

St Thomas More Catholic Church

12th December 2021, +3rd Sunday of Advent

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****100 CLUB MEMBERSHIP****

Good Luck to all our Members!!

MASS INTENTIONS

+3rd Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY 12th DECEMBER 2021

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) ALICE CLIFFORD RIP LD

09:30AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

11:30AM LUIGA PIRRONI RIP LD

MONDAY 13th DECEMBER

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM INTS OF FR GRAHAM STOKES

TUESDAY 14th DECEMBER

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM INTS OF MARY KILKERR

WEDNESDAY 15th DECEMBER

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM EDWARD MURCHAN RIP A & JOHN

DONOGHUE RIP A

THURSDAY 16th DECEMBER

10:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN

THE ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY 17th DECEMBER

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM PATRICK O'ROURKE RIP LD

SATURDAY 18th DECEMBER

09:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM INTS OF THE O'ROURKE FAMILY

FOLLOWED BY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT &

CONFESSIONS 10-11AM

+4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

SUNDAY 19th DECEMBER 2021

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) MARTIN O'BRIEN RIP A

09:30AM FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

11:30AM THANKSGIVING ERYL D'SOUZA

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

Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers:

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 McMahon 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: Patrick O'Rourke, John Molloy, Bridget Fernandes, Anastasia O'Connor, Luigia Pirroni, John Plackett, Patrick Donnell.

For those whose Anniversaries occur around this time:

Bernadette Minoli and Charles Gattey.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Bertie and Ginger learn a bit more this week about John who baptised people in the river. Do you have any pictures of when you were baptised?

<https://youtu.be/qFmVStqJxv>

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN EASTCOTE Please come along to a joint Carol Service on **Monday 13th December 2021** at Eastcote Methodist Church, Field End Road, at 8pm. All welcome. If you are unable to join in person and would like to access the service remotely, please contact Parish office eastcote@rcdow.org.uk to receive the link and passcodes.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS A reminder for this weekend the Second Collection will take place for donations of the Church Christmas Flowers. Thank you for your generosity.

The **LIFE ASCENDING** group meet on **Wednesday 22nd December 2021** at 2.30pm in the Library. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years. Please come along on Wednesday.

St Vincent De Paul Society- 12th December 2021 The SVP meeting takes place this weekend. If you would like to find out more about the work they do please join them after the 9.30am Mass in the Anglim room. This will be the last meeting before Christmas and will resume on **9th January 2022**.

Hillingdon Food Bank: Next collection Wednesday 15th December 2021.

12th December 2021



the Pastor's corner

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Dear Parishioners,

'He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire'

Again, this Sunday we are given the witness of St. John the Baptist. In this sermon of John, he says that Jesus will come and baptise "with the Holy Spirit and fire." The image of being baptised "with fire" is a good one to reflect upon. It especially reveals to us the deep purification Jesus desires for our souls. What does it mean to be purified? Purification of our soul hurts but it in a sweet sort of way. Turning from sin and growing closer to God requires great sacrifice and surrender. And it requires that we allow God to do powerful things within us. And the most powerful thing God wants to do is purify us. It's also sweet because, as we are purified, we grow infinitely closer to God and grow in holiness. This lifts the burden of sin and frees us to love. It was to free us from the slavery and condemnation of sin that the Saviour came. John knows that Jesus will achieve this for us as our Redeemer. It will be on the Cross that Jesus will accomplish our purification as our Messiah. However, it is a principle that God never violates our free will and so this purification can only really help us, both now and in eternity, if we choose and desire it. This means, like the people John was preaching to in the desert, we are called to let the Holy Spirit and the fire of God into our hearts and lives to transform and sanctify us. Let us reflect, today, upon the purification to which God is calling us. What is it that we hold on to that God wants to free us from? Let us commit ourselves to the purifying fire of God's love and let that love cleanse us in this Advent season.

God Bless you,
Fr Martin

Deanery Reconciliation Service with confessions at Sacred Heart Church, Ruislip on **Tuesday 21st December** at 7.30pm. Also, a reminder that Fr Martin is available after weekday and Saturday morning masses or at other times by request for confessions.

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.

Advent Carol Service



Sunday 12th December

3pm

The service will take place in the church,
followed by mulled wine /drinks served outside.

Numbers are limited and places need to be
pre-booked.

To book your place, visit the church website

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/eastcote/>

choose EVENTS, find this date in the diary, click on the service
and follow instructions or contact the Parish Office.

If you are unable to attend, watch the service live
<http://clearview.org.uk/st-thomas-more>

Tickets are FREE—donations welcome on the day to help towards costs.

Churches Together in Eastcote

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