. God is offering us 'a teaching that is new' in these days so that we can walk a path of peace and joy in the face of the challenges and sufferings of this time. We find this path, like the Apostles, by following the teacher, Jesus.

God bless you,
Fr Martin

Churches Together in Eastcote *are offering an online Lent discussion group this year. The course is entitled "Our Courteous Lord" and is based on the writings of Mother Julian of Norwich. The course will be run via Zoom but it will be possible for people to join in by telephone if they do not have Zoom. We would like to know how many people would be interested, and also whether you would prefer a Tuesday evening or a Thursday afternoon. The sessions will be one hour long.*
Please register your interest and your preference by contacting Jane Inglese on jinglese@btinternet.com or on 0208 868 8576. Many thanks.

Daily Walk? Something positive this Lent.
Could you walk 10000 Steps either on one day or everyday this Lent? The walk could be a sign of your solidarity with all those who do not have access to a safe water source and who have to walk for water each day.
Find out more or sign up online at **cafod.org.uk/walk** and go the distance this Lent and help to end water poverty.

Caritas Volunteer Fair "Step Forward in Love"
Online Event
Wednesday 10 February from 11am -1pm
Whether you want to try volunteering for the first time or are looking for a new role, come and find out what volunteering opportunities are out there at the moment.
Please register at https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/caritas-volunteer-fair-tickets-135713539851

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This Sunday, 31 January, our Double The Love campaign comes to an end, with the UK government matching public donations up to £2 million. https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove