

St Thomas More Catholic Church
10TH APRIL 2022, +PALM SUNDAY

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Good luck to all our Members, the winners will be announced this weekend!

MASS INTENTIONS
+ 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 INGELSE
11:30AM FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

MONDAY 11TH APRIL 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INT JOHN HINDE RIP

TUESDAY 12TH APRIL 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INT PATRICK O'ROURKE RIP LD

WEDNESDAY 13TH APRIL 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM SERVERINO CHEMELLO RIP

MAUNDY THURSDAY 14TH APRIL 2022

08:00PM EVENING MASS OF THE LORD SUPPER

GOOD FRIDAY 15TH APRIL 2022

09:00AM CHURCH OPEN FOR MORNING PRAYERS
10:00AM STATIONS OF THE CROSS SERVICE FOR CHILDREN.
03:00PM THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

HOLY SATURDAY 16TH APRIL 2022

09:00 AM CHURCH OPEN FOR MORNING PRAYERS
11:00AM BLESSING OF THE BASKETTS

Please Note there will be no Morning Mass or Confessions

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MASS INTENTIONS
+ EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

EASTER SUNDAY 17TH APRIL 2022

08:00PM SATURDAY (EASTER VIGIL) KITTY & JIMMY TOBIN RIP A
09:30AM INT FR MARTIN PLUNKETT
11:30AM GRACE CAREY RIP A

MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER 18TH APRIL

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INT KATHLEEN & MICHAEL DUNLEAVY RIP A

TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER 19TH APRIL

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INT RUBY BASTIAMPILLAI RIP LD

WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER 20TH APRIL

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM REMMA DEMIR RIP

THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER 21ST APRIL

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

FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER 22ND APRIL

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM TIMOTHY ASSERVATHAN RIP LD

SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER 23RD APRIL

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM PATRICK NG RIP A

FOLLOWED BY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & CONFESSIONS

AFTER MASS

+ SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 24TH APRIL 2022

08:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) ANTHONY KELLY RIP A
09:30AM INT CATHLEEN WORRELL
11:30AM FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH



Sunday 10TH April 2022
+PALM SUNDAY

Dear Parishioners,

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.”

As Holy Week begins, we start by listening to the story of Jesus being welcomed into Jerusalem with great joy and exultation! “Hosanna!” they cried out, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.” People were excited to see Jesus but this excitement quickly turns to shock and horror as the week progresses. Today's Gospel reading of the Passion culminates with Jesus hanging on the Cross crying out “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?” “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” And with that, “Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.” At that moment the entire congregation kneels in silence as we ponder the reality of Christ's death. How things can change in one short week. What happened to all the people who were shouting and praising Him as He entered into Jerusalem? How could they allow Him to enter into this Crucifixion and death? At any time during that first Holy Week, Jesus could have exercised His divine power and refused to embrace His Cross. But He didn't. Instead, He willingly walked through this week anticipating and embracing the suffering and rejection He received. Why would He do such a thing? Why would He choose suffering and death? Because in the Father's perfect wisdom, this suffering and death was for a greater purpose. God chose to confound the wisdom of the world by using His own suffering and Crucifixion as the perfect means of our holiness. In this act, He transformed the greatest evil into the greatest good. Now, as a result of our faith in this act, the crucifix hangs centrally in our churches and in our homes as a constant reminder that not even the greatest of evils can overcome the power, wisdom and love of God. God is more powerful than death itself and God has the final victory even when all seems lost. Let this week give us divine hope. So often we can be tempted toward discouragement and, even worse, we can be tempted toward despair. However, nothing can ultimately steal away our joy unless we let it. No hardship, no burden and no cross can conquer us if we remain steadfast in Christ Jesus, letting God transform all we endure in life into his own glorious plan, through the death and resurrection of his Son.

God bless, you
Fr Martin

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.

Holy Places collection 15th April 2022: During Good Friday services, the Church across the world takes up a collection for the care of the “Holy Places”, namely the sites in the Holy Land where Our Lord lived, died and rose again. The collection also supports the presence of the Christian communities of the Holy Land. Thank you for your support.

Blessing of Easter Baskets at 11am on **Holy Saturday 16th 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.

Accommodation Required: A Christian religious, single woman looking for a room for rent in the area (or vicinity) References available. Name and contact in the parish. Please contact the Parish Office eastcote@rcdow.org.uk or telephone 0208 866 65 81.

The Passage, a Catholic charity working with homeless people is raising funds through the Big Give a matched giving scheme. Every £1 donated online by 12.00 noon on Tuesday 19 April makes £2 and £2.25 if you are a taxpayer through Gift Aid. Please visit: <https://bit.ly/BigGiveMarch22> to support the campaign. The campaign 'It takes more than a house to make a home' focuses on the services we provide to people who have been homeless in their journey to being happily settled in a new home. The Passage would be very grateful for your support. For questions about the campaign or assistance making the donation please ring 020 7592 1856.

As Catholics we believe in the Dignity of Work. The job market can be a minefield, particularly for those for whom English is not their first language, or who might not be aware of the options available to them. The Upper Room and Caritas Westminster invite you to join their free online '**Stepping Stones**' programme to learn how to accompany people into dignified employment. Receive full training and support to become a **Dignified Work Champion** in your parish or outreach project. This programme has been funded by the St John Southworth Fund. More information, video and registration www.tinyurl.com/workchampions The programme will start after Easter, the **deadline for applications is 15th April 2022.**

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The Society of Friends of Westminster Cathedral is seeking to recruit a part time Organising Secretary to help administer the charity, assist in recruiting new members and in organising events. The appointment based in Westminster Cathedral Clergy House is for 20 hours per week at a salary in the region of £14,500 per annum. The appointment is for 12 months. Closing date 27 March 2022. For further details please visit <https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/the-friends-seek-an-organising-secretary/>.

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.

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: Elsie Faille and Joseph Hopley.

A message from The Fitzgerald Family: Pauline and Family of the late Ian Fitzgerald would like to thank the people of the parish for their kindness and sympathy shown to them following his sudden death. The Holy Sacrifice of Mass will be offered for all at 09:30am on Sunday 22nd May 2022.

Children's Liturgy We are entering into Holy Week and Old Bear and Baa Baa learn about Palm Sunday and why we call it that. They are excited as this is a special day and everyone in the story shouts 'Hosanna' and waves palm branches. Bertie of course can't resist joining at the end and has his own branches to wave. Maybe you would like to have your own branches to wave to join with him?
<https://youtu.be/ey1VFI-8McA>

The **LIFE ASCENDING** group meet on **Wednesday 20th 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 24th April 2022.**

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.

Befriender Required to help an elderly Parishioner. Paid service to work on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, 10am- 3pm, competitive rates. If you would be interested please contact Geraldine McMahon on 07981269023.

Parish Office Closed: Please note the Parish office will be closed from Monday 11th April and re-open on Tuesday 19th April 2022. Wishing everyone at St Thomas More Parish a very happy and blessed Easter.