

9TH MAY 2021  
+6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Dear parishioners,

Love one another, as I have loved you

It is said that when St John, the Beloved Disciple was an old man and was the only Apostle left alive he would still want to convey to people the essence of what he had received at the side of Jesus. Though weak and unable to say very much he would make every effort to impress on believers the most important thing he could tell them about the Gospel. His message contained just three words "Love one another." This tells us that after a lifetime reflecting on all that he had learned from Jesus, he considered this the most important thing. The defining feature of the Christian life is love. Everything else is built on this. The practice of our faith, all our religious traditions and beliefs are empty if this is not at the centre. Jesus came to reveal to us the of this beautiful mystery at the heart of existence; that God is love. To do this Jesus had to show this love to the greatest extreme possible, to break through the blindness and barriers that prevent us from understanding. Jesus gave his life on a Cross to carry the punishment of death which sin demands. By his glorious resurrection Jesus also showed that love is stronger than death. We receive new life through this unique gift and the way that we live it is by our love. Jesus tells us "Love one another, as I have loved you". This calls us to not stop at the crosses of this life but to defeat them by love. This has always been the essence of the Gospel message preached and lived by the Church. Let us pray that we will be able to respond generously by loving God and our neighbour as Jesus has shown us.

God bless you,

*Fr Martin*

**CHRIST AND THE CROWN OF THORNS PAINTING**

Thank you to all who have contributed so far for the framing of the painting that is displayed in the Church. There will be another opportunity this weekend to donate. You will be able to place your donation in the contribution box in the narthex. Alternatively, you can also contribute by placing your offering in an envelope marked "Painting Frame" and leave in the Parish Office if you are unable to get to weekend Mass. Thank you in advance for your support.

**CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK- WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY:**

The second collection next weekend supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN) the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The CCN seeks to be of service both to the Church and the world in offering professional channels of communication, and provides support for the Bishops of England and Wales and the wider Church in promoting the Gospel through the media on current issues. Its office is the focus for media enquiries on National matters, and seeks to develop the public profile of the Church and its teaching. The CCN provides up to date news releases, features and podcasts, information from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, and trains spokesmen and women. Thank you for your support.

**St Thomas More Catholic Church**  
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**THIS NEWSLETTER IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE: - [www.rcdow.org.uk/eastcote](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/eastcote)**

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

Goodluck to all our members!!

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**+6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**SUNDAY 9TH MAY**

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) KATHERINE GUY RIP LD  
09:30AM JOZEF & JADWIGA LELUJKA RIP A & URSZULA  
BALINSKA RIP LD  
11:30AM INTS OF PAUL MARSHALL

**MONDAY 10TH MAY**

09:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN  
09:30AM HANNAH O'SULLIVAN

**TUESDAY 11TH MAY**

09:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN  
09:30AM INTS OF AGNES WONG

**WEDNESDAY 12TH MAY**

09:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN  
09:30AM DAVID JONES RIP A

**THURSDAY 13TH MAY; THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

09:00AM-11:00AM ROSARY AND EXPOSITION OF THE  
BLESSED SACRAMENT  
09:30AM INTS OF JONI CULLEN

**FRIDAY 14TH MAY**

09:00AM-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN  
09:30AM INTS OF FR MARTIN PLUNKETT

**SATURDAY 15TH MAY**

09:00 -11:00AM CHURCH OPEN  
09:30AM MARIA RIP LD

*FOLLOWED BY*  
*EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT &*  
*CONFESSIONS*

**7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**SUNDAY 16TH MAY**

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) CHRISSIE KEANE RIP A  
09:30AM KEITH & MEGAN D'SOUZA  
11:30AM INTS OF DOHERTY FAMILY

**Please remember our sick parishioners in your**

**prayers:** Eileen Ferris, Michael McCarthy, Brian Berry, Katie Murchan, Duncan Webster, Pedro Johns, Paul Wazny, Nicola Nunn, William O'Shea, Daisy Cunningham, Bianca Malheiros-Fauz, Kundan Singhoraya, Sarah Dunning, Eamonn Kearney, Ruby Bastiampillai, Peggy McMahan, Delores Walsh, Kitty Goldie 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 whose Anniversaries occur around this time:** Alan Kimber

**First Holy Communion Masses:** The masses on **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30am** will be exclusively for First Holy Communion candidates and their families. We appreciate this is a change to the normal schedule but it has been necessary due to restrictions still in place that we have had to work with. We appreciate the support of those affected for the families of our First Holy Communion children in helping them make this day as special as possible. Many thanks, Fr Martin

**Children's Liturgy:** Jesus teaches us about Love this week and how we can love one another. Can you think of ways that we can show people we love them? The little helpers this week have some ideas, see if you have thought of them?

<https://youtu.be/xOfhU18W0ls>

**FINANCE MEETING:** The Finance Committee will be meeting **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 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](mailto:eastcote@rcdow.org.uk) or telephone 0208 8666581.

**FOOD BANK:** The next collection for Food donations will be **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021.**

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OFFICE OPEN: 9:30am-1:00pm (Mon- Thurs Only)

**CAFOD;** As coronavirus brings devastation across India, CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency, Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help Caritas India distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote COVID & vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation & quarantine centres. You can donate online here: [cafod.org.uk/give](https://cafod.org.uk/give). Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic.

CAFOD is holding a special online Mass on **Friday 7 May at 6.30pm** to pray for the people of India. You can register here: [bigmarker.com/cafod/India-Emergency](https://bigmarker.com/cafod/India-Emergency)

**Covid-19 vaccine confidence webinar** has been organized for the of Dioceses of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster, with the cooperation of Hertfordshire County Council and Hammersmith & Fulham Council, and other local authorities. It will take place on **Saturday 15th May 2021** from 10am to 11.30am and will feature a panel of eminent medical experts led by Prof Kevin Fenton, Regional Director of Public Health London. The panel will share the latest information on COVID-19 vaccination. There will be an opportunity for participants to ask questions anonymously. To join the webinar: <https://zoom.us/j/99627319556> Passcode: 546617

**Rediscover Your Marriage** – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means 'rediscovery'. The programme offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10s of 1000s headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. There is no group therapy or group work

For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the programme commencing with a 'Virtual' weekend on... **1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021**... Call or text +44 788 7296983 or +44 797 3380443 – or Email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

