

7th November 2021
+32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Dear Parishioners

‘Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury’
(Mark 12:43)

In this Sunday’s Gospel reading Jesus observes how Jewish pilgrims are making their contributions to the temple treasury. The Temple in Jerusalem was the centre of Jewish worship in the time of Jesus. It was expected that observant Jews would make pilgrimages to the Temple to offer prayer and sacrifices. Pilgrims were also expected to make a financial contribution to the temple treasury. As we would expect to be the case, Jesus observes that those who were rich contributed large sums to the treasury while those with less means made smaller contributions. Jesus calls attention, however, to a poor widow who makes the smallest of contributions—two coins of little value. Jesus upholds the poor widow’s offering for his disciples’ consideration, commending her because her small offering was an act of profound generosity, giving from her livelihood rather than her surplus. To give from our livelihood is not only an act of generosity, it is also an act of trust in God. We can only give from our need if we trust that God will provide for us. Jesus himself demonstrates the ultimate act of generosity and trust in God as he gives his life for us on the Cross. We may feel that our own contribution to the life of the world or to the Church is minimal in comparison with others. However, it is God who provides the increase. In her Magnificat, Mary says ‘The Almighty has done great things for me’. Though a poor and humble virgin, Mary was able to give God her heart and thus receive the Messiah for the world. Like Mary, and like the widow at the treasury, our small offering to God which is made in love may be the most powerful gift in his hands. Let us pray this week that we will always seek to give of ourselves to God and to others trusting in his mighty plan for the salvation of the world.

God bless you,

Fr Martin

Parish Synod Volunteer – Each parish in the Diocese is being asked if a volunteer would be willing to represent the parish when gathering comments for the upcoming Synod of Bishops in 2023. Over the next months each parish is encouraged to share their experiences and thoughts on their faith and the Church. If anyone would like to volunteer for this role please speak to Fr Martin.

Mass of Thanksgiving Fr Martin will be celebrating a mass of Thanksgiving for the parishes who were able to Live Stream their masses during Covid 19 Lockdown for the period of March-July 2020. During this time we were gathered together for a virtual Mass at a given church one day each week, to maintain some form of worshipping together until our church re-opened. As we are now able to reciprocate with our own Live Streaming, the mass will be on **Monday 15th November at 09.30am** and it would be particularly pleasing if as many of you as possible could attend St Thomas More in person (preferable) or screen in to show our appreciation for the kindness of these various congregations in including us in their own parish Mass.

November Dead During November, Mass is regularly offered for the deceased. If you would like deceased family and friends remembered then make a list and, enclosing an offering, deposit the envelope into the special box on the sanctuary. The lists and envelopes are now available on the welcome table.

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

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



100 CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations to the winners 1st Ivonne Higgison, 2nd Dumsile Simelane-Maziya 3rd Patricia Wilby

MASS INTENTIONS

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SUNDAY 7TH NOVEMBER

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) MARIANNA RIP A

09:30AM HOLY SOULS

11:30AM FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

MONDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM PATRICK CULLUNANE RIP A

TUESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM DICK HINDE RIP A

WEDNESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM HOLY SOULS

THURSDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

10:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN

THE ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM DANIEL & ARULAMAH MATTHIAS RIP A

SATURDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

09:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM INTS NORA CAIN

FOLLOWED BY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

& CONFESSIONS 10-11AM

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SUNDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) BRIDGET FERNANDES RIP LD

09:30AM TONY WEEDEN RIP A

11:30AM FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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OFFICE OPEN: 9:30am-1:00pm (Mon- Thurs Only)

Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers:

Patrick O'Rourke, Bill Smyth, 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:

Bridget Fernandes, Anastasia O'Connor, Luigia Pirroni, 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:

Mary Nora Kelly, Tom Cox and Dick Hinde.

Children's Liturgy

Well this week there is a new helper called Hut. Can you guess what animal he is? You will need to watch to find out! Bertie is not very keen on sharing his sweets with anyone but Jesus talks to us about sharing and giving

<https://youtu.be/gvxlXuWobQ>

The **LIFE ASCENDING** group meet on **Wednesday 10th November 2021** at 2.30pm in the Library. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years. Please come along on Wednesday.

