

# St Thomas More Catholic Church

SUNDAY 29TH JANUARY 2023, +4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Good Luck to all our members!! Winners announced this weekend!

## MASS INTENTIONS + 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

### MONDAY 30TH JANUARY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN  
09:30AM INT MARY QUINN

### TUESDAY 31ST JANUARY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN  
09:30AM IN THANKSGIVING FR MARTIN, FR JOSEPH &  
FR PAULO

### WEDNESDAY 1ST FEBRUARY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN  
09:00AM INT NIRMALA CHANDRASENA

### THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN  
09:30AM FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

### FRIDAY 3RD FEBRUARY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN  
09:30AM INT PAULINE FITZGERALD

### SATURDAY 4TH FEBRUARY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN  
09:30AM INT BERNARD & CONNIE

*FOLLOWED BY*

*EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & CONFESSIONS*

*AFTER MASS*

## + 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SUNDAY 5TH FEBRUARY

06:00PM (SATURDAY VIGIL) FRANCIS POWER RIP  
09:30AM FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
11:30AM MARIA ANGELICA REYES RIP

## 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 McMahan, & 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 Joseph McConnell, John Philpott, Anne Cox & Ann Boone.

St Vincent De Paul Society The next SVP meeting will take place on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February**, after 9.30am Mass in the Library room, at 10:45am.

The Life Ascending Group meeting next on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February**, 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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OFFICE OPEN: 9:30am-1:00pm (Mon- Thurs Only)



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Dear Parishioners,

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.’

This 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the year that we celebrate this weekend presents us with the teaching of Jesus known as the ‘Beatitudes’. These teachings are certainly about morality, but the lessons are not the same as many of the moral teachings that the people were familiar with. We may think of morality as primarily a list of forbidden practices: “Thou shall not...” However, the Beatitudes take morality to a much higher level. In his new teaching, Jesus did not start with what was forbidden but a way to offer suffering and love as the glorious journey to perfection. The result of this journey was the attainment of the Kingdom of Heaven. When we consider the moral life, how do we look at it? Do we see it more as a list of things we can’t do? Or do we see it as a journey up the mountain of true holiness and fulfilment with our loving Saviour? The Christian life certainly forbids us to engage in many forms of sin and violations of God’s Law, but unless we understand that the highest form of morality is a calling to love as Jesus has loved us we may miss the whole point of our lives. Jesus lived the Beatitudes up to giving his life on a Cross for us. By this he showed that not even death was enough to stop his mission to reveal the infinite love and mercy of God to us. Let us reflect today upon Jesus calling us to follow him up the mountain of the Beatitudes. From there, let us imagine listening to him preach, reminding ourselves that the Christian life is a life of loving perfection that Jesus is calling us to share with him. The easy life of sin leaves us dry and interiorly dead, but the journey to perfection leads us to the deepest fulfilment we could ever attain. This week we commit ourselves to the journey and do not hesitate on the way, so that we may be rewarded with the Kingdom of Heaven.

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 this 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 Minster 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**.

**Annual Mass for Matrimony**

The annual Mass for Matrimony will be celebrated in the Cathedral by the Cardinal on Saturday 13th May at 2.30pm for couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries. Places can be booked through the parish office.

**The Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver** will be here on **4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> of February 2023**, to appeal on behalf of Sisters Missions Committee of England and Wales. They will tell us about their missionary work and will be grateful for your support.

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

**Pinner Folk & Blues** will be presenting a musical play with Chiltern Folk Assoc, 'Northfleet', in the Parish Hall on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** at **07:45pm**. Please see poster in Narthex for further information. Proceeds will be donated to Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI).

**St Vincent de Paul Society**- Westminster Diocese Festival. **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March ,10am-2pm** at **St Aloysius RC Church Euston**. A chance to celebrate Mass, meet on another in person, find out more about what we are doing and what we could do in the future. SVP members and non-members welcome. Please see the poster on church notice board. Light refreshments provided.

**Pilgrimage Our Lady of Lourdes**- Led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, **21<sup>st</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> July**. Please see the information website for further information <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/>, it is encouraged so as to register '**Expressions of Interest**'. Please see poster in the narthex.

### Churches Together in Eastcote Lent Groups 2023.

We invite you to join one of our Lent groups this year, to meet, share and learn alongside others from the churches in Eastcote. This year's material is entitled "Feast or Famine? How the Gospel challenges austerity." The contributors to the written course are drawn from different traditions and the materials are lively, interesting and highly topical. There is a book to accompany the course which costs £3.50.

We are offering 4 groups:

- Sundays 5pm at Cannon Lane Methodist Church
- Mondays at 7.30pm **OR** Thursdays at 8pm at Eastcote Methodist Church (The option which receives most subscribers will run.)
- Tuesdays 2pm at Pinner Methodist Church
- Tuesdays 8pm at St Thomas More Church

To find out more about dates and to register your preference you can sign up on the sheets in your church or online at:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf6l4EQTZUIIDBLy0UJfwcC\\_vwIvj7JvoP0WUxUbXeAAGwNA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf6l4EQTZUIIDBLy0UJfwcC_vwIvj7JvoP0WUxUbXeAAGwNA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0)

We look forward to welcoming you during this Holy season.

**PLEASE SIGN UP BY 12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY. Thank you.**