

**St Thomas More Catholic Church**  
**24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022, +Of Divine Mercy**

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**MASS INTENTIONS  
+ OF DIVINE MERCY**

**SUNDAY 24TH APRIL 2022**

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) ANTHONY KELLY RIP A  
09:30AM INT CATHLEEN WORRELL  
11:30AM FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
3:00PM DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR WITH EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**MONDAY 25TH APRIL 2022**

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN  
09:30AM JOHN FRAHER RIP LD & MICHAEL SCOTT RIP A

**TUESDAY 26TH APRIL 2022**

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN  
09:30AM INT BERNIE & GEORGE CURTIS

**WEDNESDAY 27TH APRIL 2022**

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN  
09:30AM IRENE HARVEY RIP LD

**THURSDAY 28TH APRIL 2022**

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

**FRIDAY 29TH APRIL 2022**

09:00 CHURCH OPEN  
09:30AM INT DOLORES WALSH

**SATURDAY 30TH APRIL 2022**

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN  
09:30AM TOMMIE LOFTUS RIP A

FOLLOWED BY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & CONFESSIONS AFTER MASS

**+ 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

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

**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 McMahan 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:** Martin Moran, Lena Moore, Anthony Kelly & Kitty Tobin.

**Children's Liturgy** Leaf and Hut are there today and Bertie appears at the end, full of excitement showing everyone his Easter egg. There is an important message that Jesus gives the apostles, after his resurrection, as he knows he will be leaving them soon and they are a bit scared.

<https://youtu.be/12oAOMxPvN8>

The **LIFE ASCENDING** group meet on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 this **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022.**

**Hillingdon Food Bank:** Next Collection 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022



**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022**  
**+ Of Divine Mercy**

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday concludes our Easter Octave and is also called Divine Mercy Sunday. In the Gospel we hear of the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus which are packed with meaning, including parallels with the Holy Mass. Both appearances of Jesus occurred on the 'first day of the week' which is Sunday, the Lord's Day, the day we still gather today. Also, Jesus is present with his followers, speaking to them His Word (as in the Liturgy of the Word), offering them peace (as in the Sign of Peace), and showing them His crucified and risen body (as in the Liturgy of the Eucharist). The Apostles' response is worship, as is ours in the Holy Mass. The apostle Thomas needed to see the risen Lord in order to believe. But Jesus said, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." As Christian people, we "walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Cor. 5:7). The Risen Lord is fully present with us in the Mass through the Eucharist, but it takes the eyes of faith to be able to see Him there. Furthermore, this passage includes the institution of the Sacrament of Confession. Jesus said to the Apostles, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." In doing so, Jesus gave the Apostles the authority to forgive and retain sins in His name, now passed on through the priesthood. Both through the Holy Mass and the gift of absolution in Confession, we encounter the Divine Mercy of God, poured out through the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus, in the embrace of the Holy Spirit. Today let us give thanks for the gift of heaven's Divine Mercy and pray that we may be missionaries of merciful love in today's world.

*God bless, you*  
*Fr Martin*

**Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour** - This Sunday we will have a Holy Hour in the Church at 3pm. This concludes our Easter Octave and it also confirms the immense gift of God's mercy at the heart of the Easter message. The holy hour is inspired by the private revelations to St Faustina Kowalska in which Jesus said to her in a vision: *"On that day (the 8th day of Easter each year) the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity."*

**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).

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**Sunday Morning Tea/Coffee:** The Tea & coffee morning will resume **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April** after the 09:30am Mass. Why not join us after mass in the Parish centre to catch up with old friends or make new friends! All ages welcome.

**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](mailto:annaellul@live.co.uk).

**First Holy Communion Classes:** Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April we welcome back the First Holy Communion Candidates. Class will recommence after the 09:30am Mass in the Anglim Room.

**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:** Thank you to everyone that donated to the Easter Flowers Appeal. As you will see the Flower Arrangers created such a wonderful display in the Church thanks to your donations. A special thanks to the Flower Arranger for your all creativity, valuable time, dedication and hard work.

**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.

**Permanent Diaconate - 'Come and See'** The Permanent Deacon is a man who serves the Church through ministry of Word, Altar and Charity, under the direction of the Bishop and Priest. For men who may be interested in learning more about the Permanent Diaconate, they are invited to a **'Come & See' Morning on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 10am - 12noon** at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, Westminster SW1P 1QN. For further information see <https://rcdow.org.uk/vocations/permanent-diaconate/>

**Catholic Listeners** A new confidential listening helpline will launch this month. **Catholic Listeners, Diocese of Westminster**, has been set up for those who are returning to the faith. The helpline is all about listening to others, listening to those who might have become isolated due to the pandemic. This service is based on the Landings ethos of compassionate listening. Although we are not a counselling service, we have a professional team trained on signposting to other services and agencies.

Sometimes just communicating with someone who listens and understands can help clarify a way forward. Simply talking about a problem can ease a burden. We aim to help those in need of a safe space to talk. For further information please contact Ade at [Catholiclisteners@gmail.com](mailto:Catholiclisteners@gmail.com). We are here to listen 0800 448 0704.

**May Procession at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, Nicoll Road, NW109AX. Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.