

St Thomas More Catholic Church

9TH JANUARY 2022, +The Baptism of the Lord

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****100 CLUB MEMBERSHIP**** Good Luck to all the members!!

MASS INTENTIONS +THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

SUNDAY 9TH JANUARY

6:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) FRANK TUOHY RIP A
09:30AM FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
11:30AM INT MAUDE FAMILY

MONDAY 10TH JANUARY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INT MOIRA O'ROURKE & FAMILY
11:30AM FUNERAL IAN FITZGERALD RIP

TUESDAY 11TH JANUARY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INT KEVIN LOWMAN

WEDNESDAY 12TH JANUARY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM IAN FITZGERALD RIP LD

THURSDAY 13TH JANUARY

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

FRIDAY 14TH JANUARY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM PATRICK O'ROURKE RIP LD

SATURDAY 15TH JANUARY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INT KATHLEEN (KAY) QUINN

FOLLOWED BY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

+2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 16TH JANUARY

6:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) INT JOHN WALLACE
09:30AM INT THE FITZGERALD FAMILY
11:30AM EDWARD & MICHAEL MURCHAN RIP A

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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: Ian Fitzgerald, Kathleen Quinn, Patrick O'Rourke, John Molloy, Bridget Fernandes.

For those whose Anniversaries occur around this time: Mary & Patrick Tobin.

The O'Rourke Family would like to thank everyone for their support, their prayers, messages of condolences and for masses offered. The Holy Sacrifice of Mass will be offered in thanksgiving for your intentions on Saturday 19th February at 6pm.

Children's Liturgy

Welcome back, we hope you had a lovely Christmas. During the break two of the little helpers visited church. Maybe you saw them! They were very excited to see everyone and the crib, the beautiful flowers and the angels. If you missed them here is a picture.



This week Hugo and Bertie are back again and listening very carefully to the gospel. Follow the link below to join them. <https://youtu.be/Ss1L1NhXISg>



9th January 2022
+The Baptism of the Lord

Dear Parishioners,

‘This is my beloved Son; with whom I am well pleased’

The Baptism of Jesus marks the beginning of His public ministry. John, the forerunner, was preparing the way for Jesus by preaching repentance and baptising people in the Jordan as they acknowledged their sins. John also proclaimed that one greater than he would come and “baptise you with the Holy Spirit” (Mark 1:8). With these things in mind, it is not surprising that John resisted when Jesus asked to be baptised by him. Why did Jesus need to be baptised? Why would he submit to John in this way? There are a number of reasons worthy of exploration. First, Jesus certainly was not baptised for forgiveness of sins, since He was sinless. There was no need for Him to repent. Still, in this act, He showed His solidarity with sinful humanity and gave indication of His role as Saviour. Second, as indicated in the second reading, this event expresses Christ’s anointing as the Messiah. It also reveals His identity as the Son of God through the voice coming from Heaven and brings to light the Trinity through the action of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit seen at the baptism. Finally, Jesus’ baptism prefigures the Sacrament of Baptism that He would institute, in which we receive the Holy Spirit and are adopted as children of God, while also being cleansed of our sins. At the start of this New Year it is good to recall the ongoing grace of our baptism which opens to us the treasure of the death and Resurrection of Jesus and restores us to life. May this year be a new opportunity to live the fullness of our baptismal calling trusting in God and sharing his love with all.

God bless you,
Fr Martin

Name an Angel: The Parish is, again this year, holding a little competition for the children to “Name one of our Angels”. The entry with the most appropriate name will receive their very own Guardian Angel from those displayed on the altar over Christmas. Last year two names tied, ‘Angel of Hope’ (Francesca Horton) and ‘Angel of Health’ (Jordan Edwards). There are some slips in the narthex - please place your entry in the basket marked “Angels”. Be sure to add your family telephone number by which we can contact you. The decision will be made on **16th January, 2022** so be quick!

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.

