

St Thomas More Catholic Church

01ST MAY 2022, +3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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****100 CLUB DRAW **** Good Luck to all our members!!

MASS INTENTIONS + THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 1ST MAY 2022

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) KAY LEATHERS RIP LD

09:30AM INT JANE & ANTHONY INGLESE

11:30AM FRANK CLARKE RIP LD

MONDAY 2ND MAY 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM DAVID JONES RIP A

TUESDAY 3RD MAY 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM INT FR TOM FORDE

WEDNESDAY 4TH MAY 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM INTS THE COX & THE GREEN FAMILY

THURSDAY 5TH MAY 2022

10:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

THE ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY 6TH MAY 2022

09:00 CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM INT MRS TRINIDAD

SATURDAY 7TH MAY 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM PATRICK O'ROURKE RIP LD

FOLLOWED BY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & CONFESSIONS

+FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 8TH MAY 2022

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) MICHAEL HORAN RIP LD

09:30AM IN THANKSGIVING THE CASTREE FAMILY

11:30AM JOZEF RIP A, MARIAN RIP A, MARIA RIP A

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OFFICE OPEN: 9:30am-1:00pm (Mon- Thurs Only)

Please remember our sick parishioners in your

prayers: Moria Bennett, 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: Paul Aloysius Gough, Mrs Jo Barton, Charles Cizek, Francis Burns and Martin Baxter.

The **LIFE ASCENDING** group meet on **Wednesday 4th May 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 8th May 2022.**

Hillingdon Food Bank: Please could we request any of the following items which the food bank is particularly in need of: Jams/Peanut Butter/Honey Tinned fruit/vegetables Tinned Spaghetti Cleaning/Laundry Supplies. Next collection **Tuesday 24th May 2022.**



Sunday 24th April 2022
+ 3rd Sunday of Easter

Dear Parishioners,

In this Sunday's Gospel we hear about one of the post-resurrection encounters with Jesus, where we find many of the Apostles doing what they had done before they started following him. They went back to their trade as fishermen on the Sea of Galilee. The encounter here calls to mind the initial calling of Peter and his fishing partners James and John. At that time, after a night of catching no fish, Jesus had instructed Peter to go out again and drop his nets where he directed him. As a result, they caught more fish than they could handle. Here, also, Jesus tells the Disciples to cast their nets in a certain place and the result is a catch beyond all they could manage. With that, the disciples recognise Jesus. Peter's excitement could not be contained and so he jumps out of the boat and swims to the shore. We are told there is a charcoal fire burning on the sea shore, which is important. It was at a 'charcoal fire' that Peter had denied the Lord three times at the trial of Jesus, mere days before this encounter. Jesus asks Peter three times "Do you love me?" The Apostle Peter would go on to put his love for the Lord into action as the leader of the Church, suffering for the sake of Christ and even giving up his life to be crucified. God shows his constant love for us through Jesus, especially in his death and Resurrection. To follow Jesus in this life is not so much to be a matter of duty but a return of love. Love helps us to see beyond the challenges, mistakes and failures of life into God's bigger and more beautiful plan. Let us pray to be able to follow wherever God asks us to show our love for him and for each other.

God bless you,
Fr Martin

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). eastcote@rcdow.org.uk

Deanery Lunch-Volunteer Helpers: The Hillingdon Deanery meeting will be held at St Thomas More Parish Hall on **Tuesday 10th May** and Fr Martin is looking for 2-3 volunteers that would be available to help with setting up tables, serving lunch and clearing away. If you are interested please can you contact colettedoke@gmail.com or Parish Office eastcote@rcdow.org.uk Telephone 0208 866 6581.

Priest Training Fund: Next Sunday is **Good Shepherd Sunday**, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 58 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 17 of whom are from our own Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also from our Diocese. Last year four men who studied at Allen Hall were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

Children's Liturgy

Hugo and Bertie are very interested in the story today as it mentions fish and Bertie is dreaming of his Fish and Chips...

https://youtu.be/QXtKa5sg_BY

Volunteers required Sunday Coffee Morning: If you would like to help with serving tea/coffee after 09:30am Mass on Sunday mornings on a rota basis, please contact Anna Ellul on 07715 202289 or email annaellul@live.co.uk.

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.

