

# St Thomas More Catholic Church

**SUNDAY 24th July 2022, 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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**\*\*100 club membership\*\*** Winners will be drawn and announced next weekend!!

## MASS INTENTIONS +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

### MONDAY 25TH JULY 2022

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

### TUESDAY 26TH JULY 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN  
09:30AM CASIMIRO D'SOUSA RIP  
11:30AM FUNERAL BARRIE DANIELS RIP

### WEDNESDAY 27TH JULY 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN  
09:30AM INT ANGELA GRIFFIN

### THURSDAY 28TH JULY 2022

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

### FRIDAY 29TH JULY 2022

09:00 CHURCH OPEN  
09:30AM DAVID FOGARTY RIP A

### SATURDAY 30TH JULY 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN  
09:30AM IN THANKSGIVING MEGAN & KEITH D'SOUSA  
*FOLLOWED BY*  
*EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & CONFESSIONS*  
*AFTER MASS*

## +18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SUNDAY 31ST JULY 2022

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) INT ANNABELLE TIMILSINA  
09:30AM BOLGER FAMILY RIP  
11:30AM CATHERINE FOGARTY RIP

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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**

Michael Power & Roy Redrup.

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**Sunday Tea/ Coffee Morning:** The Sunday Tea/Coffee team will be taking a break over the Summer. The last morning will be **Sunday 24th July** and will resume on **Sunday 11th September**.

**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.

**100 Club Membership** Thank you to everyone who has renewed or become a new member this year. The first draw of the new year will take place next weekend. Winners will be announced in the parish newsletter and cheques will be posted.

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**.

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



**SUNDAY 24th July 2022**  
**+ 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Dear Parishioners,

“Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.”

This Sunday Jesus tells us encouraging words about our relationship with God through prayer. If we were to take this statement of Jesus above in a very literal way we could easily conclude that God will give us anything we ask for, but we know this is not what happens. Perhaps everyone has prayed hard for this or that and the request was not answered in the way we wanted. Why is that? Did we simply fail to pray with faith? The Gospel passage goes on to say, “If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?” Within this context, and within the context of everything that Jesus has taught us, it’s important to know that there is one thing and one thing only for which we ought to pray. And when we pray for this one thing, we can be assured of obtaining it when we pray for it in faith. What is that one thing? It’s the will of God. If we sincerely and wholeheartedly ask for and seek the will of God, we can be certain that our Lord will give us the Holy Spirit and that the Holy Spirit will, in turn, lead us into the will of God for our lives. True prayer is ultimately about trust and surrender to God. We trust in His perfect plan and surrender to that perfect plan in our lives. When we do this, we can be assured that the Lord will hear and answer this perfect prayer. If this seems severe in the face of all that it is possible to suffer in this life, then let us look at Jesus on the Cross and draw strength from his witness of his limitless love for his Father and for us. Let us reflect, today, upon that simple prayer in the Lord’s Prayer: Thy will be done! Let us strive to trust in God’s perfect plan for our life and do all we can to surrender to it. With this form of prayer we can be assured that the Holy Spirit will come to us, leading us into His holy will.

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: WRC DT 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.*

**WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERY:** Pope Francis has instituted the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which this year will take place on the **24th July**. The theme is, 'In old age they will still bear fruit' (Psalm 92:15). Please visit to see the Popes message and for prayers.

<https://rcdow.org.uk/marriage-and-family-life/world-day-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly/>

**Caritas Westminster:** Financial Resilience & Cost of Living Crisis... Our page full of useful tips on financial resilience, can be found as a link on this page: <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/financial-resilience.php>. Please see poster in the Narthex of useful websites.

**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**.

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#### **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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