

St Thomas More Catholic Church

SUNDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2022, +24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

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MASS INTENTIONS +24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2022

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) JOHN PATRICK DONNELLY RIP A

09:30AM THOMAS FERNANDES RIP LD

11:30AM INT NORMA GOURDIN

MONDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM EDWARD GORMAN RIP & INT CATH GORMAN

TUESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM INT SHEILA JONES

WEDNESDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM IVOR HOGAN RIP

THURSDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2022

10:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

THE ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2022

09:00 CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM SEVERINO CHEMELLO RIP

SATURDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM INT ERYL D'SOUZA

FOLLOWED BY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & CONFESSIONS

AFTER MASS

+25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2022

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) ANNE & LES WRIGHT RIP A

09:30AM INT SAMRAAT TIMILSINA

11:30AM PATRICK BURKE RIP & INT NANCY BURKE

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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 Wyn Maxted.

For those whose Anniversaries occur around this time

Phyllis Reid, Anna Still, Jill Lawson, Elizabeth James, Dylan Buckley, Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor, Charles Aggett, George William Barnes and Joan Lawrence-Smith.

St Vincent De Paul Society: The SVP meetings will take place on Sunday **18th September, 2nd October** and **23rd October**. If you would like to find out more about the work they do please join them after the 9.30am Mass in the Anglim room, commencing at **10:45am**.

The Life Ascending Group meeting next on **Wednesday 21st September** at **2.30pm** in the Library and every fortnight thereafter. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years. Please come along on Wednesday.

Sunday Parish Tea/Coffee Morning will resume on **Sunday 18th September** in the Parish Hall after 09:30am Mass.

Hillingdon Food Bank: Thank you for all your generous donations this month. Next collection **Tuesday 27th September**.



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Dear Parishioners,

'... the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."'

In this Sunday's Gospel, to provide a profound teaching on the nature of God's mercy, Jesus gives us the parable of the Prodigal Son. Jesus had been criticised for fraternising and 'eating' with 'sinners'. To help to explain his actions and what they conveyed he told this story. The parable ends up being the story of all our lives. It is the story of how God reconciles us to Himself. Through baptism, we become children of God and heirs to His kingdom. However, when we gravely sin, the parable shows us, it is like we turn our backs on our own father, wishing he were dead and squandering his wealth. We find we can walk away from God, thinking that what we do will satisfy us or somehow solve the problems and issues of our lives. We may however, find that we are left empty-handed, like the Prodigal Son. Sometimes our sin leads us to a rock-bottom when we can become so desperate for help that we'll do anything. This is like being lost in a faraway country, like the son, who was willing to tend to pigs and even desire the swill that they were eating. Hopefully, like the Prodigal Son, we will then see how it is possible to come to our senses and realise what we are missing out on in our Father's house. By taking our place as the 'Prodigal Son', Jesus has suffered the consequences of all sin and has suffered so that we could find our way back home to the Father. God offers us life and life to the full. We have everything we ever would need when we come back to Him. Just like the Prodigal Son, even when we've strayed very far and spiritually travelled to a distant country, God will always welcome us back with arms outstretched. There is no sin too big for Him to forgive and wash clean. When we turn to God in repentance, He offers us unending mercy and restores us back into the family of the Church. Every time we come back to God from being a prodigal child of his, we can know that there is a celebration in heaven, because God rejoices in the reconciliation of every person. So, what are we waiting for? If we've been running from God, let us turn back to Him to experience his loving, forgiving embrace.

God bless you,
Fr Martin

First Holy Communion 2023

Fr Martin would like to invite children in Year 3 to apply to join the programme of preparation for the First Holy Communion. The programme will be commencing in **January 2023** after the children return back to school. Applications and Medical forms are now available in the main entrance of the church.

The forms are also available on the Parish website

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/eastcote/sacramental-prep/receiving-the-sacraments>.

Please remember to include a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate and return application forms to the Parish Office by **30th October 2022**. More information will follow on the format of the classes.

Senior School Applications & Certificate of Catholic Practice: Fr Martin would like to meet with Parents/Guardians and children for signing Senior school applications. Please bring your Child's Baptism Certificates to the interview. Interviews will be held on **Monday 19th September & Tuesday 20th September - 4pm -6pm**. Please call Liz Duignan 0208 866 6581 or email eastcote@rcdow.org.uk to book your appointment.

Next of Kin If you would like to inform the Parish Office of your next of kin these will be held on the Parish records and be used for emergency purposes only. Please contact by email eastcote@rcdow.org.uk or telephone 0208 866 6581.

