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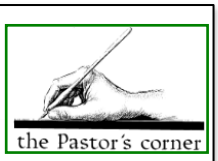
+14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Dear Parishioners,

"Where did the man get all this?"

This week's Gospel reading gives us an amazing glimpse into the glory and love of God through the question offered by the inhabitants of Jesus' home town of Nazareth. When hearing Jesus preach in the synagogue his former neighbours are astounded to hear him saying such profound and important things and they ask "Where did the man get all this?" Apparently, there was absolutely nothing about the Jesus they had known for 30 years to give any indication that he was the Son of God. In today's language we would say he was completely normal. What this tells us is that God was sanctifying the reality of what we call 'ordinary life' and showing that he was able to completely integrate all his infinite power and love into the circumstances of daily living. Of course, Jesus is extraordinary and he goes on to show the full extent of God's power and love by going willingly to the Cross and offering his life to free us from evil and death. Through Jesus, God becomes part of our ordinary lives and transforms them into something divine if we allow him. It is not by being fantastically supernatural and astonishing that Jesus brings God's help to us, but by committing himself wholeheartedly to bringing the love of God into our lives. We will be eternally thanking God for this inestimable gift but we are also called to realise that we too can desire that our own ordinary lives be the place where God's love can shine forth. Let us pray that our faith will help us to witness to the love of God in all circumstances and see that this is the solution to the challenges and difficulties that we encounter in this world.

God bless you,

Fr Martin

The Churches Together in Eastcote AGM, Service and Social *will take place on* ***Sunday 11th July 4-5pm*** *in the car park at St Thomas More RC Church. We invite you to join us to reflect on the past year, to share readings, hymns and prayers in a short service, and to catch up with friends over a cup of tea. This will be our first opportunity since March 2020 to meet up in person and we are delighted that it is at last possible. We hope to see you there.*

PLEASE NOTE: there will be reduced car parking space at St Thomas More and we suggest that the available spaces be reserved for those who are less mobile. You can park at St Lawrence or at Eastcote Methodist Church, both of which are a short walk away. As this is an outside event please dress for the weather, and if it looks doubtful, an umbrella might be a good accessory! This event will be organised in a Covid-secure way with refreshments being brought to you at your table. If you have any questions please contact Jane Inglese on jinglese@btinternet.com.

SEA SUNDAY: Please note that Sea Sunday will be next **Sunday 11th July** this year and is when we are asked to encourage prayer and financial contributions to support the work of the Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime charity of the Catholic Church. This mandatory second collection is vital for the future of Stella Maris and its support of seafarers and fishermen in the UK and around the world. To support the charity's work, please go to www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate. To listen to Bishop Paul Mason's Sea Sunday message and to download other Sea Sunday Resources go to **www.stellamaris.org.uk/seasunday.**

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PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY TO RECEIVE YOUR ELECTRONIC COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER DIRECT INTO YOUR INBOX!



**** 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

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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

MONDAY 5TH JULY
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM HOLY SOULS

TUESDAY 6TH JULY
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM FRANK O'ROURKE RIP A

WEDNESDAY 7TH JULY
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM EILEEN MCSHANE RIP A

THURSDAY 8TH JULY
10:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
THE ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACARAMENT

FRIDAY 9TH JULY
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INTS OF JULIA AND EDDIE DIAS

SATURDAY 10TH JULY
09:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INTS OF KAREN & TREVOR ADAMS

FOLLOWED BY
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

+ 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 11TH JULY
06:00PM MICHAEL O'MARA RIP LD
09:30AM TED RIST RIP A
11:30AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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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: Mary Sheila Fitzgerald, Ron Johnson, Dominic Bann and Brian Berry.

For those whose Anniversaries occur around this time: Ken Newton.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: This week Hugo and Bertie listen very carefully to the story, just like God wants us to listen to him...
https://youtu.be/uPe17Bz6oHc

Day for life: A huge thank you to all the parishioners who donated to the **Day for Life** collection recently. St Thomas More raised £222.96!

Hillingdon Food Bank: Thank you once again for the generous food donations this month. By you giving, it is making a huge difference with foodbanks being able to help many families. Please visit **https://hillingdon.foodbank.org.uk/about/** to find out how your donations are helping.

Rediscover Your Marriage - Retrouvaille the programme offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the programme commencing with a 'Virtual' weekend 1st – 4th July 2021. Call or text +44 788 7296983 or Email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk.

I WAS A STRANGER...

Seafarers lead hard and dangerous lives. This Sea Sunday your gifts and prayers will help seafarers and fishers get the support they need.

SEA SUNDAY 2021

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Or text **SEA** to **70460** to donate **£5** *

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