

St Thomas More Catholic Church

SUNDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2023, +5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Congratulations to 1st Prize Karen Berry, 2nd Prize Sheila Jones & 3rd Prize Rosistela Boyle

MASS INTENTIONS + 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

MONDAY 6TH FEBRUARY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM IN THANKSGIVING FOR KULANTHAIVELU FAMILY

TUESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM INT SHEILA JONES

WEDNESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:00AM INT PATRICK MASSEY & FAMILY

THURSDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

10:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM INT RITA & PATRICK

SATURDAY 11TH FEBRUARY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM INT LISA, MARK & FAMILY

FOLLOWED BY

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & CONFESSIONS
AFTER MASS**

+ 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

06:00PM (SATURDAY VIGIL) PATRICK O'ROURKE RIP

09:30AM ALBERT HERRIG RIP A

11:30AM 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: 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 Manuel Castelino, Freddie Mascarenhas, Bridget Goodwin, Michael McMahan, Frank Donnachie, Gerry Brady & Simone Guibaud.

St Vincent De Paul Society The next SVP meeting will take place on **Sunday 19th February**, after 9.30am Mass in the Library room, at 10:45am.

The Life Ascending Group meeting next on **Wednesday 8th 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 9th February at 7pm** and **Thursday 23rd February at 9:15am**. 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 7th February**.

Pinner Folk & Blues will be presenting a musical play with Chiltern Folk Assoc, 'Northfleet', in the Parish Hall on **Wednesday 22nd February at 07:45pm**. Please see poster in Narthex for further information.



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Dear Parishioners,

'You are the light of the world.'

Even a single candle in a darkened room transforms that room, making it a more comfortable dwelling place. This is a useful image to bear in mind when we hear Jesus say in this week's Gospel: 'You are the light of the world.' This is our mission: just as a single candle can give light to an entire room, so the Church is called to be a source of light for the world. One of the primary missions we have all received in life is to allow the light of God's grace to 'shine before others.' The result of fulfilling this mission is that others will see our good deeds that were inspired by God, and they will in turn glorify the Father in Heaven. What Jesus tells us is that when we are willing to fulfil our role of being the light of the world, when we radiate the Light of Christ, others will be inspired, not necessarily to praise us, but rather to glorify God as he acts through us. However, the beautiful thing about God being glorified is that he wants us to share in that glory. We can learn to rejoice that through our efforts we can share in the glory and love of God. Our model for this kind of generous self-giving love is Jesus himself. When Jesus gives himself entirely to the world and offers up his life for us he is glorifying God. Similarly, when we offer our sufferings and our struggles in love for God and each other, we are acting in the most powerful way, even if we don't necessarily see the results immediately. Let us reflect today how God has called us to shine his light and who in our life needs our love, charity, mercy, forgiveness and compassion. Also we can be grateful and thank God for those who have been the Light of Christ for us. Let us be a light to a world in need and seek out that light as it shines brightly through others. This is the only way we can step out of the darkness together and into the light of God's heavenly love.

God bless you
Fr Martin

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 23rd 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 this weekend **4th & 5th 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.

St Thomas More Toddler's Group – If there are any parents or caregivers with babies or toddlers that would be interested in starting a group that meets regularly here in the parish, please pass on your interest to the parish office. If there is sufficient backing for this idea then a new group can be formed. Please speak to Fr Martin for further details.

**Free
Entry!**

**Donations to the Ukraine
Appeal Welcome**

Saturday March 18th
St. Thomas More Parish Hall
Doors open 7.00pm
Singing starts 7.30pm

An Evening of Irish Song



Led by the St. Thomas More Folk Group

There will be an interval - bring
food, drink, crockery and utensils
for your own table.

Sign-up list in the Church narthex. Please let us know
how many people you will be bringing so we can set up
tables and chairs accordingly.

An evening of Irish song -Saturday March 18th in the Parish hall, an evening of song to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Led by St Thomas More Folk Group. Donations to the Ukraine appeal welcome. Doors open at 7pm and singing commences at 7:30pm. Please see sign- up sheet and poster in the narthex. More information in the online newsletter.

Connex Community Coffee morning will be held on **Wednesday 22nd February 2022**, after 09:00am mass. 10:15am-11:15am Yvonne Lee Psychology Session and at 11:15am-12:15pm Alan The Entertainer- cost £5.

St Vincent de Paul Society- Westminster Diocese Festival. **Saturday 25th 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.

SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL. A message to thanks from Iwona Edupuganti at SPUC.

'We raised £294.62 which we are very indebted to Fr Martin and all parishioners for.

On behalf of SPUC we would like to thank very sincerely to all parish for this unfailing support for pro-life causes. Thank you once more for all your help. God bless you and all parishioners of St Thomas More!

We will pray for you all!

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/1FAIpQLSf6l4EQTZUIIDBLy0UJfweC_vwIvj7JvoP0WUxUbXeAAGwNA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0

We look forward to welcoming you during this Holy season.

PLEASE SIGN UP BY 12th FEBRUARY. Thank you.