

# St Thomas More Catholic Church

3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2022, +5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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**\*\*100 Club Membership\*\*** Good Luck to all the members!! Winners will be announced next week.

## MASS INTENTIONS +5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

### SUNDAY 3RD APRIL 2022

6:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) KATHY O'BRIEN, TED & PHYLLIS  
MCGOLDRICK RIP A  
09:30AM GERRY BRADY RIP A  
11:30AM FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

### MONDAY 4TH APRIL 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN  
09:30AM INT JUDY DOKE

### TUESDAY 5TH APRIL 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN  
09:30AM INT THE GREEN FAMILY  
07:00PM LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

### WEDNESDAY 6TH APRIL 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN  
09:30AM INT PEACE IN UKRAINE IN THESE DAYS

### THURSDAY 7TH APRIL 2022

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

### FRIDAY 8TH APRIL 2022

09:00 CHURCH OPEN  
09:30AM INT HILDA MINOLI  
FOLLOWED BY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

### SATURDAY 9TH APRIL 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN  
09:30AM KATHLEEN DUNLEAVY RIP A  
FOLLOWED BY  
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, BENEDICTION &  
CONFESSIONS AFTER MASS

### + PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

### SUNDAY 10TH APRIL 2022

6:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) ANTHONY RYAN RIP A  
09:30AM INT JANE & ANTHONY INGLESE  
11:30AM FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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## Please remember our sick parishioners in your

prayers: Ed Gorman, Fr Duncan Adamson, Eileen Ferris, Katie Murchan, Pedro Johns, Paula Wazny, Daisy Cunningham, Bianca Malheiros-Fauz, Kundan Singhoraya, Sarah Dunning, Peggy McMahon and Dolores Walsh; for Kitty Goldie and those in our local nursing homes especially Sarah Joyce. 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: Simone Guibaud, Kathleen Morris, Margaret Cunningham, Henry (Jim) Powley, Ruby Bastiampillai, Timothy Asservathan, Frances Reynolds, Ian Fitzgerald, Kathleen Quinn, Patrick O'Rourke & John Molloy.

For those whose Anniversaries occur around this time: Stephen Wilby, Patrick Dixon & Mollie Durkin

Children's Liturgy: Hugo and Hut are helping Jane and Anthony this week. They are thinking about the times they might upset people and what they can do to change.

They learn that we all need to ask for God's forgiveness and try not to judge others when they do things wrong too.

[https://youtu.be/Hx\\_wZLvKzT8](https://youtu.be/Hx_wZLvKzT8)

The LIFE ASCENDING group meet on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022** at 2.30pm in the Library. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years. Please do come along.

St Vincent De Paul Society- Please join them after the 9.30am Mass in the Anglim room on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2022**.

Hillingdon Food Bank. Thank you once again for all your generous donations. Next Collection Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022. They are particularly low on Toilet Rolls, Tinned Fruits and toiletries.



**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022**  
**+5TH SUNDAY OF LENT**

Dear Parishioners,

“Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone...”

The Gospel passage this Sunday gives us the account of the woman caught in adultery who is dragged before Jesus to see if He would support her being stoned. The response of Jesus is perfect and, in the end, she is left alone to encounter his tender mercy. There is a line in this passage that is easily overlooked, which states '...they walked away, beginning with the elders.' Though the young may find it difficult to see, those who have lived for longer may have a broader vision of life. This may enable the older generation to be more prudent in their decisions and judgments, especially when it comes to the more intense situations in life. In this Gospel account, as the woman is brought before Jesus, emotions are high and these clouds the rational thinking of those who are ready to stone her. Jesus cuts through this irrationality by a profound statement: “Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” The elders then begin to walk away. This is age and wisdom, and possibly humility, at work. They were perhaps less controlled by the emotion of the situation and were more aware of the wisdom of the words spoken by our Lord. As a result, the others followed. Let us, reflect, today, upon the wisdom that comes with age. If we are older, we can reflect upon our responsibility to help guide the younger generation with clarity, firmness and love. If we are younger, we can learn to rely upon the wisdom of the older generation. Jesus is able to extend such a wise and merciful opportunity for the unfortunate woman as a foretaste of the infinite and divine mercy that he will unleash by his sacrifice on the Cross. Whether we are young or old, this will always be the greatest gift we can receive from God. At a time when our world urgently needs humble and inspired wisdom to ensure the integrity of peace and an end to conflict, may the message of the Gospel help to change the hearts of all people.

