

St Thomas More Catholic Church

8th MAY 2022, +4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

MASS INTENTIONS

+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

MONDAY 9TH MAY 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM ETHEL MASSEY RIP A

TUESDAY 10TH MAY 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM STEPHEN HIGGINS RIP A

WEDNESDAY 11TH MAY 2022

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

THURSDAY 12TH MAY 2022

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

FRIDAY 13TH MAY 2022

09:00 CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INT PAULINE FITZGERALD

SATURDAY 14TH MAY 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM VINCENT O'SHEA RIP
12:00PM FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

FOLLOWED BY
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT &
CONFESSIONS AFTER MASS

+FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 15TH MAY 2022

06:00PM SATURDAY(VIGIL) CLARA & JOHN JEFFRIES RIP A
09:30AM IRENE KEANE RIP LD
11:30AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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

Please remember our sick parishioners in your

prayers: Pauline Fitzgerald, Clive Thomas, 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: Ranjan Matthias, 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: Ronald Johnson and Alan Kimber.

Children's Liturgy This weekend we learn about Jesus and how he is a good shepherd to all of his flock.... Of course the sheep helpers think the gospel story is just for them and Bertie is also trying to cash in on it at the end, but Jesus is our shepherd and helps to guide us and keep us safe. <https://youtu.be/wYX2m4kRx-Y>

The **LIFE ASCENDING** group meet on **Wednesday 18th 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 8th May 2022.**

Hillingdon Food Bank: Next collection **Tuesday 24th May 2022.**



Sunday 8th May 2022
+ 4th Sunday of Easter

Dear Parishioners,

This week is Good Shepherd Sunday Jesus is our Good Shepherd. All Christians are His sheep. This illustrates something essential for our Christian life—we discover who we are by following Jesus. As the Good Shepherd, Jesus will never lead us astray. He will take care of us, provide for us, and help us in times of need. He will even seek after us when we stray. Jesus is the perfect shepherd. But what is the role of the sheep? Good sheep listen to the shepherd. They follow the shepherd wherever he goes. This is because they trust the shepherd. They've come to know his voice and are able to distinguish it from all other voices. We are called to know the voice of our shepherd, Jesus. Our part is to desire to come to know Jesus personally in order to be able to do so. This involves regular prayer, reading of the Scriptures, and learning the teachings of the Church in the practise of our faith. In doing so, we can come to discern God's will for our lives. Then, we can faithfully follow that will. We can walk in relationship with him and follow him wherever He leads us. And where, ultimately, is He leading us? Jesus is leading us to eternal life in heaven, where we “shall never perish.” He is leading us into perfect union with Himself, who is one with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Jesus offers to lead us to heaven and protect us from anything that could take us from Him. Our job is to follow His lead. When we find ourselves getting lost and are taken far away from God we discover our Good Shepherd has laid down his life for us, his sheep. Jesus will always take us to exactly where we need to be: into the embrace of God. We simply must listen to His perfect, guiding voice, and let Him lead us to heaven.

God bless you,
Fr Martin

Priest Training Fund: 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 this 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 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.

First Holy Communion: Please note the First Holy Communion candidates service will take place next **Saturday 14th May at 12pm.**

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.

100 club Membership/renewal. The 100 club is open to Parishioners and Friends of St Thomas More Church. If you would like to renew your 100 Club Draw Membership or become a new member, please pick up a New Membership form or renewal envelope which are available in the narthex. The cost to join is £60 for the year. There are currently three prizes per month to be won £100, £50 & £25. The first Draw of the new year will take place at the end of July.

Memorial Book: The Memorial Book will be sent away soon for its annual updating. If you have a close family member or friend whose name you would like to be included in the Book, please take a form from the Porch table. Return completed form with a £30 cheque or cash to the Parish Office. Thank you.

Mass for New Catholics on Saturday 21st May at 6.00pm with the Cardinal in Westminster Cathedral. Those in the parish who were Baptised or Received into the Church at Easter are warmly invited to attend, with catechists, families and friends. Before Mass we will gather in Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1ON. The programme for the afternoon is as follows:

4.45pm Tea & Welcome - Vaughan House Conference Room.

5.00pm Reflection from Fr. Brian O'Mahony, Sun-Administrator of the Cathedral

5.30pm Preparing to celebrate Mass as New Catholics with our Bishop

6.00pm Mass

Space will be reserved at the front of the Cathedral for new Catholics, catechists, families and friends to sit together. If you would like to attend please contact Parish Office eastcote@rcdow.org.uk or Tel 0208 866 6581.

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