Exciting opportunity to lead and develop a well-established award-winning residential nursing home based in Pinner, Middlesex

St Vincent's
Nursing Home



Magnifici sunt opera Domini

£

Full time
£65-70,000/annum



Based in Pinner,
Middlesex

****Winner of the Nursing Times Award 2021 – The Best UK Employer of the Year in Nursing****

****Highly Commended by the HSJ for Patient Safety****

****Finalist in Nursing Times Awards 2021 for Risk & Governance in Social Care****

St Vincent's provides residential and nursing care for the elderly. Set in beautiful grounds, it provides care in a warm and caring environment for its' residents. Whilst we promote and practice the Catholic faith, we welcome people of all faiths.

We are seeking to appoint a **General Manager** who has experience working in a health and social care setting to provide strong leadership to a team who care passionately about the residents in their care. You will develop the home to meet the vision and strategic direction of the Board of Trustees contributing with creative ideas and initiative to maintain and further enhance the excellent reputation it has cultivated in the community.

You will be a role model in representing Catholic values and represent the home professionally with a wide range of stakeholders and external contacts to build on the already long waiting list.

St. Vincent's has an exceptional passion for care delivery and ensures all residents, some of whom are living with dementia, are treated with the utmost respect and dignity. We are therefore looking for an insightful and proactive candidate who is able to demonstrate empathy, engage team members, and work with families and residents alike.

The post holder will manage a senior team and report to the Chair of the Board of Trustees.

This is an exciting opportunity to take our strategy forward and work with a wonderful team. If you feel you have the right skills and experience to succeed in this role, we very much look forward to hearing from you.

Please email jeremy.ruppersburg@svnh.co.uk for a copy of the full job description and person specification. You will be expected to submit a current CV with a supporting statement outlining how you meet the competencies of the role.

****STRICTLY NO AGENCIES****

Closing date: 5pm Friday 4 February*

Interview date: Tuesday 22 February (second interview date to be confirmed)

*Subject to response

Disclosure and Barring Service Check

This post is subject to the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (Exceptions Order) 1975 and as such it will be necessary for a submission for Disclosure to be made to the Disclosure and Barring Service (formerly known as CRB) to check for any previous criminal convictions.

Data Protection

In submitting a CV, you consent to the processing of your personal data for the purposes of recruiting for this position. A copy of our full Recruitment Privacy Notice will be provided when sending the Job Description.

Collection Counting Team Rota: Copies of the Rota are available in the entrance of the church on the table. Please remember to pick one up if you are a Counting Volunteer. Thank you.

The **LIFE ASCENDING** group meet on **Wednesday 12th January 2022** 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- 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 on **Sunday 9th January 2022**.

HILLINGDON FOOD BANK The next collection will be Wednesday 19th January 2022.

PIGEON HOLE MAIL BOX

The pigeon hole mail box located in the entrance of the church is for the parish to utilise for any internal mail they wish to send to fellow parishioners. Please remember to check if there is any post for you on your way out after mass.

General Manager post - St Vincent's Nursing Home, in Pinner are seeking to appoint a General Manager who has experience working in a health and social care setting to provide strong leadership to a team who care passionately about the residents in their care. Please email jeremy.ruppersburg@svnh.co.uk for a copy of the full job description and person specification. Applicants will be expected to submit a current CV with a supporting statement outlining. Closing date: **5pm Friday 4 February**

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Reception Admissions 2022/2023

If you have a child who was born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 you are invited to apply for a Reception place. We would ask parents/carers to click on the following link to complete and submit an online application form >> [Reception 2022 application form](#).

In this page, you will also find our Reception Admissions Policy and information explaining this process on the website. Please do not forget to submit your local authority's e-admissions application too to complete the process.

The **closing date** for applications is **Friday, 14th January 2022** and **Offer day** is **Friday 15th April 2022**. Online offers will be available to view from 5pm on the eAdmissions website—no letters will be sent to online applicants. Offer letters will be posted to paper applicants on this day.

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Nursery Admissions 2022/2023

If you have a child who was born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 you are invited to apply for a Nursery place. We would ask parents/carers to click on the following link to download the application form >> [Nursery 2022 application form](#). You will also find our Nursery Admissions Policy and information explaining this process on the website.

The **closing date** for applications is **Friday, 4th February 2022** and **Offer day** is **Friday, 11th March 2022**.