# St Thomas More Catholic Church

## SUNDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2022, +27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

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**100 club membership**

Good Luck to all our members!! Winners to be announced this weekend!

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**+27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SUNDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2022**

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) LUISA PANAMARENKO RIP LD

09:30AM INT PAT WILBY

11:30AM INT CLIVE THOMAS, LINA THOMAS RIP & INT CATHERINE TAYLOR

**MONDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2022**

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM INT SHEILA JONES

**TUESDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2022**

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM SAINT PHILOMENA & SAINT BENEDICT

7:00PM HEALING MASS

**WEDNESDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2022**

09:00-10:30AM CHURCH OPEN

09:00AM BARRIE DANIELS RIP

**THURSDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2022**

10:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

THE ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**FRIDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2022**

09:00 CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM EDWARD GORMAN RIP & INT CATHERINE GORMAN

**SATURDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2022**

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM PATRICK O'ROURKE RIP

*FOLLOWED BY*

*EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & CONFESSIONS*

*AFTER MASS*

**+28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SUNDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2022**

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) PATRICK TOBIN RIP A

09:30AM INT MICHAEL O'SHEA

11:30AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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***Parish Administrator – Liz Duignan***
*OFFICE OPEN: 9:30am-1:00pm (Mon- Thurs Only)*

**Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers**: Mary Richards, 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** Anita Burrows

**For those whose Anniversaries occur around this time** Mary Josephine Grant, Fred Mattingley and Mr Cullen-James

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

**St Vincent De Paul Society:** The next SVP meeting will take place on **Sunday 9th 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 5th October** 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** in the Parish Hall after 09:30am Mass. All welcome.

**Hillingdon Food Bank:** Next collection **Tuesday 4th October.**




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Dear Parishioners,

"When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are only unprofitable servants; we have just done what we were obliged to do.'"

This week's Sunday Gospel reading gives us a hard commandment to live. Jesus tells us to simply do our duty and not clamour for recognition. Most often when we have done something well, and fulfilled our duty, we seek affirmation and praise. We want to be noticed. While this may be a normal reaction, it's not the humblest reaction. Humility comes in many degrees, and the deepest degree of humility allows a person to repeat this passage above and mean it. If we can believe that the will of God is good for us, we can be more open to the obligation of love which it places on us. When we fulfil God's will, we can take delight in that fact alone, because it is good. That way, the fulfilment of God's will become the source of our joy, not the recognition of others. On the other hand, it is good when we see goodness in others and acknowledge it. When we praise others, we do this not to simply build up their ego but to give praise to God for the good thing done and express our love and gratitude to our brothers and sisters for their efforts. When others see and acknowledge God's will accomplished in our lives, we can accept their praise not as a boost for our pride but as an honest acknowledgment of the good that has been recognised. We learn this attitude most especially from Jesus who gave everything for us, including his body and blood, without seeking to be acknowledged and recognised. Jesus did this because of his love for his Father and his love for us. Like Jesus, when we embrace God's will as a duty of love, as the normal thing to do, we will find peace and fulfilment knowing that we are following the right path, regardless of the response of others. Let us, reflect, today, on this humble attitude, allowing it to become the foundation of our daily service of God and our neighbour. Doing so will set us on the 'fast track' towards holiness!

God bless you,
*Fr Martin*

**Healing Mass 7pm** 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.

**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.

**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.

**Wyn Maxted RIP**

On behalf of the Maxted family, I thank everyone who sent their condolences or sympathy cards and the many who attended Mum's funeral on Tuesday this week. Your sentiments and memories of how you knew Mum were very much welcomed.
Every part of Tuesday was a celebration of her life …. and what a life she lived!
May she rest in the peace of the Lord.