Pastoral Parish Council Committee meeting, Tuesday 27th September 2022 at 8:00pm.

Fr Martin would like contributions for the Parish Council meeting agenda. If you have any items/ideas you would like to be discussed, please contact: Parish Administrator, *Liz Duignan* E-mail:

eastcote@rcdow.org.uk or Telephone 0208 8666581. The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is looking for a few new members to join. The role of a PPC member is to advise and support Fr Martin on the pastoral work of the parish. Please speak with Fr Martin or Anthony Inglese for further details.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham On **Saturday 24th September**, (The Feast Day of Our Lady of Walsingham) Cardinal Vincent will lead the diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham. We are planning to share a coach with St Matthews Northwood Parish. The coach will be leaving St Thomas More at 7:15am and leaving Walsingham at 5:30pm for return trip. The brief outline of the day will have a Pilgrim mass, picnic lunch, procession along the Holy Mile and Prayers and Benediction in the Priory and of the Site of Original Shrine. If you would like to take part in this pilgrimage, please complete your details on the forms provided in the Narthex, along with cash or cheque payment of **£25**. Place completed form in envelope and return to the Parish office. Alternatively you may wish to pay via bank transfer, please see bank details on registration form. We have a limited number of seats, so please check with Parish office for availability.

DEC Pakistan Floods Appeal

Devastating floods have hit Pakistan, leaving millions in urgent need of help to survive. A third of the country is now underwater (that's an area almost the size of Great Britain). Your donation will help CAFOD's local partners support communities with clean drinking water, food, emergency medical assistance and shelter. Please pray for those affected and donate now at cafod.org.uk/give. There will also be a second collection basket this weekend. Thank you for your support.

Grotto Appeal- Our Lady Queen of Love 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, please visit Parish website for details or use the Dona Contactless Portal in the Narthex, selecting Grotto Appeal. Thank you for your support

Open Evenings at The Sacred Heart Language College (Wealdstone)

Those wishing to apply for a place in Year 7 for September 2023 are invited to visit the school during one of our Open Evenings on the following dates:

Wednesday 14th September 2022, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Thursday 22nd September 2022, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Tackling the Global Food Crisis – Wednesday 21st Sept 2.30pm Oakwood

Right now, over 20 million people in East Africa are facing a food crisis that could be worse than any we've lived through. CAFOD writer Jack Ellinas will share stories of communities he recently met in northern Kenya, and the local experts who are working alongside them to help.

The meeting will take place in the Parish Centre at Catholic Church of Christ the King, 29 Bramley Road, London N14 4HE. Coffees and Teas will be served from 2.15pm

Please Contact Tony at Westminster@cafod.org.uk to book a place.

Community Connex Event- People Connex welcomes you for Monthly Coffee/Tea Club one Sunday a month commencing **Sunday 25th September** in the Parish hall after 11:30am Mass. The regular event will commence at **12:30pm** by Fr Martin who will be playing his guitar to favourite songs. Please do come along for refreshments, activities and raffle. Donations welcome.

The monthly Wednesday events will continue and return on **Wednesday 28th September 2022** to be held in the Parish hall from **10:30am to 1pm**. Welcome refreshments and Alan 'The entertainer' for music and activity. An opportunity to meet with Cllr Paul Osborn, Leader Harrow Council, regarding Communities working together. Suggested donation of £5. Please see poster within the Church for more detail.

Save the Date, Pinner Folk & Blues Club will be presenting a musical play 'Northfleet' on **Wednesday 5th October at 7:45pm** in the Parish Hall. Admission £5 on the door. Proceeds will be donated to Royal National Lifeboat institution (RNLI).

Pinner Folk and Blues Club
Invites you to Join with them to experience:-

The Chiltern Folk Association Present

A musical play by the Walteazers written by Alison Raymond

Northfleet



On the evening of Wednesday January 22nd 1873 a ship rests at anchor in calm seas, two miles off the Kentish shore. On board are three hundred and seventy nine men, women and children mostly emigrants travelling to Tasmania to construct the railway line.

Before midnight on that fateful day the ship would lie on the channel floor and three hundred and twenty would perish.

Join us to hear the story of the Northfleet told by some of the named survivors of this tragedy.

**Location: St Thomas More Church, 32, Field Way
Eastcote, Pinner Midd'x
Wednesday 5th October 2022**

Time: 7.45 pm – 10.00 including a 15 minute intermission

Admission to this event is £5.00 on the door. Proceeds from this performance of 'Northfleet' will be donated in aid of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI).

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A walteazers music and drama production