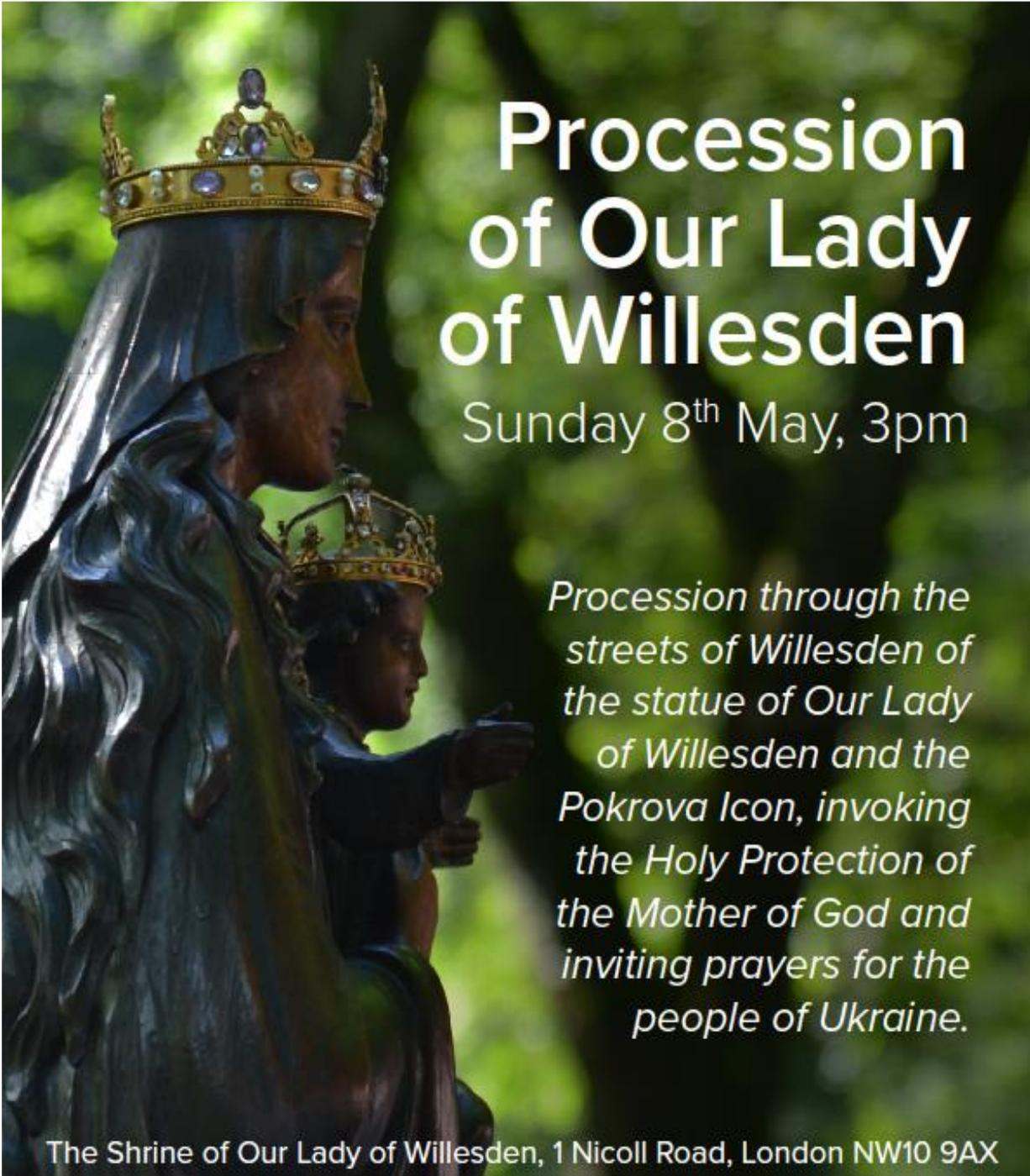
100 club Membership/ renewal. The 100 club is open to Parishioners and Friends of St Thomas More Church. Next weekend we will have the opportunity for you to renew your 100 Club Draw Membership or if you would like to become a new member. Envelopes will be available next week. The cost to join is £60 for the year. There are currently three prizes per month to be won £25, £50 & £100. The first Draw of the new year will take place at the end of July.

May Procession at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, Nicoll Road, NW109AX. Sunday 8th May at 3pm. Preacher, Most Rev Kenneth Nowakowski; Eparch of the Holy Family of London (Ukrainian Catholic Church), who will be accompanied by the Icon of the Mother of Protection- Pokrova. Come and join the praying of the Rosary for asking the prayers of the Black Madonna of Willesden for the protection of London, and for Peace and Restoration in Ukraine. Bakerloo Line & Tube, Willesden Junction Station (Old Oak Lane exit), Buses 18, 187, 206, 226, 228, 260, 487. Please see Poster included in this newsletter.

St Richard Reynolds College: A message from the College and current teacher vacancies. Please visit <https://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk/our-college/vacancies>. The current vacancies are:

- Primary School Teacher
- Subject Leader of Design Technology
- Teacher of Religious Education

St Michaels Catholic Grammar School - Applications to sit the entrance tests for Year 7 Entry in September 2023. These are now being accepted for girls currently in year 5 to sit the entrance tests for year 7 entry to St Michael's in September 2023. Applications can be made through the online system available on our website <https://www.st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk/admissions/admissions-2023-24/>



Procession of Our Lady of Willesden

Sunday 8th May, 3pm

Procession through the streets of Willesden of the statue of Our Lady of Willesden and the Pokrova Icon, invoking the Holy Protection of the Mother of God and inviting prayers for the people of Ukraine.

The Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, 1 Nicoll Road, London NW10 9AX



Preacher

Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski

*Apostolic Eparch of the Ukrainian Catholic
Eparchy of the Holy Family of London*

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206, 220, 226, 228, 260, 266 & 487