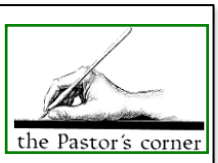
## 15th August 2021
## +THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY




Dear Parishioners,

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour"

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption when the Blessed Virgin Mary completed her life on earth and was taken body and soul into heaven to be with her resurrected Son so as to adore the Most Holy Trinity forever interceding for us as our heavenly Mother. Though this dogma of our faith had been held and believed by the faithful from the earliest times of our Church, it wasn't until November 1 1950 that Pope Pius XII solemnly proclaimed it to be so, raising this teaching of our faith to the level of a dogma, meaning, it must be held and believed by all. In part, the Holy Father declared, "…we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." This Dogma of the Assumption reveals to us many things worth prayerfully pondering. First and foremost, Mary's Assumption was a result of her Immaculate Conception and the fact that she remained sinless throughout her life. That Dogma was also believed throughout the centuries and was solemnly defined by Pope Pius IX in 1854. The Assumption follows from the Immaculate Conception because death follows from sin. It was not the original plan of God that we experience the death of our bodies and the separation of our bodies and souls. Since the Blessed Virgin Mary was preserved from all sin from the moment of her conception by the future grace won by her Son on the Cross, and because she freely remained free from sin throughout her life by her ongoing cooperation with that grace, she did not experience death. Death had no power over one who was without sin. We can reflect today that the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken body and soul into Heaven where she now adores the Most Holy Trinity and intercedes for us and for the whole Church. This is a Solemnity of great rejoicing. May we share in this joy with the whole Church and with all the saints in Heaven.

Most glorious and Ever-Virgin Mary, You are beauty beyond beauty, Immaculate in every way, and worthy of our deepest love. As you now share body and soul in the glories of Heaven, please pray for me and for all your dear children on earth. Cover us with your mantle of love and pour forth the mercy of God upon us always. Mother Mary, assumed into Heaven, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Amen

God bless you

*Fr Martin*

**Appeal for Help** – A family of a mother and two daughters originally from Sri Lanka joined our parish last year from Italy and they would be greatly helped if anyone could assist with either of the following:

1) Someone with some time and perhaps experience who could help to make a claim for financial assistance with the local authorities.

2) Information about suitable accommodation for rent in the local area. The mother has two jobs but would still be eligible for State assistance and is struggling to know the best way for her claim to succeed. Their present rent is £1200 per month and they would also be looking for somewhere less expensive.

Please contact the Parish Office in response to either of these needs. Many thanks. Fr Martin

# St Thomas More Catholic Church

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****100 CLUB MEMBERSHIP****

Congratulations to our winners! 1st prize: Mary Richards, 2nd Prize: Scott Knibb, 3rd Prize Maureen Cusack. Cheques to be posted.

### MASS INTENTIONS

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**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

**MONDAY 16TH AUGUST**

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM MARY SHEILA FITZGERALD RIP LD

**TUESDAY 17TH AUGUST**

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM PAUL O'BRIEN RIP LD

**WEDNESDAY 18TH AUGUST**

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM SHANE MELEADY RIP

**THURSDAY 19TH AUGUST**

10:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
THE ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACARAMENT

**FRIDAY 20TH AUGUST**

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INTS OF VERONICA COLEY

**SATURDAY 21ST AUGUST**

09:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM IN THANKSGIVING KEANE D'SOUZA

*FOLLOWED BY*
*EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT*

**+ 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SUNDAY 22ND AUGUST**

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) MARGARET & TIGHE RIP A
09:30AM INTS OF IAN FITZGERALD
11:30AM THANKSGIVING INTENTION FROM BILL SMYTH

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06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) MARGARET & TIGHE RIP A
09:30AM INTS OF IAN FITZGERALD
11:30AM THANKSGIVING INTENTION FROM BILL SMYTH

**MONDAY 23RD AUGUST**

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

**TUESDAY 24TH AUGUST**

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM IN HONOUR OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**WEDNESDAY 25TH AUGUST**

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM HOLY SOULS

**THURSDAY 26TH AUGUST**

10:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
THE ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACARAMENT

**FRIDAY 27TH AUGUST**

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INT OF SICK & VUNERABLE

**SATURDAY 28TH AUGUST**

09:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

*FOLLOWED BY*
*EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT*

**+ 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SUNDAY 29TH AUGUST**

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) OUR LADY OF LOURDES GOOD HEALTH
09:30AM FOR THE PARISH OF THE PEOPLE
11:30AM DYLAN BUCKLEY RIP A

**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 & Carlos Salazar D'eca.

**For those whose Anniversaries occur around this time**: Lawrence Harvey, Barry Hoy, Raymonde Long, Phyllis Reid and Anna Still.

**Church cleaning Volunteers appeal:** 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. 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.**

**Walsingham Pilgrimage Mass:** The Walsingham Pilgrimage Mass will be celebrated by Bishop John Sherrington at Westminster Cathedral on **11th September at 2.30pm** and live-streamed. A link will be available nearer the time on the Diocese of Westminster webpage.

**Caritas Westminster "Introduction to Volunteering". 21st September, 10 – 11:30 am, Zoom. Eventbrite link:** Thinking about volunteering? Find out how to get started at a free interactive session run by Caritas Westminster. It is for people thinking about or just starting out in volunteering. Explore what your perfect role could be and how to find it, discover what your first days might be like, and how to deal with issues that may crop up along the way. This event covers all the basic need-to-knows about becoming a volunteer.
Book your place on Eventbrite: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-volunteering-tickets-159672389415

**Parish Office:** Please be advised the Parish office will be closed on week commencing Monday 16th August to Thursday 19th August. Re-opening of Monday 23rd August. For any urgent matters, please contact Fr Martin Plunkett 0208 866 6581 option 3 or email eastcote@rcdow.org.uk

**Hillingdon Food Bank**: The next Food bank collection will be **25th August 2021.** Thank you for your support.

**Parish Newsletter:** The next Parish newsletter will be sent **Thursday 2nd September 2021.**

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