St Thomas More Catholic Church

SUNDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2022, +31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

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****100 club membership****

Good luck to all members!! Winners will be announced this weekend!

MASS INTENTIONS
+31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

MONDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2022
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INT DAMIEN & FAMILY
7:30PM **ALL SAINTS MASS**– INT STEPHEN HAWES

TUESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2022 - ALL SAINTS
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM HOLY SOULS

WEDNESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2022
09:00-10:30AM CHURCH OPEN
09:00AM PATRICK ROWAN RIP LD

THURSDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2022
10:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
THE ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2022
09:00 CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INT JULIA & EDDIE DIAS

SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2022
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM HOLY SOULS
FOLLOWED BY
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & CONFESSIONS
AFTER MASS

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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 Tina Marie Galvin, Kathleen Murchan, John McMahon, Peter Hutchinson and Clair Wheeler.

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!

Hillingdon Food bank: Next collection **Tuesday 1st November.**

the Pastor's corner

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Dear Parishioners,

"Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house."

In this Sunday's Gospel reading we listen to the delightful story of the meeting between Zacchaeus and Jesus. We are told that Zacchaeus was short and being unable to see over the heads of the people in the crowd he wanted to see Jesus as he passed by. Zacchaeus was a wealthy man and in the eyes of the world he was successful. For all his wealth however, there was something missing at the centre of his life. It must have been an unusual and maybe even comical sight to see this wealthy and successful man climbing a tree. However, Jesus noticed Zacchaeus because of something far more significant than this unusual sight. Jesus was able to perceive the desire and longing in the heart of Zacchaeus. In response to this desire, Jesus then promised Zacchaeus that he would come and stay in his house. Regardless of whether or not we are 'successful' from a worldly point of view, we are invited by this story to recognise the unfulfilled desires in our own hearts. This desire is for God to be at the centre of our lives. We can try to fulfil this desire in so many other ways, but those who are like Zacchaeus realise that only Jesus is the answer. When someone recognises this fact, they will go to any length to see him and be with him. Jesus, the Word of God, became flesh so that we could encounter God in him. Then he gave his life on a Cross and rose again so that we could find a new life, free from all that holds us back from true life with God. God then gave us the Church through the Holy Spirit to help us find our heart's true desire: to have Jesus come and stay in our house. Let us reflect, today, upon a simple question: How far am I willing to go to see Jesus? Am I willing to do anything to see him, hear him and be with him? It may take an act of humility and we may have to act in a radical way, but doing so will call out to the heart of our Lord and he will respond to us with much generosity just as He did to Zacchaeus.

God bless you,
Fr Martin

Day light Saving

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

Mass Time change on Remembrance Sunday-On **Sunday 13th November** Remembrance Sunday Holy mass will commence at the later time of **12:00pm.**

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.

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.

St Vincent De Paul Society: The next SVP meeting will take place **Sunday 6TH November.** 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.

World Mission Sunday- Thank you for your generous donations to last week's second collection. The Parish raised £200.20!

The Sick & Retired Priests' The second collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met.

This is our chance to say thank you to our sick and retired priests who have given so much. You will find a donation envelope at the back of the church today. Please take one home, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. You can donate online at **www.rcdow.org.uk/donations** - the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online.

November Dead During November, Mass is regularly offered for the deceased. If you would like deceased family and friends remembered then make a list and, enclosing an offering, deposit the envelope into the special box on the sanctuary. The lists and envelopes will be made available from **Sunday 30th October** on the welcome table.

Witness to Hope: A series of four talks by **Fr John Deehan**, Thursday evenings 7:30-8:30pm. The talks will be delivered via Zoom. On the following dates: 17th & 24th November, 1st & 8th December. To register: Please click on this link Eventbrite for information or queries, contact Anna, annadupelycz@rcdow.org.uk Participants are invited to make a donation in the region of £10 for the series: https://rcdow.org.uk/donations/agency-for-evangelisation/ by adding 'Advent Talks' in the optional message box. Please see poster in the Narthex for more detail.

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.

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.

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.