

St Thomas More Catholic Church

SUNDAY 3rd July 2022, 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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GOOD LUCK TO ALL OUR MEMBERS !! WINNERS TO BE ANNOUNCED THIS WEEKEND!

MASS INTENTIONS

+14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 3RD JULY 2022

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) PADDY MOLLOY RIP LD
09:30AM RANJAN MATTHIAS RIP LD
11:30AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

MONDAY 4TH JULY 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INT COLETTE DOKE

TUESDAY 5TH JULY 2022

10:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
THE ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO MASS TODAY.

WEDNESDAY 6TH JULY 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM FRANCIS POWER RIP

THURSDAY 7TH JULY 2022

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

FRIDAY 8TH JULY 2022

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

SATURDAY 9TH JULY 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INT STANLEY D'SOUZA

FOLLOWED BY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & CONFESSIONS
AFTER MASS

+15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 10TH JULY 2022

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) GERRY BOYLE RIP A
09:30AM TED RIST RIP A
11:30AM BRIAN BOLTON RIP A

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

Please remember our sick parishioners in your

prayers: Moira Bennett, Phyllis O'Brien, Madeleine Horsburgh, Fr Duncan Adamson, James Bradley, Eileen Ferris, Katie Murchan, 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 & Norma Kolakowska.

Please let us know if you wish to add or remove any names on the sick list.

For those whose Anniversaries occur around this

time: Patricia Dixon and Ken Newton.

Eucharistic ministers- Fr Martin would like all the Eucharistic ministers to sign up for the masses they would prefer, to serve the Sacred Host. Parishioner Gillian Tobin will then create a Rota to be distributed. Please add your name, contact number/email to the Sign- up sheet in the Narthex. Thank you.

The **LIFE ASCENDING** group meet on **Wednesday 13th July** 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 17th July 2022.**

Hillingdon Food Bank: Thank you for your generous donations this month. The next collection will be **Tuesday 26th July 2022.**

Churches Together in Eastcote invite you to their AGM, Service and Social which will take place on **Sunday 17th July 4-5pm** in the gardens behind the **St Lawrence Centre, Bridle Road.** This will be an informal occasion, a chance to reflect on the past year, to share prayers and hymns and to catch up with friends over tea and cake. Please see the poster in the porch or ask Jane Ingles.



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Dear Parishioners,

“Behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves...”

One of the most important aspects of the Christian life is to trust in God. This is one of the most fruitful things we can do for our life of faith. However, trusting in God is not something we can automatically do, it requires continual surrender and openness to God's grace. In this week's Gospel reading Jesus says: “I am sending you like lambs among wolves.” This strong image is meant to reveal that the mission we will be given by our Lord is not something we can do on our own. A little lamb would not do well walking into a pack of wolves...unless the shepherd were right there beside it. Jesus is not only revealing that his mission for us will require great courage, but that it cannot be accomplished without Him. Jesus goes on to offer the practical directive to “Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way.” If we look at this line from a spiritual point of view, we can hear Jesus saying two things. First, “Rely upon my providence as you go about your mission in life.” Second, “Keep focused upon your final goal and do not get drawn here or there.” It's not that bringing money with or speaking to strangers are in and of themselves bad ideas; rather, we should hear the deeper spiritual meaning of trust and resolve to fulfil his mission. Ultimately, the mission of Jesus is to get us and as many other people as possible to heaven and to live meanwhile with the kingdom of heaven on earth. We cannot do this on our own. It is only by the extraordinary sacrifice of love that Jesus has made on our behalf that this is possible. Let us reflect, today, upon how well we trust in the providence of God as we strive to courageously embrace His will. Let us recommit ourselves to the life of faith, trusting that Jesus, our Good Shepherd will be there every step of the way.

God bless you,

Fr Martin

Parish Online Survey - What sort of parish would you like? How can we grow and develop together as a community? What more would you like to see in the parish? What can you personally offer to the parish? Following our parish consultation sessions recently as part of the preparation for the Synod of Bishops in 2023, we have produced an online survey which we are asking all parishioners to complete. Please see the link that follows and fill out the survey as soon as you can. Here is your chance to have your say! <https://forms.gle/u2aVPgWm79WUN1367>. If you prefer to pick up a paper copy, please collect from the table in the narthex. Please complete and return to the ‘Completed survey tray also located in the Narthex. Thank you for your support.

First Holy Communion Books: Please can parents and children remember to collect their First Holy Communion books from the table in the Narthex. The books will be available for the next 3 weeks.

Church Notice: Tuesday 5th July- Please note there will be no mass on this day due to Hillingdon Deanery commitments.

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALK: Wednesday July 6th: discover the Chapel Royal, learn how St James' Park got its name, and which kings lived and died at Whitehall...and more.

Meet on the steps of Westminster Cathedral 6.15pm (after 5.30 pm Mass). No need to book: just turn up!
www.catholichistorywalks.org

Church cleaning volunteers appeal: We are looking for volunteers to give approximately one hour per fortnight on a Thursday at 7pm. Working in a team, PPE provided. The more volunteers there are would mean the less frequent individuals would have to clean. If you can spare a little bit of time and are interested in volunteering please contact Pat Faille for further information pat.faille@btinternet.com or 020 8429 3943.

Tutor Required: We are looking for a tutor, preferably Catholic, who can teach our two children, aged six and eight following a home-schooling curriculum already designed. The days are Tuesday and Wednesday, term-time, from September 2022, for four hours a day, ideally from 8.30 to 12.30. Please contact Paola, 07933 349 256.

Sea Sunday is Sunday 10th July: Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health.

Sea Sunday is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is looking for a few new members to join it from September. Our role is to advise and support Fr Martin on the pastoral work of the parish. This includes:

- (a) promoting the spiritual growth and learning of everyone in the parish of all ages
- (b) encouraging as many people as possible to participate in the ministries and work of the parish
- (c) developing the social side within the parish so as to build a healthy parish community
- (d) reaching out to those in need within the parish and to people and communities outside the parish.

The PPC's work is likely to expand as we begin to explore and implement ideas that have already emerged from the parish discussions in April in preparation for the Synod. The most prominent of these ideas so far have been doing more for our young people and building a stronger community.

We meet with Fr Martin every three months or so on a weekday evening for up to 90 minutes and also carry out some work between our meetings.

You don't need to have any qualifications or particular expertise but if you care about the parish and bring enthusiasm and commitment you may be just the right person.

If you are interested in joining the PPC, please speak to Fr Martin or me for more details.

So that we can collate the expressions of interest before the summer break and in proper time for our next meeting in September, please take 10 July as the closing date for showing interest.

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