Sincere thanks also to Madaline Luckhurst and all the flower arranging team who created the beautiful displays you see in the church today.
Kindest Regards Helen Howley

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**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

At our meeting last week we welcomed three new members, and potentially two more, following our appeal during the summer for new members. Fr Martin presides over all our meetings. The other members of the PPC are: Cheryl Cardoso, Nirmala Chandrasena, Rahul Colaco, Siobhan Cresswell, Earlroy Edwards, Nicky Edmondson, Jackie Gray, Anna Horton, Chris Horsburgh, Emily Maude, Tessa Maude and me. Ewa Golebiowski and Emilka Kostrzewska attended the meeting as observers and potential members.

If you have any thoughts and suggestions about our parish, do feel encouraged to speak to any of us at any time.

The main points that came out of last week's meeting were all about the parish's response to the Synod consultations:

1. We will begin work to foster the involvement in the church of our children and young people from First Communion up to and beyond Confirmation
2. We will do more to foster the social and religious life of the parish, including a Christmas Carol Service on 18 December at 3pm; a "retreat morning" on 19 November, for all parishioners who are helping in any capacity in the parish; and an international social evening in the New Year.

Anthony Inglese

PPC Chair

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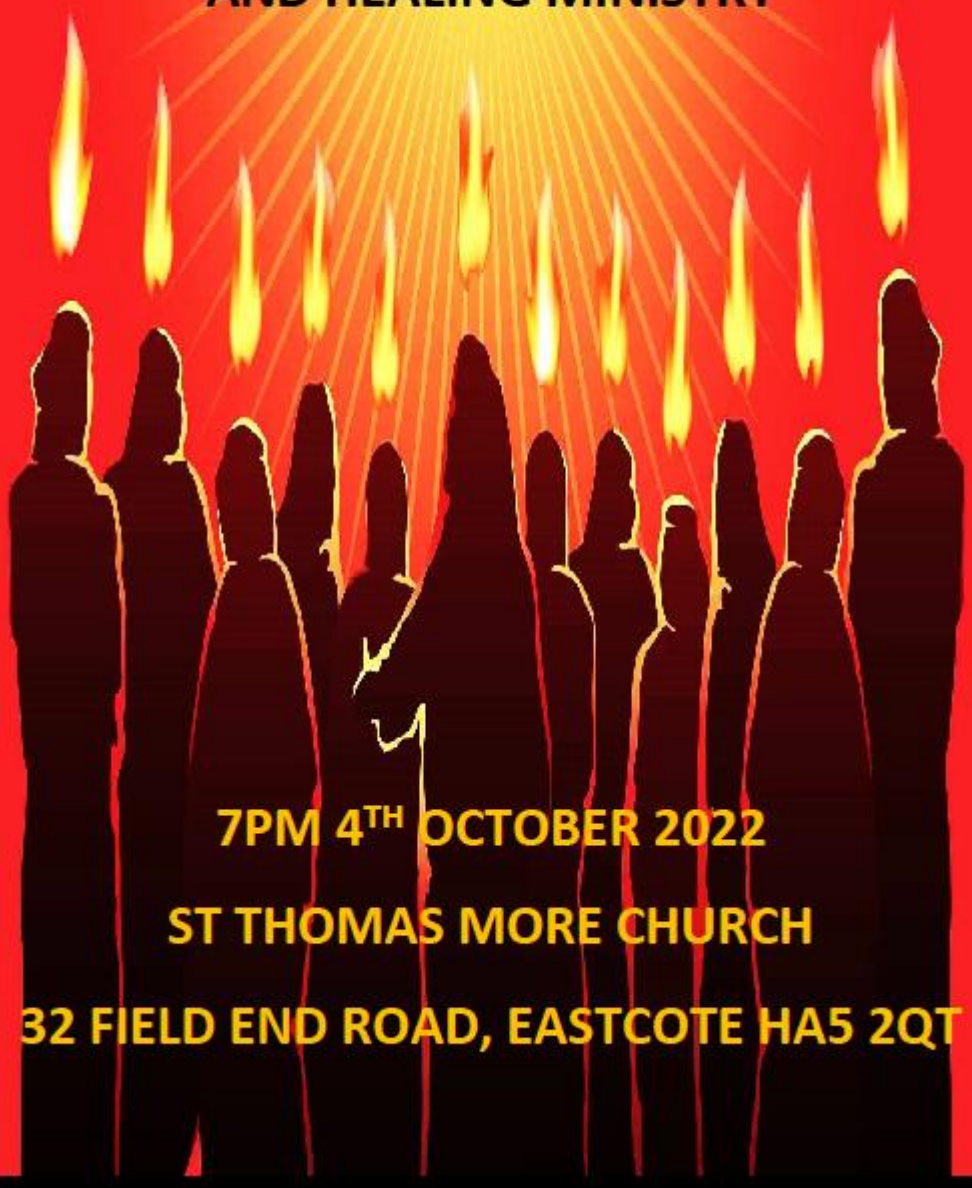
**Altar Servers** Training for new altar servers will begin **Sunday 16th October** after the 9.30 and 11.30 Masses. If you are interested in becoming an altar server and have made your First Holy Communion then please put your name on the list at the back of the church.

