St Thomas More Catholic Church

20th MARCH 2022, +3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

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

MASS INTENTIONS
+3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY 20TH MARCH
6:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) INT TOMMY DOLAN
09:30AM ANTHONY CAROLAN RIP LD
11:30AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

MONDAY 21ST MARCH
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INT CLARE BOND

TUESDAY 22ND MARCH
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM MIKE SAUNDERS RIP LD

WEDNESDAY 23RD MARCH
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INT CHRISTINA ETUKA

THURSDAY 24TH MARCH
10:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
THE ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY 25TH MARCH
09:00 CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INT HOLY FACE OF JESUS
FOLLOWED BY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SATURDAY 26TH MARCH
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM SIMONE GUIBAUD RIP LD
FOLLOWED BY
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, BENEDICTION & CONFESSIONS AFTER MASS

+4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY 27TH MARCH
6:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) CHRISSIE KEANE RIP A
09:30AM MARY SHEILA FITZGERALD RIP LD
11:30AM FOR THE 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, Richard Stoneman, 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:
Irene Keane 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:
Reg Davies, Grace Carey, Ann Garner and Stanley Fry.

Children's Liturgy: Lovely to see Old Ted again and find out which fruit trees he has in his garden. Have you got any in your garden or in a garden near you? There is also a guest appearance from Bertie at the end with a bit of a discussion as to whether something he ate is chocolate or biscuit. Oh dear, looks like it might be a biscuit which he has given up for lent. Poor Bertie he has been trying so hard.
https://youtu.be/CCgzwDBIVX8

The **LIFE ASCENDING** group meet on **Wednesday 23rd March 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 20th March 2022.**

Hillingdon Food bank: Next Collection **29th March 2022**

the Pastor's corner

Sunday 20TH MARCH 2022
+3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

Dear Parishioners,

'Leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it...'

In this week's Gospel for the third Sunday of Lent, current events that included the violent deaths suffered by certain Galileans at the hands of Pilate and victims of the falling of the tower of Siloam were used as a teaching moment for Jesus. His point was that we never know when death may come knocking on our door, so we must be prepared! How do we best prepare? By a desire to open our souls more deeply to the gift of God's love for us and turning away from all that keeps us from loving him and our neighbour. The Scriptures tell us that 'all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God' (Rom 3:23), and 'the wages of sin is death' (Rom 6:23). However, if we turn from our sins and repent: 'the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.' (Rom 6:23) God offers us forgiveness of our sins through Jesus who takes all the faults of humanity onto himself on the Cross and then offers redemption for us all through his Resurrection. In the parable of the fig tree this week, Jesus is like the good gardener who asks for more time for the unfruitful tree. As our Messiah he intercedes on our behalf with his Father that he might be patient and generous by giving us more time. If we repent, which means a lifelong commitment to allow our hearts to be transformed by love, we can then bear good fruit in our lives. Lent is the perfect time to take the opportunity to turn to God in repentance. When we see the effects that sin and division cause in our own lives and in the wider world, such as in the tragic consequences of war and violence, we can be moved to cry out to God that his saving love and mercy can come and heal us and heal our world.

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 Tuesday 12th April.

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
Thank you, Jane Inglese.

Evening of Irish Song **Saturday March 26th** in the Main Parish Hall, an evening of Irish song to celebrate a late St. Patrick's Day. Doors open at 7.00 and singing starts at 7.30. No charge on the evening but donations to the Ukraine Appeal. Bring your own food, drink, crockery and utensils for you and your party to eat in the interval. There will be a sign-up list in the Church narthex so we know how many people are coming.

We would like to appeal for volunteers to help with setting up or clearing away, if you are happy to help please mark 'volunteer' next to your name on the sign -up sheet.