27TH JUNE 2021
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Dear Parishioners,

"Do not be afraid. Only have faith"

Fear and faith are opposites. When we become afraid we forget to trust in the providence of God. Conversely, when we believe that God is almighty and that he can bring good out of all situations then we are exercising the gift of faith. If we look closely at the way live each day we might see that we can resort to fear more often than we realise. We also need to be careful because it is so easy to be influenced by the culture around us. The general idea presented to us in our society is that we should be able to solve all situations. Whether it is through hard work, ingenuity, technology, self-assertiveness or some other means, we are expected to fix all the problems of life. Our Christian faith reveals that, whilst there is a proper place for all these capacities, so much of our lives is out of our control. At a deeper level we cannot fix the problem of sin and of death. These features are now part of the human story and, because they originate from the rejection of God, they can only be fixed by God himself. In this week's Gospel Jesus encourages the parents of the young girl who is very sick to believe in his power to save. He says "Do not be afraid. Only have faith." There may be so many areas of our lives that we would like to be different. If we allow fear and anxiety to be our response then we are likely to miss the opportunity that God has allowed for us to see his transformational power at work. If we have faith then we open up the way for God to show his love for us. Faith helps us to see that the only reason we exist in this world is to learn about the love of God and to learn to love in return. Let us pray to be able to leave fear behind and to walk a path of trusting faith in all that life presents to us.

God bless you

Fr Martin

Parish Safeguarding Representatives: As we are emerging from this time of Lockdown we are anticipating that our parish activities can resume. One of the important areas that helps us to function is ensuring the safety and care of all parishioners, especially the most vulnerable. The Diocese asks us to have at least two members of the parish who can be trained as Safeguarding Representatives. The Diocese offer thorough training and support for this important role. We are inviting volunteers to come forward who would be interested in serving in this way. The position involves working closely with Fr Martin and the Parish Administrator, Liz Duignan as part of a team who monitor the quality of care we provide as a parish. These volunteers are vital and help to provide an informed and supportive presence should anyone have any concerns in this area. They would also be responsible for assisting in the process of collecting the necessary documents required for the DBS checks which are needed for all those working in responsible positions in the parish. Please approach Fr Martin or the parish office to register interest and to find out more. The next Diocesan training for this role is on **July 20th 2021.**

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN EASTCOTE AGM. We are delighted to announce that we will be holding our AGM, short service and social gathering on **Sunday 11th July 4-5pm at St Thomas More** church. Further details to follow. We are very much looking forward to seeing each other again and hope that you will be able to join us to reflect on the past year and give thanks for our continued fellowship in Christ.

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**** 100 club Membership Renewal July 2021/2022****

If you would like to re-new your membership for the 100 club or interested in becoming a member, please pick up an envelope from the narthex and return to the parish office.

Congratulations to winners for June draw: **1st** Pat Wilby, **2nd** Anna Horton, **3rd** Angela Kulanthaivelu.

MASS INTENTIONS

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SUNDAY 27TH JUNE

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) JOE ARKINS RIP LD
09:30AM INTS ANNABELLE TIMILSINA
11:30AM IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES.

MONDAY 28TH JUNE

09:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM EILLEN HARRINGTON RIP A
+ ST PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES (VIGIL)
07:30PM INTS OF FR MARTIN PLUNKETT

TUESDAY 29TH JUNE, + ST PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES

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

WEDNESDAY 30TH JUNE

09:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INTS OF ALL PRIESTS & SISTERS WHO HAVE DIED FROM COVID.

THURSDAY 1ST JULY

10:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
THE ROSARY AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY 2ND JULY

09:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM ELIZABETH O'ROURKE RIP A

SATURDAY 3RD JULY

09:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM HOLY SOULS
FOLLOWED BY
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & CONFESSIONS

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SUNDAY 4TH JULY

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) IN THANKSGIVING KEANE D'SOUZA
09:30AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
11:30AM RON JOHNSON RIP LD

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Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers: Pat O'Rourke, Audrey Farrell, Hilda Minoli, Fr Duncan Adamson, Eileen Ferris, Katie Murchan, 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 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: Ron Johnson, Dominic Bann and Brian Berry.

For those whose Anniversaries occur around this time: Jack Durkin, Andrea Helen McWatt and Patricia Dixon

Saints Peter & Paul Vigil mass: There will be a vigil mass for the Holy Day of Obligation of St's Peter and Paul on **Monday 28th June in the evening at 7.30pm.** There will not be a mass on the Tuesday evening.

National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast 2021 Join the National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast 2021 Online, which will be livestreamed on **Friday 25th June from 8am to 8.45am.** The event will be chaired by The Rt Hon Andrea Leadsom MP and will include prayers led by parliamentarians, hymns led by special guest singers and a keynote address by The Rt Revd Professor NT Wright. The theme for the breakfast will be 'Looking ahead with Hope' and will address issues regarding the country as it comes out of the pandemic. To book please visit https://www.christiansinparliament.org.uk/prayer-breakfast/attend/

Hillingdon Food Bank: The next food bank collection will be **Wednesday 30th June.**