26th September 2021
+26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Dear Parishioners

Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin,
it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea.

The teachings of Jesus in this week's Gospel sound shocking, and for good reason. Jesus used hyperbole to illustrate the severity of causing one of the "little ones who believe…to sin." All sin is serious but some sins are more serious than others. Perhaps more serious than our own sins are leading others, especially the most vulnerable, into sin. Jesus emphasises the serious nature of sin through His illustration of a great millstone being put around our necks and being drowned in the sea. As horrible as that death would be, this would be better than spending eternity in Hell. Sin is so serious that Jesus says we should do whatever it takes to avoid it. When Jesus goes on to say that we should 'cut off our hand' if it causes us to sin, he is not literally advocating for bodily harm and dismemberment, Jesus again uses hyperbole to illustrate that anything we can do to avoid sin, no matter how sacrificial, is worth it. If we could solve the problem of sin in the human race then we would have no need of a Saviour. The world can decide that certain things are not sins anymore but that does not get rid of the problem. It also risks self-deception and allowing harmful elements of life to remain undetected. Thankfully we do have a Saviour who gave his own life as a sacrifice for us so that we could be liberated from the power of sin, evil and death. With the grace of God, through Jesus and the Holy Spirit, as members of the Church we can find the way into the new life of the Gospel and help others to do the same. Let us pray this week to follow the way of Jesus with love and discover the joys of Christian living even more.

God bless you,

Fr Martin

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 **Monday 27th September- 4pm -6pm.** Please call Liz Duignan 0208 866 6581 or email eastcote@rcdow.org.uk to book your appointment

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.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Climate Crisis Appeal -2nd/3rd October 2021:

Our local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. This Family Fast Day next weekend, donate in the parish using a CAFOD envelope or online through the CAFOD website (cafod.org.uk/climate crisis) and help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis.

St Thomas More Catholic Church

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THIS NEWSLETTER IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE: -www.rcdow.org.uk/eastcote

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****100 CLUB MEMBERSHIP****

Good luck to all our members!!

MASS INTENTIONS

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SUNDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) ANNE & LES WRIGHT RIP A
09:30AM FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
11:30AM INTS BERNIE CURTIS

MONDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INTS HILDA MINOLI

TUESDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM MOLLY MCMAHON RIP LD

WEDNESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM PRIVATE INTENTION

THURSDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

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

FRIDAY 1ST OCTOBER

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INTS MARY QUINN

SATURDAY 2ND OCTOBER

09:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM RICHARD SMITH RIP LD

FOLLOWED BY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

+27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 3RD OCTOBER

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) HOLY SOULS
09:30AM WILLIAM O'REILLY RIP A
11:30AM PATRICK DONNELLY RIP LD

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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: John Plackett, Patrick Donnelly, Ophelia Dias, Síle 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: Arthur Sudbury, Mgr. Peter Anglim, Bill Maxted, Les Wright, Alec & Merle Roke and Bernard Meleady.

Children's Liturgy

Polar comes from a very cold place, a long way away from Eastcote, but that is not too far for God. He is everywhere and loves everyone.

https://youtu.be/CYl5Uq-Cosg

The **LIFE ASCENDING** group meet on **Wednesday 29th 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.**

Antique & Jewellery Buying & Valuation Event by Bishops Ltd is being held in the Parish Hall on **Monday 27th & 30th September, 10am-3pm.** Please see leaflets in the church porch and poster within this newsletter

Parish Office will be closed on **Monday 27th September**, if you have an urgent matter please call 0208 866 6581 to speak with Fr Martin Plunkett or email eastcote@rcdow.org.uk.

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Mon 27th & Tues 28th Sep 10am – 3PM

St Thomas More R C Church

32 Field End Road, Pinner HA5 2QT

Wed 29th & Thurs 30th Sep 10am – 3PM

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