

# St Thomas More Catholic Church

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2022, +33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.**

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Good luck to all the members!!

## MASS INTENTIONS +33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2022

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

09:30AM ANN AND JOHN MOLLOY RIP A

12:00PM WYN MAXTED RIP

### MONDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE RAJENDRA FAMILY  
RIP

### TUESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM PAUL ETUKA RIP

### WEDNESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2022

09:00-10:30AM CHURCH OPEN

09:00AM SEVERINO CHEMELLO RIP

### THURSDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2022

10:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

THE ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

### FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2022

09:00 CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM INT JULIA AND EDDIE DIAS

### SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM INT HILDA MINOLI

*FOLLOWED BY*

*EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & CONFESSIONS  
AFTER MASS*

**+OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

### SUNDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2022

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) EILEEN & JIM POWLEY RIP

09:30AM PATRICK ROWAN RIP

12:00PM FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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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, 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** David Barker.

**For those whose Anniversaries occur around this time**

Tony Weeden and Ann Murphy.



**Christmas Evening Song - Saturday 3rd December** in the Parish Hall, an evening of song to celebrate Christmas. Doors open at **7.00pm** and singing starts at **7.30pm**. Bring your own food, drink, crockery and utensils for you and your party to eat in the interval. There will be a sign-up list in the Church narthex so we know how many people are coming. There will be a voluntary collection for "Ukraine Appeal" which CAFOD are running (no charge on the evening).

**St Vincent De Paul Society:** The next SVP meeting will take place **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Hillingdon Food bank:** Thank you for all your generous donations.

**Church Cleaning Team-** Reminder of the next cleaning date will be **Thursday 24th November at 7:00pm & Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 09:15am**. Please check narthex for dates and details of how to join team.



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Dear Parishioners,

“...Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he,’ and ‘The time has come.’ Do not follow them!”

In this week’s Gospel reading Jesus is talking about future events yet to happen in the world. This comes at the conclusion of our liturgical year and calls us to reflect on the bigger picture of our existence. Jesus warns his Church to not follow ‘false prophets’. How do we discern when it is truly God speaking to us in our hearts and in world? Ultimately, this can only be done through the disposition of faith and prayer, through which our hearts are attuned to God’s voice. When God speaks through people or events and our hearts are close to him, we are more prepared to know his true voice. Conversely, when someone speaks a false and deceiving message, something will not sit well with us. There will be a sense in the depths of our soul that something is not right. To help us recognise the truth, there are also the external guides of Scripture and the Magisterial teaching and tradition of the Church as well as the counsel of other good people. Informed by these and our own spiritual life we then trust God to speak within our conscience so that we can follow his true voice. Jesus came to reveal the truth about the love of God in our world. There was, and perhaps always will be, a fierce resistance to this truth. However, Jesus loved us to the end and gave his life on the Cross so that we might recognise the authenticity of his unique love and truth in our lives and in the world. Let us reflect, today, upon whether or not we daily seek out and hear God speaking to us in our hearts and minds. If ‘other voices’ are in opposition to the voice speaking within our soul, let us remain faithful to God speaking within us. It is there, more than any other place, that we will find him. As we remember the faithful departed this month and especially those who gave their lives in armed conflict in the service of peace this Remembrance Sunday, let us pray that all souls will eternally share in the truth and love of God in heaven and our world will seek the truth and love that leads to peace.

God bless you,  
*Fr Martin*

**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 are now available in the Narthex welcome table.

**Blessing of Graves.**

The blessing of graves in **Northwood Cemetery** will take place on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November** at **2.00pm**. It will start with a short act of worship by the war memorials followed by individual blessing of graves by the priests who are there.

**Marys Meals Appeal** will take place on weekend of **19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> November**. We welcome speakers who will share the Marys meals story and the work they do. From 1<sup>st</sup> November until 31<sup>st</sup> January all donations to Mary’s Meals will be matched up to £1.5 million. Our **Double the Love** campaign means that any donations you give will reach twice as many of the world’s poorest children with a life-changing daily meal in school. A £5 donation given today will be doubled to £10; a £10 donation will double to £20 and so on.

**Senior Citizen Christmas Lunch Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Eastcote@rcdow.org.uk) or telephone 0208 866 6581.

**The Life Ascending Group** meeting next on **Wednesday 16th 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.

# Churches Together in Eastcote

Churches Together in Eastcote was inaugurated in June 1993. It was an exciting time nationally, when a lot of initiatives were taking place to bring the different Christian denominations together to show some unity of purpose and to break down barriers. These days ecumenism isn't in the news so much, but its success is in evidence; you will have seen, at the Queen's state funeral, how representatives of various Christian denominations were involved, coming together to help lead the nation in its grief and gratitude. If you didn't think this was surprising, it shows how the idea of churches working together has become accepted and even expected.

The committee of CTE would like you to know about what we do locally, and why. After nearly 30 years, with all the ups and downs and all the changes we have experienced, we are still committed to working together to support one another and to make things happen for the benefit of our local communities.

Some of the regular things we do together are:

- Representing all our churches at the Remembrance service in Eastcote.
- Holding a joint Carol Service which is open to all.
- Running Lent groups which are attended by members of all the local churches and which attract people from beyond Eastcote.
- Organising joint services, for example services for everyone affected by cancer.
- Organising social family events such as the Pirate Pantomime afternoon and the Teddy Bear's tea party.
- Sponsoring gatherings which bring our ministers together for friendship and mutual support.

Every year we hold a public AGM to report back on our activities, and our AGM in 2023 will be a thirty-year celebration to which all are invited. Our committee meets three times a year to discuss ideas and plan events.

We hope you will pray for us, and, when you can, support our events and activities. While we don't always assume a high profile, the work we do behind the scenes is very important in sustaining and developing co-operation and bonds of friendship among our churches.

Why do we do all this? Because Jesus said "Let them be one". Divisions and conflicts among Christians are not helpful in attracting people to the Christian faith, and they don't help us to make God's kingdom come. Together we are stronger and can make more good things happen. But we respect our differences and our individualities; unity does not mean uniformity.

If any of this fires your interest, or if you have any comments, questions or ideas, we hope you will contact your CTE representatives who are Tessa Maude, Margaret Horton and Jane Inglese. Either speak with us at Mass or ask Liz in the Parish Office to put us in touch.

We are very keen to hear from you, and if you feel called to support our work in a more active way, you will be warmly welcomed.

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