Sick & Retired Priests This weekend is the annual collection for sick and retired priests in the Diocese of Westminster. There are more than 80 sick and retired priests who receive support after a lifetime of service to their parishes. By giving to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can ensure our priests are cared for. You can take a donation envelope as you leave Church today, but the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online, reducing the risks to everyone of handling cash or touching the envelopes. Please continue to pray for all our clergy: active, retired or ill. Thank you

St Vincent De Paul Society- 7th November 2021

The SVP are resuming face to face meetings this weekend. If you would like to find out more about the work they do please join them after the 9.30 Mass in the Anglim room.

"The SVP are distributing **11,500 Vinnie Packs** containing cold weather essentials to the homeless this winter. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £3.70 per pack? Donations can be sent to **Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ** with cheques made out to SVP or by bank transfer to Nat West **sort code 60-60-04, account no. 4608 8237**. Thank you so much for your support."

Temporary Cleaner Vacancy: We are seeking a temporary cleaner for the Parish hall to cover a period of 6 weeks. The role is for 6-8hrs per week to carry out periodic cleaning with good rates of pay. If you think you may be interested in this position and would like further information, please contact the Parish office 0208 866 6581 or email eastcote@rcdow.org.uk.

Mission Witness: 'Red Box' Thank you Fr Brian Oswald MHM wishes to thank everyone in the parish for our welcome on Sunday 24th October. If you did not get a chance to take a Red box and you wish to do so, or you would like to find out more about Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries, please speak to Liz Tuohy our local Secretary for the Red boxes. For more information please visit mission.org/about-apf.

World Mission Sunday: Thank you very much to everyone that contributed to appeal. The parish raised £194.60. Your prayers and contributions will help missionaries work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need; regardless of their background or belief. Please continue to pray for the work of Missio.

Jumble Room Clearance: It has been decided that for the foreseeable future we will not be holding Jumble Sales at the church.

We will be emptying our jumble store room and will be displaying all items next weekend in the car park (or in Parish hall weather permitting) on **Saturday 13th November** from **11am to 2 pm** and **Sunday 14 November after 9.30am Mass**. We have items including a NEF 5 ring gas burner hob (in original packing, never been opened), a mountain bike, kitchen gadgets, Bric-a -Brac, board games, toys and lots and lots of books!

Please come along, take any items that may pique your interest, we will be leaving out a box for donations, all funds to go to the Parish.

Please note we will not be taking any jumble; his exercise is to clear all items already donated from our store.

Fundraising for St Vincent's Nursing Home - If you would like to contribute to the fundraising for St Vincent's Nursing Home, in memory of Neville Ransley, a valued and loyal Trustee and friend of St Vincent's Nursing Home you can donate to their JustGiving page by clicking here:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/andrew-parkin6?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=andrew-parkin6&utm_campaign=pdf-email&utm_term=495ef06ce6a94088aa1ac25aef1ad115

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to St Vincent's Nursing Home, so it's the most efficient way to give - saving time and cutting costs for the charity

Appeal from the School of Joy in Bethlehem - The School of Joy in Bethlehem produce olivewood items, and used to distribute their produce to pilgrims to The Holy Land, but now, because of Covid 19, Coronavirus, there are no more pilgrims visiting. If anyone is interested in helping them and ordering items from them in order to help their missionary service to children with special needs to keep going you can make an order of Christmas ornaments, Nativity sets, Angels, crosses, and many other items. You can select your items from their web page: www.schoolofjoy.org



Operation Elf...



... is Pact's campaign to support prisoners to give a Christmas gift to their child,

Parishes and schools are invited to **get involved** in the campaign

What do you need to do?

- ★ While doing your Christmas shopping, buy an extra **£10 gift card(s)**
- ★ Send all the £10 gift cards to us at Pact by 30th November 2021

29 Peckham Road
London SE5 8UA
www.prisonadvice.org.uk



Then we'll make sure that:

- ★ A prisoner can give the gift card(s) to their child so they can go on a lovely shopping trip and enjoy buying something they want.

Contact us to let us know you might be interested:

parish.action@prisonadvice.org.uk

