

St Thomas More Catholic Church

SUNDAY 10th July 2022, 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Congratulations to winners 1st Prize Anthony Inglese, 2nd Teresa Higgins & 3rd Mr & Mrs Cerri.

MASS INTENTIONS

+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

MONDAY 11TH JULY 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM MICHAEL POWER RIP

TUESDAY 12TH JULY 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM DERRY HIPWELL RIP LD

WEDNESDAY 13TH JULY 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM MAURICE MCFADDEN RIP LD

THURSDAY 14TH JULY 2022

10:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

THE ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY 15TH JULY 2022

09:00 CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM PATRICK JAMES FOGARTY RIP

SATURDAY 16TH JULY 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM SEVERINO CHEMELLO RIP

FOLLOWED BY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & CONFESSIONS

AFTER MASS

+16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 17TH JULY 2022

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) INT BERNARD & MADALINE

LUCKHURST

09:30AM FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

11:30AM TOM GROARKE RIP A

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

Please remember our sick parishioners in your

prayers: Phyllis O'Brien, Madeleine Horsburgh, Fr Duncan Adamson, James Bradley, Eileen Ferris, Katie Murchan, Paula Wazny, Daisy Cunningham, Bianca Malheiros-Fauz, Kundan Singhoraya and Sarah Dunning, and and those in our local nursing homes especially Kitty Goldie, Moira Bennett, Dolores Walsh, Sarah Joyce. For our housebound parishioners, especially Peggy McMahon, 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

Michael Dunleavy & Gary Pike.

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 Inglese.

100 club Membership/renewal. 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 first Draw of the new year will take place at the end of July.

The **LIFE ASCENDING** group meet on **Wednesday 27th 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: The next collection will be **Tuesday 26th July 2022.**



SUNDAY 10th July 2022
+ 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Parishioners,

“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart... and your neighbour as yourself.”

In this Sunday's Gospel we hear the words of a scholar quoting to Jesus the Old Testament Law of Leviticus and Deuteronomy. Jesus commends him for speaking these words, but then the scholar asks him: “who is my neighbour?” Jesus responds by telling the scholar the parable of the Good Samaritan. In this story a priest and a Levite walk by a beaten and suffering man on the side of the road and ignore him. Then a Samaritan walks by and, filled with compassion, goes out of his way to help him. The conclusion is we should be inspired and edified by the example of the Good Samaritan who showed mercy to the man in need. It is significant that Jesus used a priest in the story as the first person to walk on the opposite side of the road. One thing this tells us is that an appearance of 'exterior holiness' and simply considering ourselves 'religious' is not enough if we lack authentic 'interior holiness.' Without living true love of neighbour, we cannot live up to our sacred calling to a life of love and holiness. In fact, we can see more deeply into the parable that Jesus is the 'Good Samaritan' who has come to our help when we were left lost and abandoned by the damage of sin and evil. Jesus has come to bandage our wounds by taking our own place and suffering for us on the Cross. By his resurrection and calling us to be part of his Church, Jesus has taken us into a place of safety and healing where we can be restored in his love and learn again to love our neighbour. Let us reflect, today, upon the difference between exterior and interior holiness. The ideal is that our inner life is so completely consumed by the love of God that it overflows into our exterior actions. If our love of God is not fully alive within the depths of our heart, there is no way that we can, in fact, be truly holy.

God bless you,
Fr Martin

Grotto Appeal- Our Lady Queen of Love

As you will see Our Lady, Queen of Love arrived last weekend and is on the Altar of the Church. The statue of Our lady will soon take sanctuary in a Grotto which will be located behind the church on the grass area in front of the presbytery. The Grotto will have paving, benches, a rose garden and be surrounded by trees. The area will be a place for Parishioners to visit, to sit and pray in an environment of beauty, peace and tranquillity. We would like to make an appeal for donations, so commencement of our Grotto project can begin. There will be a donation box available at the side of the Altar and a collection basket in the narthex. Please use the envelopes provided. Alternatively you can please make your donation direct to the Parish Bank account <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/eastcote/donate/> or see bank account details as follows:

Account Name: WRCDT Eastcote
Sort Code: 40-05-20
Account Number: 91096001
Please add your Surname and 'Grotto' as a reference.

Please offer what you can to help, 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 2 weeks.



Our Lady, The Queen Of Love

**GROTTO APPEAL
FOR
ST THOMAS MORE CHURCH
DONATIONS HERE
THANK YOU**

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.

Sea Sunday collection 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.

St Joan of Arc Catholic School: Open Evening Thursday 6th October & Open Morning Friday 7th October 2022. We are very pleased to announce that we are holding our Open Evening and Open Morning this October for prospective students and parents who are looking for Year 7 places in September 2023. The Open Events will be held as follows:

Open Evening to take place on Thursday 6th October 2022 from 6.00pm until 9.00pm.

Open Morning to take place on the following morning, Friday 7th October 2022 from 9.00am until 11.30am. Details of our Open Events, together with our Admission Policy and Supplementary Form (SIF) can also be found on our school website.

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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PPC Chair

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