

# St Thomas More Catholic Church

SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2022, +1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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**\*\*100 club membership\*\***

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

## MASS INTENTIONS +1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### SUNDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2022

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) JACK KEATING RIP A

09:30AM MARGARET RIST RIP A

11:30AM MARGARET NEWTON RIP A

### MONDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM INT CHRISTINA ETUKA

### TUESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM HOLY SOULS

### WEDNESDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2022

09:00-10:30AM CHURCH OPEN

09:00AM JOANNA BARRY RIP LD

### THURSDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2022

10:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

THE ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

### FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2022

09:00 CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM NORA RYAN RIP

### SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM INT PETER O'BRIEN

FOLLOWED BY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & CONFESSIONS

AFTER MASS

## +2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2022

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) MAURICE HORGAN RIP A

09:30AM JOANNA BARRY RIP LD

11:30AM MICHAEL SOIKA RIP LD

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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, 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 McMahan, & 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** Michael Soika, Rita McDonnell, Jack Mace and Mary McInerney & John Barrett.

**For those whose Anniversaries occur around this time** Teddy Keating and George Forrow.

**Counting Team Rota:** The collection counting rota for 2023 are now available as a hardcopy in the Narthex. Please pick up a copy as you leave mass. Thank you.

**St Vincent De Paul Society:** The next SVP meeting will take place on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022**. 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.

**Church Cleaning Team-** Reminder of the next cleaning date will be **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 09:15am**  
**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7:00pm**. Please check narthex for dates and details of how to join team.



**Christmas Evening Song - Saturday 3rd December**  
**7:30pm**. Please see poster and sign up sheet in the Narthex

**Hillingdon Food bank:** Next Collection **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December**. Please see Advent Calendar items required in Narthex.



SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2022

+FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dear Parishioners

‘Stay awake, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect...’

As we begin the season of Advent this Sunday, and we contemplate the future coming of the Son of God we can ask ourselves - are we awake spiritually speaking? The first coming of Jesus is principally what we will celebrate later at Christmas. The unity of human nature with divine nature, in the Person of Jesus, is truly awe-inspiring. The next coming of Jesus that we can reflect on daily, is his coming by grace, every moment and every day of our lives. As we increasingly develop this kind of spiritual awareness, we find a deeper perception of the countless opportunities to become more united to Jesus every day and to be used as an instrument of his grace. The alternative is to gradually become more and more drowsy, spiritually speaking, and eventually fall entirely asleep! A wonderful measure of our daily attentiveness to the innumerable gifts of grace given to us every day is to also consider how attentive we are to the final and glorious coming of Christ at the end of time. Just as Jesus explains, most people will pay little attention to this final coming, presuming it will either not be in their lifetimes or that it is simply a type of myth or legend. However, if we have that attitude, then we have completely missed the value of being spiritually prepared —today, tomorrow and always. True preparedness for the final coming of Christ will not only help us enter the mysteries of these Advent and Christmas seasons, it will also help us throughout all the events and story of our life. Whichever way Jesus comes to us, it is as our merciful Saviour who sacrificed himself on a Cross for our liberation from sin and eternal salvation. Advent is a time to renew our alertness to the wonderful gift that God offers us through Jesus in our lives. Let us reflect, today, upon how ready we are for all the ways that Jesus will come to us in this season, so that God may transform us in ways that are glorious beyond comprehension.

God bless you,  
*Fr Martin*

**Parish Confirmation Registration 2022:** Fr Martin would like to invite children in Year 9 to apply to join the programme of preparation for Confirmation. Applications and Medical forms are now available on the welcome table of the church. The forms are also available on the Parish website.

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/eastcote/sacramental-prep/receiving-the-sacraments/>

Please return application and Medical forms to the Parish Office by **15th January 2022**. More information on the format of the programme will follow shortly in the parish newsletter.

**Experience Carer available** - also trained in Pastoral Care (Spiritual Counselling) looking for care work in Eastcote, Pinner area. Part time, hourly wages and reference's available. If you require help, please contact Parish office on 0208 866 6581 or email [eastcote@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:eastcote@rcdow.org.uk).

**Advent Giving Calendar** The Caritas Food Collective Advent Giving Calendar reminds us that Advent is a time of preparation, spiritually and materially for Christmas. We are encouraged to think of those for whom Christmas is going to be tough this year= and to support the food projects who are proving support. The Advent giving Calendar suggests an item to donate to your local food bank in December. Please donate your food bank items to the Hillingdon Food box in the Narthex. Please see poster in the narthex for suggested items. If you would like a copy of the Advent Calendar, please visit [www.caritaswestminster.org.uk](http://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk)



## **CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION 1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> WEEKEND OF ADVENT**



St Thomas More has a wonderful tradition of beautiful flowers adorning our Altar and around the church for Christmas Services. The flower team are currently planning in preparation of their wonderful creations. The Parish welcome donations towards to the cost and if you would like to contribute there will be an opportunity to donate at the second collections on weekends of **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December**. Thank you.



**Save the date... Advent Carol Service** on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm**, followed by a social event. More information to follow soon on the Advent celebration to prepare us for Christmas this year.

**The Life Ascending Group** meeting next on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Mass Notice-** Fr Martin will celebrate Mass on The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 09:30am**.

**MISSIO RED BOX** As the end of the year is approaching, the Missio collection will need to be counted up and submitted. Please can parishioners who collect money for the Missio Red boxes return them to Liz Tuohy or to the Sacristy as soon as possible. Thank you for your support.

**Sick & Retired Priest Collection-** Thank you to the Parish for your generous donations and raising £418.80!

**St Luke's Pinner Morning of reflection Preparing the Way for the Lord... Step into the Season of Advent.** Join us for a Morning of Recollection led by Fr John Hemer MHM on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** at St. Luke's Church, Pinner. A very engaging speaker, Fr John will present a series of three talks from 10:30am to about 1:30pm with a time for Confessions. Fr. John is a Mill Hill missionary priest who hails from Liverpool and has done missionary work in Pakistan, Kenya and Uganda. He now is a full-time lecturer on Sacred Scripture at Allen Hall. You are very welcome to come for all or part of the morning.

**Accommodation required:** A St Thomas More Family are looking to move house within Eastcote, to rent either a 1- or 2-bedroom house/apartment. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to help and for further information, email: [eastcote@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:eastcote@rcdow.org.uk) or telephone 0208 866 6581. References available.

**Connex Community** presents **Cinderella Christmas Pantomime** on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December** in the Parish hall from 09:30am. Tickets £5 including a light refreshment. Everyone welcome. Please see poster in the narthex for further information.

**FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCIES** Sacred Heart Primary School in Ruislip have several foundation governor vacancies on their Governing Body.

They would be extremely grateful for any volunteers interested in joining and supporting the school. If you would like more information or to apply for a role please email the clerk on [clerk@shpsruislip.org](mailto:clerk@shpsruislip.org).

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# Cinderella - A Christmas Pantomime



All are welcome to enjoy the wonderful  
Christmas pantomime of Cinderella!

**Wednesday 21 December**

- 9.30 am to 10.30 am: Tea and coffee
- 10.30 am to 11.30 am: The magic begins -  
Cinderella

at

**St Thomas More Roman Catholic Church  
Field End Road  
Pinner HA5 2QT**

**COST: £5 including light refreshment!**

To book a place please call  
Jeremy Child on 07734 955 115  
or email [Jeremy.Child@communityconnex.co.uk](mailto:Jeremy.Child@communityconnex.co.uk)

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