

# St Thomas More Catholic Church

SUNDAY 22ND JANUARY 2023, +3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## MASS INTENTIONS

+ 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SUNDAY 22ND JANUARY

06:00PM (SATURDAY VIGIL) PADDY MOLLOY RIP

09:30AM FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

11:30AM EDWARD & MICHAEL MURCHAN RIP A

### MONDAY 23RD JANUARY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM INT COLETTE & KEVIN DOKE

### TUESDAY 24TH JANUARY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM INT ANNA HILL

### WEDNESDAY 25TH JANUARY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:00AM INT JUDY & ERIC DOKE

### THURSDAY 26TH JANUARY

10:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

THE ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

### FRIDAY 27TH JANUARY

09:00 CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM INT HILDA MINOLI

### SATURDAY 28TH JANUARY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM BERNIE MINOLI RIP

FOLLOWED BY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT &  
CONFESSIONS AFTER MASS

+ 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SUNDAY 29TH JANUARY

06:00PM (SATURDAY VIGIL) BRIGID MEAD RIP

09:30AM FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

11:30AM EDWARD MURCHAN RIP A & JOHN DONOGHUE RIP A

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OFFICE OPEN: 9:30am-1:00pm (Mon- Thurs Only)

## Please remember our sick parishioners in your

**prayers:** Bill Smyth, 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** John Carey, John Jeffries, James Tomlinson, Constantino Mascarenhas and Norah Donnelly.

**St Vincent De Paul Society** The next SVP meeting will take place on **Sunday 22nd January 2023**, after 9.30am Mass in the Library room, at 10:45am.

**The Life Ascending Group** meeting next on **Wednesday 25<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 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 9:15am** and **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm**. Please do check narthex for dates and details of how to join team and sign up sheet in the Narthex.

**Hillingdon Food bank:** Next Collection on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February**.

Please note the following items should **NOT** be donated -out of date products (including tinned), Fresh Fruit and opened/partially used groceries. Thank you for your support.



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Dear Parishioners,

‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’

On this third Sunday of Ordinary Time, which we celebrate this weekend, we start reading from Matthew’s Gospel. This week we hear the first words spoken by Jesus as He begins His public ministry: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” The time for the preaching and ministry of the Son of God has arrived. Jesus continues the theme of repentance started by John but he also takes John’s words further. Jesus adds something that John could not: ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ All that had been prophesied and pointed to in the Old Testament has now arrived. A new covenant will shortly be made between God and man by Jesus. The fulfilment of this new era of the Gospel was only a few short years away when he would offer up his life for the salvation of the world. As Jesus begins His preaching, his words are challenging but also very hopeful. By saying that ‘the kingdom of heaven is at hand,’ Jesus stirs interest and holy curiosity among His first listeners. His call to repentance was softened by this new proclamation about the Kingdom of heaven. In the stresses and strains of life usually what we lack significantly is hope - hope that there is something much greater than everything else we may be struggling with. The Christian faith proposes that this hope can only come from God. Jesus has come to liberate us from sin and all its dreary consequences, and renewed hope can now be found by choosing the love of God that Jesus has made known to us. This is the unique hope of the Kingdom of God which Jesus has come to bring to us and to call us to enter. Let us reflect today upon the ministry of Jesus and this first proclamation of the Gospel. As we do, we can imagine the reaction of those who first listened to him. Jesus instilled a new hope in his hearers. As we ponder this, let us think about those in our lives who also need hope and pray that God will inspire us to be an instrument of this merciful and hopeful message for them.

God bless you  
*Fr Martin*

**SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2023** The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal next weekend 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> January. SPUC wants a world where abortion is unthinkable, and is raising awareness of the widespread problem of abortion coercion. According to an independent poll, 87% of GPs are concerned that the government “pills by post” scheme leaves women vulnerable to coerced abortion. SPUC is calling of the Prime Minister to condemn this abhorrent tragedy. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defence unborn babies and their mothers by highlighting this urgent crisis.

**First Holy Communion Clothes/Outfits Appeal:** Fr Martin would like to appeal to families for donations of any unwanted First Holy Communion dresses/Suits/occasion wear. These outfits will be offered to the First Holy Communion Children of the parish. Please ensure all items are clean and ironed. If you can help, please bring your donations to the Parish Office by **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**.

**Save the Date -Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup>** in the Parish hall, an evening of song to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. More information to follow in the newsletter.

**Connex Community Coffee** Next Connex Coffee morning will be held on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January** after 09:30am mass in the Parish Hall. Everyone welcome! Please see poster in Narthex.

**World Day of the Sick, the Memoria of Our Lady of Lourdes** on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2023** is the 31<sup>st</sup> World Day of the Sick. There will be a Mass for the Sick at the Cathedral at 2.30pm, celebrated by the Cardinal, during which Anointing of the Sick will be offered. please can you book tickets through the simple booking system, using the link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mass-of-the-sick-with-anointing-tickets-513878322897>

# A CUP OF TEA AND A SLICE OF CAKE

Community Connex supports people with learning disabilities, mental health issues, autism, and advanced years together with their families and carers. We provide numerous activities where lasting friendships can be made.

Price £5

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## Activities



Wednesday 25 January

09.30 Tea and Coffee

10.30-11.15 Friendly Discussion with Yvonne Lee from Royal Mencap On Wellbeing and associated areas

11.15-12.15 Alan Entertainer  
12.15 More Teas and Coffees



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