1st August 2021
+18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

the Pastor's corner

Dear Parishioners

"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

The crowds were hungry, and they wanted Jesus to perform a miracle like He had recently done. They wanted Jesus to multiply loaves and fishes for them. Perhaps they were curious or perhaps they were simply hungry, but Jesus directs them to so much more. This week's Gospel reading begins Jesus' discourse on the 'Bread of Life'. We will hear in this teaching Jesus giving His followers so much more than bread and fish. We hear Jesus speak of Himself as the true Bread from Heaven. It is an opportunity for us to consider how often we truly contemplate these words of Jesus? "I am the Bread of Life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst!" Deep within every human heart is a hunger and thirst that longs to be satisfied. We all have this longing and desire. We try to fill it with so many things, but in the end only one thing satisfies. Jesus alone can meet the deepest longings of our souls. Do we turn to Him as the source of our daily fulfilment and satisfaction? Do we long to receive Him and love Him and enter into communion with Him? Let us reflect today upon how deeply we believe these words of Jesus. Do we allow His presence to consume us as we consume Him. We can pray this week: "Lord, I do love You, and I desire You to come and consume me as I consume You in the Most Holy Eucharist. Help me to believe in You and Your presence in this Most Holy Sacrament. May Your divine presence meet my deepest need and fulfil my deepest longings in life."

God bless you

Fr Martin

Memorial Mass for Derek Honeygold.

Saturday 7th August at 09:30am there will be a memorial mass for parishioner Derek Honeygold who passed away in March 2020. The interment of ashes will also take place after mass in the Garden of Remembrance. If you would like to attend, please contact Fr Martin at the Parish Office on 0208 866 6581 or eastcote@rcdow.org.uk.

Special Award in Memory of Derek Honeygold: Please see message from Jan Porter PA to Headteacher at Haydon School.

One of your former parishioners, Derek Honeygold, sadly died in March 2020 at the start of the pandemic. Derek had been a governor at Haydon School for over 40 years, regularly attending meetings, supporting initiatives and visiting the school for lessons and events. His contribution over the years was considerable and very much appreciated. Derek had a passion for the wellbeing and development of all our students and particularly enjoyed attending school productions and concerts. I believe that he only every missed two such events in the entire time he was a governor. We are aware that Derek had many friends and contacts at St Thomas More RC Church and we thought that they may be pleased to hear that we have created a special award in Derek's memory. This will be presented to a student who has shown passion, dedication and enthusiasm for school productions. It will be awarded annually at our Prize Giving evening.

I have attached a picture of the splendid trophy which is engraved with his name and the names of the award winners will be added each year. This will be displayed in the school trophy cabinet.




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****100 club membership****

Thank you to everyone who has joined the 100 club! Good luck to all our members

MASS INTENTIONS

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SUNDAY 1ST AUGUST 2021
06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) MARY & GERRY (JUNIOR) BOYLE & GERRY BOYLE (SENIOR) RIP A
09:30AM MICHAEL HILL RIP A
11:30AM EMMANUEL LUZ RIP A

MONDAY 2ND AUGUST
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TUESDAY 3RD AUGUST
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM HOLY SOULS

WEDNESDAY 4TH AUGUST
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INTS OF THE SICK & VUNERABLE

THURSDAY 5TH AUGUST
10:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
THE ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACARAMENT

FRIDAY 6TH AUGUST
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM PATRICK BOLGER RIP A

SATURDAY 7TH AUGUST
09:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM DEREK HONEYGOLD RIP

FOLLOWED BY
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

+ 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY 8TH AUGUST
06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) DOMINIC BANN RIP LD
09:30AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
11:30AM IN HONOUR OF GOD THE FATHER

MASS INTENTIONS

+ 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 8TH AUGUST
06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) DOMINIC BANN RIP LD
09:30AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
11:30AM IN HONOUR OF GOD THE FATHER

MONDAY 9TH AUGUST
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM HOLY SOULS

TUESDAY 10TH AUGUST
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

WEDNESDAY 11TH AUGUST
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INTS OF THE SICK & VUNERABLE

THURSDAY 12TH AUGUST
10:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
THE ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACARAMENT

FRIDAY 13TH AUGUST
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM HOLY SOULS

SATURDAY 14TH AUGUST
09:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

FOLLOWED BY
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

+ THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
SUNDAY 15TH AUGUST
06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) MARK GRIFFITHS RIP A
09:30AM INTS OF SAGAR TIMILSINA
11:30AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers: Anastasia O'Connor, Audrey Farrell, Hilda Minoli, Fr Duncan Adamson, Eileen Ferris, Katie Murchan, Duncan Webster, Pedro Johns, Richard Stoneman, Paul Wazny, Daisy Cunningham, Bianca Malheiros-Fauz, Kundan Singhoraya, Sarah Dunning, Eamonn Kearney, Ruby Bastiampillai, Peggy McMahon, Delores Walsh; for 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: Mary Sheila Fitzgerald, Ron Johnson, Dominic Bann, Brian Berry, Catherine Mary Nolan.

For those whose Anniversaries occur around this time: Emmanuel Luz, Michael Hill, Kathleen O'Brien, Danaraja Singaravelu, Ian McDonald and Fr Christopher Gawecki.

Covid Restrictions: On Monday 19th July the easing of Covid restrictions were announced. The Bishops conference has provided guidance for the safe easing of restrictions in Churches. Its is strongly recommended to continue the wearing of face coverings, however please note that you are not legally obliged. The distancing measures that are in place in the church will remain for the moment and eventually be phased out. The booking system for Sunday mass will continue in order to help with NHS track and trace. Our welcoming Stewards will continue their service and greet parishioners arriving for mass at the weekends. The Hand- sanitising that is provided will remain in the church narthex. We encourage everyone to use the cleaning wipes to clean their pews after use. Our Church cleaning team will continue their regular cleaning routines and checks of the Church. Thank you for co-operation in helping to keep St Thomas More Church a safe and Covid secure environment.

Parishioner requiring childcare: My son is starting at St Swithun Wells Nursery in September and I'm looking for a childminder/nanny/other parent collecting their own child to help with pick up from school close at 3:30 until approximately 5:00. If you might be able to help with this please contact me, Louisa Gray.
Email graylouisa1@gmail.com or call me on 07769707891.

Volunteers required for small paint job: Our church carpark barrier needs some attention and we are looking for two willing volunteers to repaint the barrier. It will require some prep work beforehand like sanding and cleaning. Paint and tools will be provided. If you are interested please contact Fr Martin or the Parish Office 0208 866 6581 email: eastcote@rcdow.org.uk.

Parish Office: Please be advised the Parish office will be closed on week commencing Monday 2nd August to Thursday 5th August. Re-opening of Monday 9th August. For any urgent matters, please contact Fr Martin Plunkett 0208 866 6581 option 3 or email eastcote@rcdow.org.uk

Hillingdon Food Bank: Thank you once again for all your generous donations this month!

Parish Newsletter: The next newsletter will be sent on weekend 15th August 2021.