St Thomas More Catholic Church

SUNDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2021, +1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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****100 CLUB MEMBERS****
GOOD LUCK TO ALL OUR MEMBERS THIS MONTH

MASS INTENTIONS
+1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2021
06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) INTS OF JOHN & LINDA GRIMES
09:30AM INTS OF PAT FAILLE
11:30AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

MONDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2021
09:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM MARY HARRINGTON RIP A

TUESDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2021-
09:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM JOHN HINDE RIP A

WEDNESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2021
09:00AM-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INTS OF HELEN AND FAMILY

THURSDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2021
10:00AM-11:00AM ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2021
09:00AM-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM KIT LEE RIP A

SATURDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2021
09:00AM-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM MINA SANDERS RIP A

FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

+2ND SUNDAY OF LENT
SUNDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2021
06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) INTS OF SIOBHAN HOGG
09:30AM MARY BRADY RIP A
11:30AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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Parish Sick List:
Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers: Katie Murchan, Vincent Fernandes, Duncan Webster, Pedro Johns, Paul Wazny, William O'Shea, Daisy Cunningham, Bianca Malheiros-Fauz, Kundan Singhoraya, Sarah Dunning, Eamonn Kearney, Ruby Bastiampillai, Peggy McMahon, Delores Walsh, Kitty Goldie, Kathleen Dunleavy 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: Kathleen Sullivan, Olive Law, Lourdes Desouza, Jeyrani John Pillai, Debbie Williams and Lynda Rodricks.

For those whose anniversaries occur around this time:
John Hinde , Matthew Rammelt and Sheila Ann Fitzgerald,

Children's Liturgy
Well as we hear about the story of Noah this week, there are so many helpers,
including Ginger Bear and Hugo, that it almost fills an ark!
https://youtu.be/aJLoAzMg_8w

SPUC -WHITE FLOWER APPEAL: The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children will be holding its annual appeal at this weekend masses. We welcome speaker Iwona Edupuganti and her team to St Thomas More Parish. Please be as generous as you can to help protect unborn children and their mothers.

Church Cleaning Volunteers required: 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 and others had returned to their university studies. 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.

FOOD BANK: Just to remind everyone that the Hillingdon food bank is due to collect by the end of **February.**

Pastor's Corner

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Dear Parishioners,

'The Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand'

This Sunday is the first weekend of Lent where we hear of Jesus going out into the desert in the Gospel reading. Our 40 day Lenten season is meant to replicate this time of Jesus' pilgrimage into the wilderness, in which he prepares for his mission. In the desert Jesus faced temptations and trials which strengthened him for what was to come. We often don't understand how difficulties can be of benefit to us in our lives. However, God comes to help us when we call on him and we find we can learn from life's more trying experiences and grow stronger in our faith. As Catholics we seek the grace in Lent to come closer to God especially through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These sacrificial elements of the Christian life are ways of living the commandments to love God and our neighbour. In Lent we ask for God's grace to deepen our understanding of their importance and our willingness to live them in practical ways. Lent is an opportunity to enter more deeply into the reality of following Jesus in our lives. All of Lent is essentially a preparation for the great feast of Easter when we thank God for the salvation Jesus has won for us through the Cross. Through his birth, life and Resurrection Jesus has brought the Kingdom of God close to us and opened up the purpose of our lives in this world and also of eternal life. In these challenging times we have been experiencing, to know that Jesus is with us and to find meaning in following him, will bring us strength and help us to be witnesses of the hope of the Gospel for others. Let us pray for a joyful and fruitful Lent, that God may open up all the treasures of his kingdom for us, for our parish and for our whole world.

God bless you,
Fr Martin

Sacrament of Confirmation, programme 2021 registration: If you are in year 9 at school (or older and have not yet been Confirmed) and would like to be confirmed this year, please pick up an application to register for the Confirmation programme. These are now available in the entrance of the Church. Please collect after mass or during a time when church is open. Mass times are available on the Parish website and newsletter. Please complete the registration form along with a Medical form for your child and return to the Parish Office by the **end of February.** More details to follow on the format of the programme however we endeavour to commence in early March 2021