St Thomas More Catholic Church

6TH FEBRUARY 2022, +5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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****100 CLUB MEMBERSHIP****

Congratulations to the winners!! 1st Prize Moira O'Rourke, 2nd Prize Bill Smyth & 3rd Prize Kathleen Nodes.

MASS INTENTIONS
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SUNDAY 6TH FEBRUARY
6:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) INT CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS.
09:30AM INT ANNA HORTON
11:30AM INT COUNTING & BANKING VOLUNTEERS

MONDAY 7TH FEBRUARY
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM JAMES SINHA RIP A

TUESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM FRANCES REYNOLDS RIP LD

WEDNESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM IAN FITZGERALD RIP LD

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

FRIDAY 11TH FEBRUARY
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INT MOIRA O'ROURKE

SATURDAY 12TH FEBRUARY
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM PATRICK O'ROURKE RIP LD
FOLLOWED BY
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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SUNDAY 13TH FEBRUARY
6:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) INT FLOWER ARRANGERS
09:30AM INT ANITA MCHUGH
11:30AM INT LUCY INNES

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: Manuel Castelino, Freddie Mascarenhas, Bridget Goodwin, Michael McMahon, Frank Donnachie and Gerry Brady

Children's Liturgy: This week's link will be sent by E-alert email.

The **LIFE ASCENDING** group meet on **Wednesday 9th February 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 weekend **Sunday 6th February 2022.**

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

White Flower Appeal 2022 Thank you for your generous donations at last weekend. The Parish raised £343.42.



Sunday 6th February 2022
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Dear Parishioners,

"You are the salt of the earth."

In this week's Gospel Jesus uses a very ordinary image from daily life to catch our attention. So let's start with the purpose of salt. It's an essential and simple seasoning that adds flavour to food. We are called to be the "salt of the earth." And just like salt, we are not made only for ourselves. Instead, it is our Christian duty to enter into our world and add to it, helping to transform it into a world of grace and mercy, full of the "flavour" of God's Kingdom. This is done, especially, by investing in our relationship with God and with one another. The love of God that we bring into our world, and into the lives of those whom we encounter, can be seen analogously as salt entering into food and enhancing it. How might we lose our taste and our 'saltiness'? We do this when we live in this world, encountering various people, but fail to truly enhance their lives or our own. When our presence in the lives of others has little or no effect upon them for the good, then our actions are like tasteless salt that is only good to be thrown away and "trampled underfoot." This reveals to us that we have a responsibility to desire to be the person that God created us to be and to ask for his help to see the tremendous promise and possibilities in this. This weekend we are asked to support the work of the Spiritan Fathers who work in missionary areas throughout the world bringing this message to others. Let us generously support their work and commit ourselves to being the 'salt of the earth' so that this world of ours will be a better place, filled with the flavour of 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 be held on **Tuesday 22nd 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.

Churches Together in Eastcote plan to offer in-person and Zoom Lent discussion groups again this year, on the subject of "Experiencing God's Love". To find out more about this, to let us know what your preferences are and when you would be available to attend a group, please follow this link to fill in a form online. If you prefer you can fill in your preferences on a sign-up list which is available in church. Please let us know your preferences and interest **by 13th February** so that we can ensure we are taking your views into account in our planning. Many thanks, Jane Inglese.
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The Spiritans Annual Mission Appeal: There will be a second collection this weekend. The Cardinal Vincent Nichols has invited The Spirtans to make their annual Mission appeal. The appeal is to inform parishioners of the Churches wider mission and give our priests an opportunity to share their life experiences and offer their ministry. Thank you for your support.