

# St Thomas More Catholic Church

**SUNDAY 17th July 2022, 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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**\*\*100 club membership\*\* Good luck to all our members!!**

## **MASS INTENTIONS +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

### **MONDAY 18TH JULY 2022**

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM BRIGID MEAD RIP A

### **TUESDAY 19TH JULY 2022**

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM INT MOIRA BENNETT

### **WEDNESDAY 20TH JULY 2022**

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM FR ANTON MATTHIAS RIP

### **THURSDAY 21ST JULY 2022**

10:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

THE ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

### **FRIDAY 22ND JULY 2022**

09:00 CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM INT Sr TERESA HARRINGTON

### **SATURDAY 23RD JULY 2022**

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM IN THANKSGIVING KEANE D'SOUZA

*FOLLOWED BY*

*EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & CONFESSIONS*

*AFTER MASS*

## **+17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### **SUNDAY 24TH JULY 2022**

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) INT HARRY CURRY

09:30AM FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

11:30AM PRADEEP WICKREMASINGHE & CAMILUS

FERNANDO RIP A

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

## **Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers:**

Audrey Farrell, Phyllis O'Brien, Fr Duncan Adamson, James Bradley, Eileen Ferris, Katie Murchan, Paula Wazny, Daisy Cunningham, Bianca Malheiros-Fauz, Kundan Singhoraya and Sarah Dunning, 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 who have died recently** Madeleine Horsburgh & Barry Daniels.

**For those whose Anniversaries occur around this time** Kitty (Kathleen) Clark, Edward Rist, Patrick Wheeler, Tom Groarke, Reg Heaney, Bridgid Mead & Joan Lines

**People Connex Event-** welcomes you back for another Monthly Coffee/Tea club in the Parish hall on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July** from **10:30am-1pm**. Please do pop in and join us for refreshments. Yvonne Lee from Royal Mencap will be talking about community projects. Please see poster in the Narthex for further information.

**Sea Sunday collection:** Thank you for your generous donations, the Parish raised £179.15.

The **LIFE ASCENDING** group meet on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July** at 2.30pm in the Library. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years. Please do come along. The group will break for the summer and return on **7<sup>th</sup> September 2022**.

**St Vincent De Paul Society-** The SVP will take a break through the summer and return in September. If you need to contact the SVP, please email [josiensarratt@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:josiensarratt@hotmail.co.uk).

**Hillingdon Food Bank:** The next collection will be **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022**.



SUNDAY 17th July 2022  
+ 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Parishioners,

“Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part...”

In this Sunday's Gospel passage Mary chose something we should all desire in life. She chose to sit at the feet of Jesus and simply be with Him. Martha was doing a lovely service by preparing the meal and working hard, but Mary was focused in on one thing, her Lord. It's important to acknowledge the fact that we will all have times in life when we must be more like Martha. Work must be accomplished, chores completed, and various forms of labour will be a normal part of daily life. But we must also daily remind ourselves that there is one thing we must never lose sight of: Being with Jesus, in silence and prayerful adoration is the most important thing we can do. This doesn't undermine any other tasks we have to complete each day, but it does reveal that we should never neglect that which is most important. By identifying Mary's choice to sit at His feet, Jesus reminds us all of the importance of simply being with Him. This is the call to the contemplative life given not only to cloistered monks and nuns, but is an invitation to us all. We must all seek out moments of rest with Jesus throughout our busy days. Jesus himself shows us that he needs to be by himself with his Father in order to gain the guidance and strength to complete his ministry, especially the extraordinary sacrifice of love on the Cross. Let us reflect, today, upon the image of Mary sitting quietly at the feet of Jesus. Have we prayed yet today? Have we sat silently with our Lord? Have we tried to enter into a deep adoration of Him through prayer and meditation? Let us choose the 'better part' this day and we will find that all else falls in place to a much better degree.

God bless you,  
*Fr Martin*

**Grotto Appeal- Our Lady Queen of Love**

As you will see Our Lady, Queen of Love arrived 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. If you are a taxpayer, please Gift Aid your donation using the appropriate envelope. The government will top up your gift by 25 percent. Alternatively you can please make your donation direct to the Parish Bank account <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/eastcote/donate/> or use the Dona Portal in the Narthex, selecting Grotto Appeal. Please 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.*

**Church cleaning volunteers appeal:** We are looking 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](mailto:pat.faille@btinternet.com) or **020 8429 3943**.

**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.

**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.

**The Catholic Post**, would like to share a **free** copy with you for this month of their National Monthly publication. To view the July issue please click on the link;

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**Kew Gardens Outing to the 'Food Forever Festival' with Westminster Justice & Peace, CAFOD and Caritas Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2022:** This summer holidays, why not join us for a visit to see the world-famous botanical gardens and explore Kew's exhibition on the future of sustainable food?

Tony Sheen (CAFOD Westminster Community Participation Co-ordinator), Niki Psarias (Caritas Westminster Lead for Food) and Colette Joyce (Westminster Justice and Peace Co-ordinator) are coming together to lead this day out, enjoying the beauty of nature at Kew Gardens while learning more about this essential topic.

We will meet together inside the Gardens at the Victoria Gate entrance at **11am** for an introduction to the festival and again in the same place at **4pm** for a time of sharing and a closing prayer.

You will need to book your own tickets. We recommend doing this at the earliest opportunity, booking in advance on the Kew website, to ensure your place, although tickets can also be purchased on the day. Tickets vary in price depending on number and type bought. A standard single adult ticket booked online in advance costs £15 <https://westminsterjusticeandpeace.org/2022/06/30/join-us-at-kew-gardens-on-9th-august-11am-to-visit-the-food-forever-festival/>

**The Sacred Heart Language College:** We require a **Pastoral Support Officer** to work within the Student Services department at The Sacred Heart Language College. This post is for 32.5 hours per week, term time only, working 8:30 – 3:30 Monday to Friday. Application forms and further details are available from our websites: [www.tshlc.harrow.sch.uk](http://www.tshlc.harrow.sch.uk) or [www.blessedhollyfamily.co.uk](http://www.blessedhollyfamily.co.uk). Alternatively please contact Mrs L Lewis, Headteacher's P.A. on 020 8863 9922 or by email: [llewis@tshlc.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:llewis@tshlc.harrow.sch.uk) Closing date for applications: Midday on Monday 18th July 2022.



People ConneX welcomes you  
back for another

**Monthly Coffee/Tea Club**

**Come and enjoy  
some tea and lovely  
summer cakes!**

**St Thomas More Roman Catholic Church  
32 Field End Road, Pinner HA5 2QT**

**Wednesday 27 July from 10:30am-1pm**

**10:30-11:15** Pop in and join us for refreshments and meet old and new friends.

**11:15-12:00** Yvonne Lee from Royal Mencap talks about community projects.

**12:00** Share your thoughts with Julia and Jeremy; tell us what you like so that we can enhance our programme of events.

Suggested price: £5 or other donation to  
Community ConneX plus raffle

**Contact**

Jeremy on 07734 955 115 and  
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