St Thomas More Catholic Church

SUNDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2022, +25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

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Good Luck to all our members!!

MASS INTENTIONS
+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

MONDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2022
09:30AM HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II RIP

TUESDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2022
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INT YOLANDA SERRANO

WEDNESDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2022
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM ADRIAN CLEERE RIP LD

THURSDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2022
10:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
THE ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2022
09:00 CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INT JUDY & ERIC DOKE

SATURDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2022
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INT CHRISTINA ETUKA
FOLLOWED BY
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & CONFESSIONS
AFTER MASS

+26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2022
06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) HELEN GOLDEN RIP
09:30AM BILL MAXTED RIP A
11:30AM INT BILL SYMTH

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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 and Katie Loftus. For our housebound parishioners, especially Peggy McMahon, & 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 Mary Wyn Maxted.

For those whose Anniversaries occur around this time Jim Richards, Andrea Allen and Eamon Nolan.

Mass Notice: Please note From **Wednesday 28th September** mass will start at an earlier time of **9am** and will continue each Wednesday at this time until the summer of 2023. The Church will close at **10:30am.**

St Vincent De Paul Society: The SVP meetings will take place on Sunday **18th September,9th 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 this **Sunday 18th September** in the Parish Hall after 09:30am Mass. All welcome.

Hillingdon Food Bank: Next collection **27th September**.

the Pastor's corner

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Dear Parishioners,

'You cannot serve both God and mammon'

This Sunday we hear Jesus tell the parable of the 'Unjust Steward'. It begins with a rich man who had a steward reported to him for squandering his property. The rich man is angry and tells his steward that he can no longer keep his job. The steward quickly calls all his master's debtors and asks them to pay him back what they owe his master, but at a lower rate. Jesus comments on the shrewdness of the steward by saying "The children of this world are more adept and prudent when dealing with their own kind than are the children of light". Certainly Jesus can't be condoning dishonesty in our behaviour. In fact the steward is simply a good example for us of someone who planned ahead. He desired to be in the 'good books' of those who he charged a lower rate. In the same way our Christian faith calls us to invest in our future by sharing the riches of love, especially with those who are most in need. In this way, their gratitude will be of benefit for us in the future, especially when it comes to our eternal reward. Jesus contrasts 'God' and 'mammon', we could say 'love' and 'money'. Jesus gives us the supreme example of investing love in this world when he gives his life for us on a cross. In the world's eyes, Jesus would appear to lose everything, but he has won the everlasting gratitude and admiration of all those whom he has saved. In the same way this week we can pray to be able to invest with love in our lives, to serve God rather than mammon. As we remember our beloved departed Queen, Elizabeth, at this time, we could be grateful for all the ways that she followed this teaching and served the nation and pray that her example will be appreciated and followed by all those who mourn for her at this time.

God bless you,
Fr Martin

Parish Survey - Thank you to everyone who responded to our Parish survey. As the Parish Council now reconvenes after the summer and welcomes her new members, the responses from parishioners will be very helpful in looking ahead to the next stage of our development. In the survey parishioners expressed appreciation for the way that the parish had provided a focus and continuity in these last 2 years. Many people had felt the encouragement of being part of a supportive and welcoming community, commenting on the warmth and friendliness of the atmosphere here during the times of gathering. The various Parish groups and activities were appreciated, including the wonderful work of the SVP. The quality of music was mentioned with appreciation, alongside a desire to include more possibilities for music. Other areas of development included a desire to encourage the return of those who still have not felt ready to come back to mass since the start of the restrictions. Quite a few people identified the need to increase our support for our youth, especially the 7 - 18 age range. More social events were asked for, including International Evenings. Some people expressed the need to have opportunities to grow in knowledge of the faith and to share at a spiritual level with other parishioners. It was also asked how we might have a more charitable presence in the local community and how we might 'Spread the Word', through local evangelising initiatives. To build on these many positive attributes and to develop in these new areas, it is hoped that as many parishioners as possible will see the exciting and fulfilling part they can have in giving their time and love in support of making our Parish all that God wants it to be!

Healing Mass - On **4th October**, feast of St Francis of Assisi, we will be celebrating another Healing Mass in the parish. There will be praise and worship music and an opportunity to receive individual prayer for healing after the Mass. Whether it is physical or spiritual needs that we would like to bring to God for his healing touch, this will be a good way to find support and encouragement together and to strengthen our faith. We look forward to seeing as many people possible there.

PRAYERS FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF
HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II
1926-2022

A Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will be held at St Thomas More Church on **Monday 19th September** at **09:30am** and all are welcome to attend.

