St Thomas More Catholic Church

SUNDAY 23rd OCTOBER 2022, +30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

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

MASS INTENTIONS
+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

MONDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2022
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INT JOHN GANNON

TUESDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2022
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INT HILDA MINOLI

WEDNESDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2022
09:00-10:30AM CHURCH OPEN
09:00AM INT STEPHEN HAWES

THURSDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2022
10:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
THE ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2022
09:00 CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INT EDDIE DIAS

SATURDAY 29TH OCTOBER 2022
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INT YVONNE BYRNE
FOLLOWED BY
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & CONFESSIONS AFTER MASS

+31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2022
06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) MARY KELLY RIP A
09:30AM STEPHEN WORRELL RIP
11:30AM KATHLEEN MURCHAN RIP A

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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: David Barker, Michael Soika, Mary Richards, Audrey Farrell, Phyllis O'Brien, 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 Fr Duncan Adamson and David Cullen.
For those whose Anniversaries occur around this time Betty Bensted, Anthony Mullin, Suan (Sean) Mullin, John Henrick, Eileen Athanasiou, Tom McKearney, Ted Blundelll and Julia Hoy.

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

The Life Ascending Group meeting next on **Wednesday 2nd November** 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 3rd November at 7pm** & **Thursday 10th November @ 09:15am.** 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!

Day light Saving- Remember the clocks will go back 1 hour on **Sunday 30th October at 2am.**

the Pastor's corner

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Dear Parishioners,

"O God, be merciful to me a sinner"

In this Sunday's Gospel reading Jesus gives us the parable of the Pharisee and Tax Collector. This parable offers us a clear contrast between the two people in the story. The pharisee's attitude reveals that he is impressed with himself, thinking highly of his public image, yet unaware of his own sin of pride. The tax collector's attitude reveals that he is deeply aware of his own sin, is sorry for it and knows his need of God's mercy. We are told by Jesus that the tax collector 'went home justified' whereas the pharisee did not. What does it mean to be justified? It means that the tax collector was in communion with God's righteousness through his humble admission of need for God's help. He knew his need for God's mercy and allowed God to draw him to himself. The pharisee may have felt good about himself, convinced of his own righteousness. He may have appeared morally perfect but he was relying on his own capacities: he was self-righteous. Our Christian faith tells us that evil, sin and death really do damage our lives and we have to acknowledge them. However, once we do this, the Good News is that we have been given the solution in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and his gift to us of the Church. This passage shows us the importance of living in the truth. We can't fool God but we can find peace and love in the humble truth of our sin and weakness and in seeking the only remedy – God's mercy. Let us reflect, today, upon the prayer of this tax collector: "O God, be merciful to me a sinner". Let us make it our prayer, admitting our sin and our need of God. Let us acknowledge our need for the mercy of God and allow that mercy to exalt us in God's righteousness.

God bless you,
Fr Martin

Funeral arrangements for Fr Duncan Adamson who died on 16 October.

Fr Duncan's mortal remains will be received at the Most Sacred Heart church, Ruislip before a Requiem Mass on **Wednesday 9 November at 6.30pm** with Bishop John Sherrington presiding.

The Funeral Mass will be on **Thursday 10 November** at **12noon** at the Most Sacred Heart church, Ruislip (Pembroke Road HA4 8NN). The Cardinal will preside and the homily will be given by Canon John O'Leary.

Burial will be at Northwood Cemetery the following day.

May the soul of Fr Duncan rest in peace and rise in glory.

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 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.

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**.

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.

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.

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.

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, at 10:45am.

Parish Organist required at St Thomas More Church Eastcote to direct music liturgy and assume full responsibility for voluntary choir. Mass accompaniment for parish services. A permanent role with a competitive rewards package. For more information on the principal duties, responsibilities and application please visit link https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/parish-organist-church-of-st-thomas-more/
If you wish to complete an application offline, please contact Human Resources at humanresources@rcdow.org.uk.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: Thank you to everyone that contributed to the CAFOD family fast day on 7th October, the parish raised £280.80.

Sunday 23 October 2022 - Today is World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world today! It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries like Maria witness to their faith and offer vulnerable women in Ethiopia hope for a better future. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church. **If you use the donation envelopes to give by credit/debit card, please return the envelopes directly to Missio**. Do not put them in the Church collection. Please call **020 7821 9755** (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible: **missio.org.uk**

Lost Property- A piece of Jewellery was found in the church last week. Please contact the Parish office 0208 866 6581 or Eastcote@rcdow.org.uk with details of lost item. Thank you.

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.

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

Talk organised by the Friends of Westminster Cathedral Thursday 27 October 2022 at **7.00pm** in Westminster Cathedral Hall. Creators of Peace (COP) is a global network of people on each continent making a difference - inspired by their participation in Creators of Peace Circles, conferences, dialogues and other COP initiatives. For peace to be meaningful it must be inclusive, but it often isn't. https://iofc.org.uk/initiatives/creators-of-peace/ Talk by Miranda Shaw and Elizabeth Lasker £10 Tickets from Friends@rcdow.org.uk or 020 7798 9059