

St Thomas More Catholic Church

SUNDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2022, +26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

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Good Luck to all our members!!

MASS INTENTIONS +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

MONDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM INT BREDA ROCHE

TUESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM INT HANNAH & SEAN PRUNTY

11:00AM FUNERAL OF MARY WYN MAXTED RIP

WEDNESDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2022

09:00-10:30AM CHURCH OPEN

09:00AM INT CLIVE THOMAS, LINA THOMAS RIP & INT

CATHERINE TAYLOR

THURSDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2022

10:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

THE ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022

09:00 CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM CORA MCGILLICUDDY

1:00PM FUNERAL OF ANITA BURROW RIP

SATURDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM INT BREDA ROCHE

FOLLOWED BY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & CONFESSIONS AFTER MASS

+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

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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 Mary Wyn Maxted.

For those whose Anniversaries occur around this time

Arthur Sudbury, Monseigneur Peter Anglim, Bill Maxted, Les Wright, Merle Roke and Bernard Meleady

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 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,

“There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day...”
This week’s Gospel reading follows on from last week’s, when Jesus asked us to choose between ‘God’ and ‘mammon’. This week we hear of the Rich Man and Lazarus, and their contrasting lives. According to the very real deprivations he experienced in this world, Lazarus was existing in a very undesirable state. He was poor, starving, suffering and covered with sores that dogs would lick. This very descriptive language used by Jesus helps us to imagine the miserable state that Lazarus was in. However, although Lazarus was in a terrible physical condition, his soul was in the hands of God. We are told that when he died, he was “carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham”. This story asks us to consider what is most important in our lives. The rich man had all he wanted in this life but lacked charity and gratitude, shown by how easily he ignored the physical needs of Lazarus. The rich man was spiritually impoverished, whereas Lazarus was spiritually prosperous. Jesus often associated with the poor and the outcast. In his death on a Cross he identified with all those who suffer pain and misery from all kinds of impoverishment in this life. In this extraordinary example of love, Jesus placed the highest value on love; God’s love for us and our response to this love in return. This is the true wealth of this life, according to Christianity, a wealth that lasts into eternity. Let us reflect, this week, upon the examples of the Rich Man and Lazarus. What our own “sores” in life? They may be varied in type, degree and number from those of other people’s sufferings. As we identify our suffering, we can see through it to the presence of God in our life, and seek to become more compassionate to the sufferings of others in their needs.

God bless you,
Fr Martin

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.

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 26th September 4pm -6pm**. Please call Liz Duignan 0208 866 6581 or email eastcote@rcdow.org.uk to book your appointment.

Remarks to Faith Leaders. Cardinal Vincent Nichols was privileged to be part of an Audience with King Charles last week. He invited senior faith leaders to Buckingham Palace in order to address them. Please see a copy of the speech below.

REMARKS TO FAITH LEADERS

Friday 16th September 2022

My Lord Archbishop, Dean, Ladies and Gentlemen. I am very grateful to have had this opportunity to meet you all, so soon after my Accession, in what are inevitably the saddest of circumstances for me and my Family. I have been touched by your kind words of condolence more than I can possibly say. They mean a great deal to me.

I also wanted, before all of you today, to confirm my determination to carry out my responsibilities as Sovereign of all communities around this country and the Commonwealth and in a way which reflects the world in which we now live. 2 I am a committed Anglican Christian, and at my Coronation I will take an oath relating to the settlement of the Church of England. At my Accession, I have already solemnly given– as has every Sovereign over the last 300 years – an Oath which pledges to maintain and preserve the Protestant faith in Scotland.