God bless, you  
*Fr Martin*

**Lenten Penance Service** - **Tuesday 5th April at 7pm**. There will be an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confession in the parish on Tuesday 5th April at 7pm here in the church. There will be four priests available to hear confessions and an opportunity to reflect together on God's divine mercy and the gift of new life through repentance and forgiveness. This will be a very fitting way to prepare for the great feast of Easter by following the teaching of the Church that we should confess our sins to a priest at least once each year. There will also be a Deanery Penance Service at Sacred Heart, Ruislip on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30pm. (please note this is a change in time from last week)**

**Good Friday 15th April 2022**. There will be a Stations of the Cross Service for children at 10am. This will be different from our usual service but will involve the children as much as possible and will make the way of the Cross understandable to them. We invite families to “adopt” a Station. If you do this, your children will be enabled to take an active part in the service with your support. Please sign the paper form in the porch by 10th April (Palm Sunday) and I will contact you during Holy week to give you more details. If you have any questions please email [jinglese@btinternet.com](mailto:jinglese@btinternet.com) Thank you, Jane Inglese.

**Holy Places collection** will take place on Good Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

**Blessing of Easter Baskets** at 11am on **Holy Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April** there will be a blessing of Easter Baskets. Fr Martin will be giving the Polish blessing for the baskets prepared for Easter Sunday. All are welcome.

**Reminder of Synod meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> April.** This weekend we will have an opportunity to meet together after each of the Masses: Saturday 6pm & Sunday 9.30 & 11am. As a parish we can then reflect on the 10 questions the Bishops have proposed. This is an opportunity to share our voices and ideas concerning the development of our own parish of St Thomas More and on the wider issues of the Church in contemporary society. All are welcome A copy of the 10 questions we will be considering together can be found below.

## **PARISH SYNOD PREPARATION**

*COMMUNION - PARTICIPATION – MISSION*

### **Q1: LIFE IN OUR PARISH**

- 1) What do we value about what is already here?
- 2) How could we improve what we do here?
- 3) What would we like to see that we can't see at the moment?

### **Q2: THE CHURCH IN THE WIDER WORLD**

- 1) What do we value about what the Church offers to the wider world?
- 2) How could the Church improve what it offers?
- 3) What would we like to see that we can't see at the moment?

**Pray to St Joseph of Cupertino** It is a prayer offered to be said before examinations as (supposedly) prayed by St Joseph before his examinations for the priesthood. He was a poorly educated youth from Naples who was born in a stable and who sought to join the Franciscans but was frequently rejected because of his lack of learning. With the approach of educational examinations for many of our young students in the parish, they may like to consider this a following daily prayer.....

### **Prayer to St. Joseph of Cupertino**

Oh Holy St. Joseph of Cupertino who by praying at your examinations were asked only the questions you knew. Pray that I, too, may be granted a similar wish and in return, dear St. Joseph, I promise to help make your name known and loved.

Amen

(Light a candle to St. Joseph as a thank you)

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**First Holy Communion Clothes/Outfits Appeal:** With the upcoming First Holy Communion's for the children in the parish we would like to request donations of any unwanted First Holy Communion dresses/Suits/occasion wear. If you can help, please bring your donations to the Parish Office.

**Easter Flower Donations:** Your help in the purchase of flowers to make our sanctuary look even more beautiful as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, is greatly appreciated. Donations can be put in an envelope and marking it for "Easter Flowers" and placed in the collection basket. Alternatively, you can donate through the Dona Contactless Device in the entrance of the Church. Please select 'Easter Flowers Offering' on the device when making your donation.

**Irish Song Evening:** Thank you to everyone who came along last Saturday evening and making it such a wonderful and successful event. Thank you to all those helpers for setting up and clearing away. All the funds raised are going to support the people of Ukraine. Thank you very much for all your generous donations. The Parish raised an amazing £551. Please continue to pray for peace in Ukraine.

**Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony Westminster Cathedral,** Saturday 14th May 2022 at 3pm. The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2022. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email). Details of attendees to [family@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:family@rcdow.org.uk).

**Catholic Women Praying Together:** The annual Mass will be on **Thursday April 28th** at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, **Farm Street London W1K 3AH** with Bishop John Sherrington, and the choir of the John Fisher School, Purley. Spread the word - and come and pray for the re-evangelising of our country! All welcome - no need to book, just turn up! Nearest tube: Green Park.

**Emergency Appeal for Ukraine** The Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral and community organisations have united to work with accredited and registered Ukrainian charities to provide medicines, food and critical services to support the most vulnerable to overcome the consequences and trauma of war. Donations can be made by cheque (payable to AUGB LTD - Central Appeal Fund and sent to Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London, Chancery Office, 21-22 Binney Street, London W1K 5BQ), directly to the central appeal fund (AUGB Ltd, Account Number: 80038237, Sort code: 20-65-89, with reference HelpUkraine) or online: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/helpukraine>.

Alternately, donations can also be made to Cafod, who are a member of the Disasters Emergency Committee at <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Ukraine-crisis>