St Thomas More Catholic Church

SUNDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2022, +29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

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****100 club membership****
Good luck to all members!!

MASS INTENTIONS
+29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2022
06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) MARIANNA RIP A
09:30AM SEVERINO CHEMELLO RIP
11:30AM MATILDA MULLIN RIP A

MONDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2022
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM TINA MARIE GALVIN RIP A

TUESDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2022
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INT SHEILA JONES

WEDNESDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2022
09:00-10:30AM CHURCH OPEN
09:00AM INT CHRISTINA ETUKA

THURSDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2022
10:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
THE ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2022
09:00 CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM WYN MAXTED RIP

SATURDAY 22ND OCTOBER 2022
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INT CLIVE THOMAS, LINDA THOMAS RIP & INT CATHERINE TAYLOR

FOLLOWED BY
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & CONFESSIONS
AFTER MASS

+30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2022
06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) AILISH CONNOLLY RIP
09:30AM FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
11:30AM ANTHONY MULLIN RIP A & SUAN (*Séan*) MULLIN RIP A

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OFFICE OPEN: 9:30am-1:00pm (Mon- Thurs Only)

Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers: Michael Soika, 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 whose Anniversaries occur around this time
Matilda Mullin, Barbara Bailes, Bridget O'Sullivan, Clement Grant-Ross, Tina Marie Galvin, Daisy Sutherland, Sheila Miles and Patrick Tobin.

Solemnity of All Saints Mass will be celebrated on **Monday 31st October** at 7:30pm.

The Life Ascending Group meeting next on **Wednesday 19th 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.

Church Cleaning Team- Reminder of the next cleaning date will be **Thursday 20th October 7pm**. Please check narthex for dates. If you would like to join the friendly team, please see appeal notice in this newsletter. Or perhaps have some spare time adhoc, please do just turn up on the date!

St Vincent De Paul Society: The next SVP meeting will take place **Sunday 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 Library room, commencing at **10:45am.**



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Dear Parishioners,

'Pray always and never lose heart...'

This week's Sunday Gospel gives us the parable of the Importunate or Persistent Widow. The woman in the story keeps coming to a judge, who cared little about doing the right thing, and persistently begs him for a just outcome. Finally, the judge gives in, purely so that the widow will leave him alone. We are told that Jesus used this story to teach a lesson about the necessity "to pray always and never lose heart". The judge is someone 'who neither feared God nor respected any human being' but Jesus uses his bad example to reveal the power of persistence and to reveal the depths of God's mercy. From the parable, we learn that this woman never gave up. So, with us, we must never cease to lose hope in prayer. We must pray always, constantly and persistently. In prayer we convey to God what matters most to us and what we would like him to help us with. However, prayer also changes us and disposes us to receive the immeasurable graces from God in response. We also learn from the story that if an uncaring judge will eventually give a good decision, then so much more will the merciful and all-loving God pour forth His good judgments in our lives when we trust Him. There should be no doubt in our lives that God can do all good things for us if we but let Him. Our proof for this is that God's love for us has been shown to be so great, that he gave us his only Son, and that Son gave up his life for us. Let us reflect, today, upon how persistent we are in our prayer. The best prayer to make is primarily a prayer of total trust and abandonment to God, in which we entrust all our deepest needs to God but also say ultimately 'Your will be done'. In this kind of prayer, we can be as persistent as the Importunate Widow, so that we are increasingly trusting in the love of God and allowing his grace to flow in accord with his perfect will.

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.

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.

Christmas Save the Date -Saturday 3rd December in the main Parish Hall, an evening of song to celebrate the coming of Christmas. More information later.

Altar Servers Training for new altar servers will begin on **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.

CHURCH CLEANING APPEAL

NOW THAT THE HOLIDAYS ARE OVER, WE APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN OUR TEAMS. 1 HOUR EVERY 3 WEEKS ON EITHER THURSDAYS AT 9.15am or THURSDAY. 7pm. FORMS ARE ON THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX. Dates are also displayed there so if you are unable to make a regular commitment do just turn up! PPE equipment is supplied.

For more information contact

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Hillingdon Food Bank: Thank you to everyone who contributed to the food bank the past month.
The food bank is particularly low of the following items:
Toiletries: shampoo, shower gel, soap.
Toilet rolls
Tinned fruit/ veg
Noodles
Baby products
Important to note that opened, partially used, out of date and fresh products cannot be donated.
Next collection on **Tuesday 1st November**.

Senior Citizen Christmas Lunch Thursday 8th December, 2:15PM AT Douay Martyrs Catholic School Delighted to say we have the Senior Citizens Christmas lunch back on the school calendar for 15/20 Senior Citizens. If you would like to attend please contact the Parish office Eastcote@rcdow.org.uk or telephone 0208 866 6581.

Community Connex are back with two events in October; **Sunday 23rd October** 12:20am-1:30pm Coffee morning and pop in event at the Parish hall after 11:30am. Please do come along after 11:30am mass, everyone welcome.
Wednesday 26th October after 9am mass, please join us for tea/coffee getting to know you. **10:15-11:30am** Yvonne Lee from Royal Mencap will introduce you to an important community speaker. **11:30am** Activities with Julia. 12pm Tea/coffee and refreshments. Learn more, please call Jeremy 07734 955 115.

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 Mar tin 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.

Cancellation of the Dowry Tour Visitation of Our Lady of Walsingham to Westminster Cathedral.
It is with regret that, after much consideration and consultation, I have taken the decision to cancel the forthcoming Dowry Tour visitation of Our Lady of Walsingham to Westminster Cathedral at the end of October.

As you know, COVID interrupted the Tour in 2020, and, all things considered, it has not seemed possible to conclude the Tour in the way we would wish. I regret that this may cause disappointment; but be assured Our Blessed Mother is honoured in this place, and we are glad to welcome pilgrims all the year round.

Our Lady of Walsingham pray for us!

Mgr. Philip Moger
Rector, Basilica & National Shrine of Our Lady, Walsingham

Diocese of Westminster Seniors Network - End of Life Companionship - Tuesday 18th October 2022, 11:00 - 12:30 - Online
Join Caritas Westminster and the Irish Chaplaincy for this Senior's Network meeting on end-of-life companionship.
Jon Cornwall, Director of Membership of the SVP for England and Wales, will share with us about their End of Life Companions project, run in partnership with the Art of Dying Well. The programme provides training, encouragement and guidance for SVP members and others, to feel better equipped to support people at the end of their Lives
The Network Meeting of Diocesan Senior Projects is a joint initiative of the Irish Chaplaincy and Caritas Westminster. It is an opportunity for parishes, organisations, and individuals who support older people to gather virtually; share ideas, look at issues, and celebrate senior years.
This meeting will take place via Zoom - Please sign up via Eventbrite - LINK HERE

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

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