

14th November 2021
+33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Dear Parishioners,

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.”

As we draw close to the end of this liturgical year, we are reminded that Jesus will return in splendour and glory and will make all things new. The world as we know it will be made anew, and Heaven will be joined to this new Earth, and all will be one. Jesus will reign in this new world as the glorious King of all. One thing this tells us is that we should not become overly attached to the things of this passing world. True, earthly wealth and possessions meet our temporary needs in our lives but never permanent satisfaction. In time, the things of this world will all disappear. So, if we work to build up only earthly wealth and possessions, we should know that all those things will eventually pass away, and we would be left with nothing. So what is it that is eternal? The answer is given in the passage above. Jesus says that His “words will not pass away.” Namely, all that is true and revealed by God as true is eternal and worth holding on to. This reveals to us that Jesus’ words are the true riches that we must seek. By embracing His Word, clinging to it, entering into it, believing it and letting it change us, we are embracing the eternal. We are embracing that which we will have for all eternity. This is an important truth to understand and live. All that Jesus has spoken and revealed to us will remain for all time, especially the truth that he has given his life for us so that we can find the gift of salvation and eternal life. During this month of November we pray for our beloved faithful departed that too they will share in this everlasting life. On this Remembrance Sunday we also pray especially in thanksgiving and for eternal rest for all the souls of those who have heroically sacrificed their lives in this world in the name of peace. This week let us place all our trust in the promises of Jesus and pray to build up treasure in Heaven here and now.

God bless you

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.

World Youth Sunday, 21 November 2021 (the Feast of Christ the King)

National Youth Sunday is now World Youth Sunday and it is a unique opportunity to celebrate the role and significance of young people in the Catholic Church in England and Wales along with the global Church. The theme this year is “Stand Up! I appoint you as a witness of what you have seen!” (Acts 26:16). CYMFed has produced resources for schools, parishes, families and individuals available at <https://worldyouthsunday.com> Please join us in prayers on that day.

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****

Good Luck to all our Members!!

MASS INTENTIONS

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SUNDAY 14TH NOVEMBER, REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

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

09:30AM TONY WEEDEN RIP A

11:30AM HOLY SOULS

MONDAY 15TH NOVEMBER

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM THANKSGIVING FOR CHURCHES LIVESTREAMED

MASSES IN LOCKDOWN

TUESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM DUNCAN WEBSTER THANKSGIVING

WEDNESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM HOLY SOULS

THURSDAY 18TH NOVEMBER

10:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN

THE ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY 19TH NOVEMBER

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM INTS JUDY DOKE

SATURDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

09:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM KATE GRIFFITHS RIP LD

FOLLOWED BY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & CONFESSIONS

10-11AM

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

SUNDAY 21ST NOVEMBER

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) INTS PAUL ETUKA

09:30AM HOLY SOULS

11:30AM IVAN ROSE RIP A

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

Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers:

Patrick O'Rourke, Ed Gorman, Bill Smyth, Audrey Farrell, Fr Duncan Adamson, Eileen Ferris, Katie Murchan, Pedro Johns, Richard Stoneman, Paula Wazny, Daisy Cunningham, Bianca Malheiros-Fauz, Kundan Singhoraya, Sarah Dunning, Eamonn Kearney, Ruby Bastiampillai, Peggy McMahan and 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.

For those whose Anniversaries occur around this time:

Tony Weeden and Ann Murphy.

Children's Liturgy

Well this week there is a bit of extra work to do. Last week's link didn't work properly and so you may not have been able to see the video. This is a shame as there was a new helper and as it was his first time, it would be good if we can all watch it to make him feel welcome, so here is last week's video, if you weren't able to see it.

<https://youtu.be/gvxlXuWobQ>

Now this week poor Bertie has a cold so won't be there but Polar and Baa Baa are. See if you can see a special flower picture in the video? Do you know what it is?

<https://youtu.be/Bs7RvjoRiUY>

The LIFE ASCENDING group meet on **Wednesday 24th 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.

Marys Meals 20th/21st November 2021

Next weekend we welcome speakers Mirvette Russo, Jane Inglese and Jonathan Cooke who will share the Marys meals story and the work they do. They will provide information on how you can become a volunteer and there will be a sign-up sheet available after each mass.

Hillingdon Food Bank: The next collection will be **Wednesday 24th November 2021.**

Parish Confirmation Registration 2022:

Fr Martin would like to invite children in Year 9 to apply to join the programme of preparation for Confirmation. Applications and Medical forms are now available on the welcome table of the church. The forms are also available on the Parish website.

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/eastcote/wp-content/uploads/sites/49/2021/11/APPLICATION-FORM-CONFIRMATION-new.pdf>

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/eastcote/wp-content/uploads/sites/49/2021/11/Word-doc.-Medical-Form.docx.pdf>

Please return application and Medical forms to the Parish Office by **15th January 2022**. More information on the format of the programme will follow shortly in the parish newsletter.

Jumble Sale, Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th November 2021:

A reminder that this weekend we will be emptying our jumble store room and will be displaying all items 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; This exercise is to clear all items already donated from our store.

Sick & Retired Priests: Thank you as always for your generosity with last weekend's second collection. The Parish raised an amazing £552.00!!

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.

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

National Youth FUNday, 19 November 2021

In preparation to World Youth Sunday, everyone is invited to join in with National Youth FUNday, a live interactive day of quizzes, prayer, input and activities for schools and families, all live streamed on the CYMFed YouTube channel. Last year over 33,000 young people joined in nationwide. To participate please sign up at <https://worldyouthsunday.com/funday>

Job Opportunities at SPEC Retreat Centre in Pinner

Westminster Youth Ministry is recruiting a Senior Retreat Leader and two Retreat Leaders. These are live-out job roles crucial to restarting retreat programmes at SPEC Retreat Centre while emerging from the period of lock-downs. To be part of these exciting opportunities, and for more information and application form please visit <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk>

SVP Vinnie Packs - New dates

Dear all,

Thanks to everyone who has come along to help prep the stock for our Vinnie Packs for the homeless. We're now at the stage where we can assemble the packs in order to get them out onto the streets as quickly as possible. Please come and help if you can. Friends, family, fellow parishioners and colleagues are welcome too.

For those who are new to the SVP, each Vinnie Pack contains a thermal hat, thermal gloves, two pairs of thermal socks, toothpaste, toothbrush, wet wipes, Pavement magazine, pen and information sheet. The project is organised by SVP members within Westminster Diocese, but we distribute the 11,500 packs we produce throughout the whole of England and Wales.

DATES

- Sat 6th Nov 10.30 to 3.30pm
- Tues 9th Nov 10.30 to 3.30pm
- Thurs 11th Nov 10.30 to 3.30pm
- Sat 13th Nov 10.30 to 3.30pm
- Tues 16th Nov 10.30 to 3.30pm
- Fri 19th Nov 10.30 to 3.30pm
- Sat 20th Nov 10.30 to 3.30pm

VENUE

SEIDs, Empire Way, Wembley HA9 0RJ

Free car parking is available on site. Just let us know your car registration number on the day.

Please note that the packing area is in the basement area, accessed via the car park at the rear of the building.

TO BOOK

Click on the link and book one space per family group or bubble.

[BOOK HERE](#)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/vinnie-packs-for-the-homeless-tickets>

DONATIONS

We really appreciate any donations that can be made to help us continue the project each year. Cheques made out to SVP can be sent to Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ or by bank transfer to Nat West **sort code 60-60-04, account no. 4608 8237**.

If you know of a project that would appreciate packs, please let me know

Thanks so much for your help and support.

Best wishes

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