

# St Thomas More Catholic Church

**SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022, +THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

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

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

### CHRISTMAS EVE SATURDAY 24TH DECEMBER 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN  
09:30AM ADAM SCIBOR RIP  
06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) – INT CHRISTMAS FLOWERS  
(CHRISTMAS FAMILY MASS)  
10PM INT FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH (NIGHT MASS)

### +THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS DAY)

#### SUNDAY 25TH DECEMBER 2022

10:30AM INT FR MARTIN PLUNKETT IN THANKSGIVING

#### ST STEPHENS DAY, MONDAY 26TH DECEMBER 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN  
09:30AM INT IN THANKSGIVING FOR ALTAR SERVERS  
11:30AM FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

#### TUESDAY 27TH DECEMBER 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN  
09:30AM INT JAMES MAURICE-HORGAN

#### WEDNESDAY 28TH DECEMBER 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN  
09:00AM LINA THOMAS RIP A

#### THURSDAY 29TH DECEMBER 2022

10:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN  
THE ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

#### FRIDAY 30TH DECEMBER 2022

09:00 CHURCH OPEN  
09:30AM INT MARY RICHARDS

#### SATURDAY 31ST DECEMBER 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN  
09:30AM INT NORA CAIN

*FOLLOWED BY*

*EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT &  
CONFESSIONS AFTER MASS*

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### +SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

#### THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

#### SUNDAY 1ST JANUARY 2023

06:00PM (SATURDAY VIGIL) BRIDIE MOLLOY RIP  
09:30AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
11:30AM EMMANUEL LUZ RIP A

#### MONDAY 2ND JANUARY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN  
09:30AM JOHN BARRETT RIP

#### TUESDAY 3RD JANUARY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN  
09:30AM SEBASTIANO DI FALCO RIP

#### WEDNESDAY 4TH JANUARY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN  
09:00AM INT CHRISTINA ETUKA

#### THURSDAY 5TH JANUARY

10:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN  
THE ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

#### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, FRIDAY 6TH JANUARY

09:00 CHURCH OPEN  
09:30AM EDWARD GORMAN RIP

#### SATURDAY 7TH JANUARY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN  
09:30AM INT PETER O'BRIEN

*FOLLOWED BY*

*EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT &  
CONFESSIONS AFTER MASS*

### + THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

#### SUNDAY 8TH JANUARY

06:00PM (SATURDAY VIGIL) EDDIE MOLLOY  
09:30AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
11:30AM FRANK TUOHY RIP

*We will have our usual Children's Mass of Christmas at 6pm on Christmas Eve. All the children are invited to come and take part by dressing as a shepherd or angel. Please come early to this service as the church gets very full! Thank you for your support. Children's Liturgy Team.*

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+THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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*A very happy and Blessed Christmas to all our parishioners.*

*Peace and goodwill in this holy season and for all the New Year.  
God Bless, Fr Martin*



***'So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger.  
When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child.  
All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds.'***

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**Crib Offering 2022- Catholic Children Society** Each year many parishes very kindly donate their Crib Offering to support the work of the Catholic Children's Society. This enables us to provide vital support for disadvantaged children and families.

We are determined to be there for families in their time of need and we know many parishioners are keen to help. We would be extremely grateful for any donation you are able to make and will ensure this goes directly towards supporting local families in need. To donate please [click here](#) and add 'Crib' in the optional message box. <https://www.cathchild.org.uk/donate>. Alternatively you may place your crib offering in the box located near the Crib in the Church. Thank you for helping disadvantaged children and families this Christmas.

**Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers:** Mary Cullen, 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 whose Anniversaries occur around this time**

Alfred Cook, Alan Goodwin, Derek Bensted, Saturnino Pereira, Peter Blanshard, Brian Morris, Josephine Peter and Ernest Walsh.

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**Churches together Eastcote -Carol Service** Thank you to everyone who attended the Churches Together Eastcote Carol Service. The amount raised for Marys Meal was **£265!** Thank you for your generosity.

**Connex Community Coffee** the Collections after the two Masses last Sunday raised **£206!** Jeremy Childs from Connex is extremely grateful to the parish for all the monies raised, which will help them maintain and enhance the services they offer to a wide diversity of people. Thank you for your support. Next Connex Coffee morning will be held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January after 09:30am mass in the Parish Hall.

**St Vincent De Paul Society:** The next SVP meeting will take place on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023.** 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.

**The Life Ascending Group** meeting next on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 2.30pm** in the Library and will 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 dates will be **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January at 09:15am and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** Please do check narthex for dates and details of how to join team and sign up sheet in the Narthex.

**PIGEON HOLE MAIL BOX** The pigeon hole mail box located in the entrance of the church is for the parish to utilise for any internal mail or Christmas cards they wish to send to fellow parishioners. Please remember to check if there is any post for you on your way out after mass

**Hillingdon Food bank:** Next Collection **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022.** Please see Advent Calendar items required in Narthex.

**Parish Confirmation Registration 2022** 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.

**Parish Office** will be closed during the Christmas Season from **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2022,** reopening on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023.** The next newsletter will be sent on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023.**

Wishing all parishioners a very happy and peaceful Christmas. Happy New year for 2023!