I have always thought of Britain as a ‘community of communities.’ That has led me to understand that the Sovereign has an additional duty – less formally recognized but to be no less diligently discharged. It is the duty to protect the diversity of our country, including by protecting the space for Faith itself and its practise through the religions, cultures, traditions and beliefs to which our hearts and minds direct us as individuals. This diversity is not just enshrined in the laws of our country, it is enjoined by my own faith. As a member of the Church of England, my Christian beliefs have love at their very heart. By 3 my most profound convictions, therefore – as well as by my position as Sovereign – I hold myself bound to respect those who follow other spiritual paths, as well as those who seek to live their lives in accordance with secular ideals.

The beliefs that flourish in, and contribute to, our richly diverse society differ. They, and our society, can only thrive through a clear collective commitment to those vital principles of freedom of conscience, generosity of spirit and care for others which are, to me, the essence of our nationhood. I am determined, as King, to preserve and promote those principles across all communities, and for all beliefs, with all my heart.

This conviction was the foundation of everything my beloved mother did for our country, over her years as our Queen. It has been the foundation of my own work as Prince of Wales. It will continue to be the foundation of all my work as King.

Community Connex Event- Sunday 25th September: 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**. 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.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham On **Saturday 24th September**, (The Feast Day of Our Lady of Walsingham). 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.

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.

Funeral Arrangements for Wyn Maxted

Tuesday 27 September

11:00 Requiem Mass followed by a Committal at Breakspear Crematorium, East Chapel.

13:15 Reception to celebrate Wyn's life at The Barn Hotel, West End Road, Ruislip, HA4 6JB to which the family invite you.

Family flowers only please. Donations invited to Cafod, the Catholic international aid charity for which Wyn worked tirelessly over many years

www.justgiving.com/Wyn-Maxted

The links for those unable to attend the services are:

St Thomas More Church – <https://clearview.org.uk/st-thomas-more.html>

Breakspear Crematorium - <https://watch.obitus.com> User name: niko4944 Password: 471103

Wyn Maxted RIP

17th June 1932 - 28th August 2022

Aged 90

Many of the younger and newer members of the parish will know Wyn Maxted as a smartly dressed older lady who liked to wear lipstick, and high heels. But she was much more than that and most importantly, my Mum. She was recently described to me as the 'matriarch of the Parish'

Mum and my Dad, Bill, moved to Eastcote in the spring of 1968 with their six children, the eldest was 12 and the youngest 18 months old. This was around the same time that Monsignor Peter Anglim was appointed Parish Priest.

The parish was growing, particularly with younger families and it quickly became evident that more space was needed in the church, also for the various activities and groups that were being set up. Fundraising events were organised and Mum & Dad were front and centre of a lot of the organising. Money was raised over the years for numerous projects.....Firstly for a scout hut, then the Old Hall and lastly the building of our new church and creation of our Parish Centre. I remember annual summer fetes, Christmas Bazaars, dances, cheese & wine nights, a Gang Show (where Mum played the Fairy Godmother!) and a pallet of bricks which was sold to parishioners for £1 each..... a lot of money then! All our family bought one, we signed them and they were built into the rear wall of the new church sanctuary, behind the altar. There were so many other initiatives and usually with Dad helping set things up and Mum in the kitchen prepping sandwiches and baking. She is particularly remembered for her lemon meringue pies and jam tarts!

Mum, got involved with so many parish led events. A playgroup was set up, which Mum ran for many years. She was a member of the Catholic Womens League, and after some years became their Westminster President. The Sunday morning Tea Rota was organised by her. She was a flower lady, a Womens World Day of Prayer member, a Eucharistic Minister, a Fast Day Soup Lunch organiser, the Hall Manager and church cleaner, a choir member, a fundraiser and CAFOD representativeamongst other things.

In 2015 she was honoured with a Diocesan Medal awarded for her service to the Parish. It was quite a moment and Mum was humbled by it. She said she did what she did, when she could but always with thoughts of serving the Lord.

So when you come to Church, or attend a function in the Parish Centre please bear in mind the people who came before you who helped build, create and organise so much of our Parish and community, my Mum was just one of those people.

Please remember her in your prayers. God bless.

Helen Howley