St Thomas More Catholic Church

23rd JANUARY 2022, +3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Good Luck to all our members

MASS INTENTIONS
+3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(OF THE WORD OF GOD)

SUNDAY 23RD JANUARY
6:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) INT MADALINE & BERNARD LUCKHURST
09:30AM INT SANDY BYRNE
11:30AM INT LIAM HUTCHINSON

MONDAY 24TH JANUARY
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM YVONNE BYRNE RIP A

TUESDAY 25TH JANAURY
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM KATHERINE (KAY) QUINN RIP LD

WEDNESDAY 26TH JANUARY
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM IAN FITZGERALD RIP LD

THURSDAY 27TH JANUARY
10:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
THE ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY 28TH JANUARY
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM SAVERINO CHEMELLO RIP

SATURDAY 29TH JANUARY
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INT CATH GORMAN
FOLLOWED BY
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

+4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY 30TH JANUARY
6:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) INT JOHN & LINDA GRIMES
09:30AM INT ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEMBERS
11:30AM IAN FITZGERALD RIP LD

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Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers:
Margaret Cunningham, Ed Gorman, Audrey Farrell, Fr Duncan Adamson, Eileen Ferris, Katie Murchan, Pedro Johns, Richard Stoneman, Paula Wazny, Daisy Cunningham, Bianca Malheiros-Fauz, Kundan Singhoraya, Sarah Dunning, 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: Frances Reynolds, Ian Fitzgerald, Kathleen Quinn, Patrick O'Rourke, John Molloy, Bridget Fernandes.

For those whose Anniversaries occur around this time: James Tomlinson, Constantino Mascarenhas, Norah Donnelly, Joseph McConnell and John Philpott.

Children's Liturgy: Well Bertie thinks that his feet are the most important thing he needs when it comes to playing football which is true, but he learns that it requires his whole body, with each part working together, to make his feet work. There is also a new helper today, one of Bertie's friends. Listen carefully for his name.

https://youtu.be/YSN1SCzt_1k

The **LIFE ASCENDING** group meet on **Wednesday 26th 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 this **Sunday 23rd January 2022.**

Food Bank Next collection **23rd February 2022.**

the Pastor's corner

Sunday 23rd January 2022
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Dear Parishioners,

"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

In this Sunday's Gospel reading we hear that Jesus is in his hometown of Nazareth, attending the synagogue on the Sabbath. As Jesus stands in the synagogue, he reads from the scroll handed to him; it contains the words of the prophet Isaiah. At this early moment in his ministry, Jesus announces his mission in continuity with Israel's prophetic tradition. This reading from Isaiah defines Jesus' ministry. Jesus' ministry will include bringing glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, freedom to the oppressed, and proclaiming a year acceptable to the Lord. Through this text from Isaiah, Jesus announces God's salvation. The "year acceptable to the Lord" is a reference to the Jewish tradition of Sabbath years and jubilee. The Sabbath year was observed every seventh year. It was a year of rest when land was left fallow and food stores were to be shared equally with all. A year of Jubilee was celebrated every fiftieth year, the conclusion of seven cycles of Sabbath years. It was a year of renewal in which debts were forgiven and slaves were freed. This tradition of Jubilee is the framework for God's promise of salvation. And yet in Jesus, something new begins. Jesus not only announces God's salvation, he brings this salvation about in his person. Jesus is Yahweh's Anointed One, filled with the Spirit of God. The Kingdom of God is now at hand. It is made present in Jesus, in his life, death, and Resurrection. Jesus will send the Holy Spirit so that the Kingdom of God can be fulfilled. The Holy Spirit is Jesus' gift to the Church. The Holy Spirit enables the Church to continue the mission of Jesus. When we do what Jesus did—bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, and freedom to the oppressed—we serve the Kingdom of God.

God bless you,
Fr Martin

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 15th February 2022 at 8pm**. Fr Martin would like contributions for the Agenda. If you have any items/ideas you would like to be discussed, please contact: Parish Administrator, Liz Duignan *E-mail: eastcote@rcdow.org.uk or Telephone 0208 8666581.*

Finance Committee Meeting will meet in **February 2022,** details to follow soon. If you have any items you wish to be added to the Agenda, please contact the Parish Office *eastcote@rcdow.org.uk* or telephone 0208 866 6581.

First Holy Communion books: A note to parents of children who made the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in recent years. There are a number of work books on display in the narthex that have children's name on. Please check and collect if any of them belong to your children as you leave mass. Thank you.

Confirmation Programme will commence on **Tuesday 8th March 2022 at 8pm.** The class will take place in the Anglim Room of the Parish Centre. There will be more information to follow soon from the Catechists.

White Flower Appeal 2022 The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal next weekend **(29th/30th January 2022).**
SPUC is currently campaigning to protect Pro-life speech. Pro-life witness is being restricted now more than ever; we must be able to speak freely to protect unborn babies.
Please be generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers from this new attack. *Thank you in advance!*