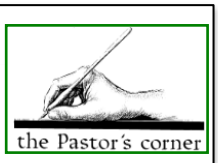
12th September 2021
+24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Dear Parishioners

You are the Christ, the Son of the living God

Today's gospel reading comes from a pivotal point in the Gospel of Mark. Up until this point, we have seen Jesus perform many miracles and heard Him teach many things. All along, the people have been amazed and sometimes scandalised by what Jesus was doing. But the question remained, who is He? In today's reading, Jesus confronted His followers about this very question. He first asked them what people thought of Him. Their response indicates that the popular opinion about Jesus was that He was a prophet, but nothing more. This may be similar to the opinion of some people about Jesus today. However, Jesus' identity is not determined by popular opinion. And Jesus did not leave it at that with His followers. He then asked, 'Who do you say I am?' It is Simon Peter who, inspired by the Holy Spirit, gives the true answer: 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God'. Jesus also asks each of us this question. It is, in fact, the most important question. The identity of Jesus is the hinge on which our lives pivot. Will we open the door of faith and acknowledge Jesus as 'the Christ and the Son of the living God'? If Jesus is merely another good man with some good moral and religious teachings, then to reject Him and His teachings doesn't really matter. But if Jesus is who He said He is—that is, if He is God in the flesh—then to reject Him is to reject God, who created, sustains and redeems us. Jesus invites us to believe in Him and then put that faith into action. To follow Jesus may not mean our lives will always be easy or comfortable, for Jesus said, 'Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.' But the way of the cross, of following Jesus as the Messiah and Lord of our lives, is truly the most fulfilling way to live. And, best of all, it leads us to salvation and eternal life.

God bless you,

Fr Martin

Altar Serving – As we look at the possible easing of restrictions we are asking for those families in the parish with children already trained as altar servers to sign the list at the back of the church if they would like to resume serving again. We may have to make up a rota so it will be helpful to know in advance what the numbers might be at this stage. For those children who have completed their First Holy Communion and would like to become altar servers we hope to offer training in the near future and details about this will follow. We will also be giving medals to those who have served for more than a year and are looking at the best possible time soon to arrange this.

Parish Council Committee meeting, Tuesday 21st September 2021 at 8:00pm.
Fr Martin would like contributions for the meeting agenda. If you have any items/ideas you would like to be discussed, please contact: Parish Administrator, *Liz Duignan E-mail*: eastcote@rcdow.org.uk or Telephone 0208 8666581.

First Holy Communion 2022
Fr Martin would like to invite children in Year 2 to apply to join the programme of preparation for the First Holy Communion. The programme will be commencing in **January 2022** after the children return back to school. Applications and Medical forms are now available in the main entrance of the church.
The forms are also available on the Parish website
https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/eastcote/sacramental-prep/receiving-the-sacraments.
Please remember to include a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate and return application forms to the Parish Office by **30th October 2021.** More information will follow on the format of the classes.

St Thomas More Catholic Church

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****100 CLUB MEMBERSHIP****

1st Prize Annegirt Hill**, 2nd Prize** Susan Maroney**, 3rd Prize** Linda Flynn.

MASS INTENTIONS

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SUNDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER
06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) JOHN DONNELLY RIP A
09:30AM INTS OF MICHAEL & NORA LYDON
11:30AM INTS OF BILL SMYTH

MONDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM PRIVATE INTENTION

TUESDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM SEAN CLARKE RIP LD

WEDNESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM SILE (SHEILA) BURNS RIP LD

THURSDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER
09:00-10:00AM CHURCH OPEN
THE ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INTS OF ANN YOUNG

SATURDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER
09:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INTS OF MARGARET NICHOLS

FOLLOWED BY
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

+25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER
06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) MATTIE SINNOTT RIP LD
09:30AM INTS OF SAMRAT TIMILSINA
11:30AM FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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E-mail: eastcote@rcdow.org.uk
Parish Administrator – Liz Duignan
OFFICE OPEN: 9:30am-1:00pm (Mon- Thurs Only)

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: Ophelia Dias, Sheila Burns, Mary Sheila Fitzgerald, Ron Johnson, Dominic Bann, Brian Berry, Catherine Mary Nolan & Carlos Salazar D'eca.

For those whose Anniversaries occur around this time: Philip Donogue, Claire Polsinelli and Hanna Witterstein.

Children's Liturgy
Well we hope you had a good summer break and are ready to join in with the Children's Liturgy again each week.
Hugo and Bertie are super excited to be back and it seems have some very good answers to today's questions.
https://youtu.be/PDY8GH3cWF4

Senior School Applications & Certificate of Catholic Practice: Fr Martin would like to meet with Parents/Guardians and children for signing Senior school applications. Please bring your Child's Baptism Certificates to the interview.
Interviews will be held on the following dates:
Monday 20th September 4pm-6pm
Monday 27th September- 4pm -6pm
Please call Liz Duignan 0208 866 6581 or email eastcote@rcdow.org.uk to book your appointment.

The **LIFE ASCENDING** group meet on **Wednesday 15th September 2021** at 2.30pm in the Library. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years. Please come along on Wednesday.

Hillingdon Food Bank: The next collection will be on **Wednesday 29th September 2021.**

St John the Baptist Church,

Church Lane,

Pinner, HA5 3AA



FLOWER FESTIVAL

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Celebration of 700th Anniversary

1321 to 2021.

Friday 10 September 10am – 4.30pm

Saturday 11 September 10am – 4.30pm

Sunday 12 September 1.30pm – 4.30pm

Plant Sale Saturday 2pm to 4.30pm

Refreshments in Church Hall, Saturday and Sunday 2.30pm to 4.30pm

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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.**

Church opening Time (Thursdays only): Please note a change in the time from **Thursday 16th September 2021** the Church will be open for prayer from **9am-10am**. Our cleaning team will be working in the Church from **10am-11am**.

Open Evenings at The Sacred Heart Language College (Wealdstone)
Those wishing to apply for a place in Year 7 for September 2022 are invited to visit the school during one of our Open Evenings on the following dates: Wednesday 15th September 2021, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Thursday 23rd September 2021 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Covid Safety: All visitors are reminded to wear a mask and maintain social distancing within the school.

Cardinal Vaughan Open Evenings Please note there is no need to book for these events. Year 7 Open Evenings- Tuesday 14th & Thursday 23rd September 2021. The Head will speak at 4.30pm and at 6.00pm. The last tour of the school will take place at 6.15pm. Year 12 Open Evening- Thursday 7th & 12th October 2021 at 5.00pm. The last tour of the school will take place at 6.00pm.