**CAFOD Family Fast Day – World Food Crisis Appeal -Friday 7th October**
Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. As each day goes by, the situation worsens. As people of faith we must act. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. Please give today or start a monthly gift to CAFOD. Use the envelope for our parish or go to cafod.org.uk/fastday.

# HEALING MASS

**WITH PRAISE AND WORSHIP**

**AND HEALING MINISTRY**



**7PM 4TH OCTOBER 2022**

**ST THOMAS MORE CHURCH**

**32 FIELD END ROAD, EASTCOTE HA5 2QT**

**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.

**HOME MISSION SUNDAY –** Thank you for all your generous donations, the parish raised £249.84!

**DEC Pakistan Floods Appeal - CAFOD**- Thank you for your response and generous donations to this emergency appeal, the Parish raised £283.85.

**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). Please see poster in the Church for more information.

**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.

**THE METHODIST CHURCH LOVE LANE PINNER** invites you to a service of Taize music, reading and prayers (theme of Forgiveness) on Sunday 9th October at 6:30pm. Please see poster in the Church narthex for more information.

**Procession of Our Lady of Willesden** On **Sunday 9th October** at 7pm, there will be a candlelit procession with the Statue of Our Lady of Willesden through the streets of Willesden, praying for the gift of vocations to the priesthood. Canon John O'Leary will preach. All are welcome. Please see poster in the Church.

**National Mass for Altar Servers** -The Archconfraternity of St Stephen inviting all servers to the National Mass for Altar Servers on **Saturday 1st October 2022** at **2.30pm.** Bishop John Sherrington will be the principal celebrant. Servers to vest in the Cathedral Hall, Ambosden Avenue and be ready to process by 2pm.

**Salvatorian College – Best Ever Results & Open Evening** Congratulations to former Year 11 students at Salvatorian College who have achieved 'best ever' exam results. Close to half of all grades awarded (41%) were 7-9 (A-A**). The 'Progress 8' measure is likely to be +0.8 when league tables are published, which would put Salvatorian College's results in the top 5% nationally. There will be an Open Evening on Tuesday, 4th October from 5.30-7.30pm. The Executive Headteacher will speak at 6pm and again at 7pm. To register, please visit: www.salvatoriancollege.com/admissions

**St Richard Reynolds Catholic College, Twickenham** will be hosting a 6th Form Open Evening on **Wednesday 12th October** from 6pm. Parents and pupils of your parish are most welcome to attend. They will be offered tours of the college by current students and teachers. Please register your interest by booking a ticket via this link: 6th Form Open Evening "

**Firm Foundations in a Cost of Living Crisis:** A free, one-day conference, to be held on **Saturday 12th November** at All Saints Catholic College, St Charles Square, London W10 6EL Open to representatives from all parishes, schools, SVP conferences and social action projects in the Diocese, who can then share and use what they have learned for the benefit of their community. To find out more and register - https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/firm-foundations-in-a-cost-of-living-crisis-tickets-422656796857