For the happy repose of HM The Queen
Almighty God,
You are the author and sustainer of all human life;
grant that your servant, Elizabeth our Queen,
whom you granted a long and happy reign as Monarch of these lands
may be forgiven her sins and rewarded with that eternal life
promised to all those born again
in the water of baptism and power of your Spirit.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit
God, forever and ever,
Amen.

Eternal rest, grant to her O Lord,
And let Perpetual light shine upon her.
May she rest in peace.
Amen.

May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed,
Through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen

Psalm 121 – A Song of Ascents

I lift up my eyes to the mountains;
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard.

The Lord your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you,
nor the moon in the night.
The Lord will guard you from evil;
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming,
both now and forever.

Canticle of Simeon
(Luke 2:29-32)
At last, all-powerful Master,
you give leave to your servant
to go in peace, according to your promise.
For my eyes have seen your salvation
Which you have prepared for all nations,
The light to enlighten the Gentiles
And give glory to Israel, your people.

Prayer for the Royal Family
Almighty God, source of all consolation,
we pray for the members of the Royal Family who mourn the loss
of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.
Uphold them in your love
and pour out on them the consolation of your healing Spirit.
Let them find in your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ
comfort in their sadness,
certainty in their doubt
and courage to live through this hour.
We ask this through Christ our Lord
Amen.

Prayer for the King
O God, to whom every human power is subject,
Grant to your servant His Majesty the King
wisdom in the exercise of his high office,
so that, always revering to you and striving to please you,
he may constantly secure and preserve
for the people entrusted to his care
the freedom that comes from unity and peace.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit
God, forever and ever,
Amen.



Pastoral Parish Council Committee meeting, Tuesday 20th 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.

NEW MEMBERS OF PASTORAL COUNCIL
"Following our request for more parishioners to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council I am pleased to announce that we are being joined at our meeting on 20 September by the following new members: Nirmala Chandrasena, Anna Horton and Chris Horsburgh. At that meeting we will be discussing with Fr Martin the many ideas that came out of the parish's consultation exercise for the Synod.
"The full membership of the Parish Pastoral Council can be found on the PPC's notice board in the narthex.
"Anthony Inglese, Chair, PPC

Grotto Appeal- *Our Lady Queen of Love* Thank you to everyone who has contributed so generously to the Grotto appeal so far, it has been very encouraging. Fr Martin would like to hear from parishioners who would like to share their ideas and design input into the Grotto Shelter. Please contact Fr Martin or parish office eastcote@rcdow.org.uk or 0208 866 6581.

The donation box will remain 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.

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. 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 first for availability.
To parishioners that have booked their place on the Walsingham Pilgrimage, please arrive by **7am** at the latest to St Thomas More Parish Hall. The coach will depart promptly at **7:15am** to collect parishioners from St Matthews Church Northwood and then continue journey to Walsingham arriving at 10am. Please remember to bring along packed lunch and refreshments. If you have any questions please contact Parish office eastcote@rcdow.org.uk or phone 0208 8666581. Please see the outline for the day

10.00am Arrivals begin
11.30am Welcome of parish and other pilgrim groups and banners
12.00pm Pilgrim Mass
1.30pm Picnic lunch
2.15pm Gather for the procession along the Holy Mile
3.45pm Prayers and Benediction in the Priory, the site of the original Shrine
5.30pm Departures.

Home Mission Sunday 18th September 2021: Each year we celebrate Home Mission Sunday, which is now *Evangelii Gaudium Sunday*. Named after Pope Francis' first (solo) Apostolic Exhortation on the Joy of the Gospel, the day offers the Catholic community in England and Wales the opportunity to celebrate the beauty of our faith and our commitment to witness to the fullness of life in Christ. There will be a second collection this weekend to support the Bishops' work of evangelisation. Thank you for your support.

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 **Tuesday 20th September and Monday 26th September 4pm -6pm.** Please call Liz Duignan 0208 866 6581 or email eastcote@rcdow.org.uk to book your appointment. ***Please note change in date from Monday 19th to Monday 26th September***.

Volunteer Drivers required: We have some parishioner's that are housebound and would like to be able to attend mass at the weekends. If you drive to mass, please would you be able to help with offering a lift to a fellow parishioner to and from 09:30 or 11:30am mass on Sundays from time to time? Please contact Fr Martin Plunkett or parish office 0208 866 6581, email eastcote@rcdow.org.uk.

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.

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.

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

Parish Office will be closed on **Monday 19th September** as a Bank Holiday has been confirmed for HM Queen Elizabeth II Funeral. Re-opening on Tuesday 20th September.