

# St Thomas More Catholic Church

**SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022, 19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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## MASS INTENTIONS

**+19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### SUNDAY 7TH AUGUST 2022

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) INT TINA MILLS

09:30AM FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

11:30AM LUISA PANAMARENKO RIP LD

### MONDAY 8TH AUGUST 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM PATRICK O'ROURKE RIP

### TUESDAY 9TH AUGUST 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM GRAHAM SUMMER RIP LD

### WEDNESDAY 10TH AUGUST 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM JOHN PLACKETT RIP

### THURSDAY 11TH AUGUST 2022

10:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

THE ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

11:30AM FUNERAL OF MADELEINE HORSBURGH RIP

### FRIDAY 12TH AUGUST 2022

09:00 CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM NOEL GORMAN RIP LD

### SATURDAY 13TH AUGUST 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM EILEEN MCSHANE RIP A

*FOLLOWED BY*

*EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & CONFESSIONS*

*AFTER MASS*

**+THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

### SUNDAY 14TH AUGUST 2022

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) MARK GRIFFITHS RIP A

09:30AM GLORIA SARRATT RIP LD

11:30AM FOR 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:**

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 McMahan, 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

## **For those whose Anniversaries occur around this time**

Emmanuel Luz, John Plackett, Michael Hill, Kathleen O'Brien, Danaraja Singaravelu, Ian McDonald & Fr Christopher Gawecki.

**Pilgrimage to Holy Land** - Fr John Deehan from Our Lady Help of Christians, Kentish Town would like to invite Parishioners to a pilgrimage to Holy Land. Departing 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023, returning 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Price £1695 per person sharing a twin/double room on half board basis. Single Rooms available at a supplement of £325. Price includes return airfare including hold baggage, accommodation in 3\* hotels, all transport whilst in the Holy Land, services of a professional guide, gratuities and all entrance fees. Price does not include lunches, drinks or items of a personal nature. Please note that this itinerary is not suitable for the less able traveller. Deposit of £400 with balance to be paid **by 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023**. If you are interested and would like further information on the itinerary and booking form, please contact Fr John Deehan 0207 485 4023 or email [kenishtown.rcdow.org.uk](mailto:kenishtown.rcdow.org.uk). There are copies of the itinerary and booking forms held in the Parish Office.

The **LIFE ASCENDING** The group will break for the summer and return on **7<sup>th</sup> September 2022**.

**Hillingdon Food Bank:** Thank you for all the generous food donations. Next Collection will be **25<sup>th</sup> August**.



**SUNDAY 07<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2022**  
**+ 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Dear Parishioners,

“Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom.”

In this Sunday's Gospel reading we hear reassuring words from Jesus, which remind us of essential truths. Firstly, we hear Jesus offer the familiar reminder that we ought not allow fear to take hold of our lives. There are so many things in life that can have the effect of causing fear, worry, anxiety and undue concern. Overcoming fear is a matter of humility, in that humility enables us to turn our eyes from ourselves and the problems we face and to put our eyes upon our Lord. When we put our eyes on him, fear dissipates and trust takes its place. Secondly, this is also a very tender statement from Jesus in that he calls his disciples, and all of us, his “little flock.” This is a term of endearment and reveals our Lord’s gentle and compassionate heart. This reveals, not only that we belong to Jesus, but also how his love for us is intimate and heartfelt. If we understand this love of his we will be compelled to love him back with the same depth of intimacy. Lastly, these words point us to the Kingdom of our Father in Heaven. The same Father, who sent his beloved Son to take our place on the Cross to give his life for our salvation, invites us now to share in the glorious Kingdom which Jesus has opened up for us. This Kingdom has become ours, and when we can see and understand how glorious this calling is, we will be filled with hope and excitement as we seek to obtain it. Let us reflect, today, upon the heartfelt invitation of our compassionate Lord Jesus to set our hearts upon His Kingdom. As we do so, let us allow this revelation to cast out fear from our life, strengthening us to overcome our burdens. Let us put our trust in God and allow him to transform us.

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 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.*

### **CAFOD Schools Volunteers needed**

This summer are you looking for a new challenge? Do you enjoy working with **children** and **young people**? Could you help to **inspire** and **empower** children and young people in our Catholic schools and churches to bring alive their sense of **global justice**?

Could you visit schools in your local area to deliver assemblies and workshops about our work and encourage young people to take action, fundraise and pray with CAFOD?

Then why not use your skills for the common good and be an active part of creating a world without poverty. No experience necessary. Full support, resources and regular training provided.

### **CAFOD Schools Volunteers coordinator needed**

Are you interested in using your skills to help to help organise visits to primary and secondary schools across the Westminster Diocese? Are you comfortable using databases and communicating with schools and other volunteers? Join us as a volunteer to support our busy schools programme. Some experience using databases and IT systems is required but full support and training will be given.

If you are interested in either of the two volunteer roles above, please contact Chris Driscoll at CAFOD Westminster at [westminsterschools@cafod.org.uk](mailto:westminsterschools@cafod.org.uk) or call 07776 493162 for further information.

**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](mailto:pat.faille@btinternet.com) or **020 8429 3943**.

**MISSIO:** There are a number of Red Missio Boxes awaiting collection on the Narthex table. Please remember to collect your box on your way out of Mass. Thank you.

**Lectio Divina at St Luke's Church Pinner** An ancient five step form of prayer, Lectio Divina invites us to listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Every Wednesday 11:30am-12:30pm Peter Noster Room, Parish Centre.

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**Ways to Donate to the Parish:** You will see the Digital Collection plate, contactless terminal in the Church Entrance, located on the left-hand side as you enter. Just use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone/device to make donations. Simply select Offertory menu, the amount you wish to donate and hold your card to the Sum Up reader. You can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%. If you are a UK taxpayer then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received. Contactless donations are simple to administer, secure and convenient. Alternatively if you would prefer to set up a regular standing order, the forms can be found on the Narthex table and there is an opportunity here to GIFT AID your donations. Thank you for your support.

## **Visit of the Relics of St Bernadette to Westminster Cathedral**

The life and legacy of St Bernadette has touched the lives of people across the world. In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time. This very special once in a lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes, in a church or cathedral near you.

**Westminster Cathedral is blessed to welcome the relics from 3-5 September. All are welcome to join us for this special event to enrich and renew ourselves spiritually.**

We hope and pray that through the intercession of St Bernadette many graces will be given to all who come and venerate her relics, including healing, conversion and the wonderful discovery of vocation. Come and experience the miracle of Lourdes with us!

**To plan your visit, please check below for the most up-to-date information.**

**Saturday 3 September 1pm – Monday 5 September 6am** *(No need for advance booking, just please join the queue on the Piazza for entry via the West Doors. Be advised that at peak times, especially before or after liturgies, we expect long queues. Wheelchair access will be available at all times without the need for queuing.)*

When full capacity is reached, there will be no further entry. To find out more about the tour of the Relics at [stbernadette.org.uk](http://stbernadette.org.uk)

