

# St Thomas More Catholic Church

SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023, +2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

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

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

## MASS INTENTIONS + 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

### SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

06:00PM (SATURDAY VIGIL) INT MADALINE & BERNARD LUCKHURST

09:30AM INT HANNAH PRUNTY & SEAN PRUNTY RIP LD

11:30AM FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

### MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM INT CHRISTINA ETUKA

### TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM INT MOIRA O'ROURKE

### WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:00AM PATRICK JOSEPH O'NEIL RIP

### THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

10:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

### FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM INT CATHERINE GORMAN

FOLLOWED BY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

### SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM INT MAURA O'NEIL

*FOLLOWED BY*

*EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & CONFESSIONS*

*AFTER MASS*

## + 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

### SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

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

09:30AM INT KEVIN AND MARY FLYNN

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:** 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 who have recently died** Geraldine Wallace

**For those whose Anniversaries occur around this time**

Henry Powley, Sr Carmel Cussen, Tommie Loftus & Alec Roke.

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

**The Life Ascending Group** meeting next on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March**, 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 16<sup>th</sup> March at 9:30am and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 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 **7<sup>th</sup> March.**



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Dear Parishioners,

'Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves and he was transfigured before them.'

On this second Sunday of our Lenten preparation for the great feast of Easter, we are given the scene of the Transfiguration of Jesus to contemplate. Here the Son of God allowed His glory to shine forth as he conversed with Moses and Elijah in the presence of three of His disciples. Moses and Elijah, these two great Old Testament figures, now stand as witnesses of the final fulfilment of God's unfolding plan in Jesus. On the Mount of the Transfiguration, Jesus prepared the three disciples to continue the mission that began through Moses and continued through Elijah. Today, our Lord calls all of his faithful servants up a spiritual mountain with him to entrust to us the ongoing mission given to these faithful servants in the past. Through prayer, God will manifest his divine presence to each of us if we are willing to make this journey with him. Following the gloriously transfigured face of Jesus on Mount Tabor, the disciples then had to confront the hideously disfigured face of the beautiful Saviour on the mountain of Calvary. But it was precisely through this great sacrifice of love, in the suffering, death and Easter resurrection of Jesus, that the great new covenant is made for us. Let us reflect, today, upon this glorious scene of the Transfiguration. This image teaches us about the entire plan of God throughout time. Let us prayerfully ponder that Jesus is inviting us to make the journey up the mountain of prayer, self-discipline, virtue and holiness with him. Let us pray that our eyes will be open to see the glory of Jesus and that this experience will inspire and strengthen us to continue to fulfil the mission that God started long ago, until it comes to its final completion when Jesus returns at the end of time.

God bless you

*Fr Martin*

**Planned Giving Drive & Stewardship 2023** - will run for the next two weekends through Lent. Over the coming weeks we ask all parishioners to prayerfully reflect on their commitment to our parish. As a parish and as individuals, we have been blessed with many, varied gifts. Biblical Stewardship calls us to share our gifts of time, talent and financial blessings with our parish community and our world. Finance committee members will be available after mass with further information.

**Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2023** Funds raised this year will be shared between the four pillars of the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal: Marriage & Family Life; Youth & Evangelisation; The Education Service and Caritas Westminster. The effects of the pandemic, followed by the cost of living crisis, are still making daily life harder for all. Price rises last year meant many families faced an impossible choice: HEAT or EAT? And this crisis is far from over. The Church continues to respond, with thousands of people putting their faith into action by serving those in need. Cardinal Nichols has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal, with whatever they can afford. And for those who can't give financially, your time is a priceless commodity – please see the posters on how you can volunteer in the diocese and help those in need. Please take a donation envelope today, for more information. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity

**Lenten Prayer Resource** Please see link to parish website for a prayer resource, for use at home, in groups and with friends, to accompany you through Lent this year. It has been written by Fr Dominic Robinson SJ and Colette Joyce: five 60-90 minute sessions, based on the Sunday Gospel exploring themes of poverty and homelessness, racial justice, care of creation, migrants and refugees, and peace. It is entitled "Enlarging the Space in our Tent". We hope you find it meaningful and useful.

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/eastcote/wp-content/uploads/sites/49/2023/03/Lent2023-Prayer-Resource-.pdf>

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje & Dubrovnik** organised by St Peters Pilgrimages on 6<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> September 2023, Flights from Gatwick, 3\* half board Merci\*\*\*. Deposit required by £270 per person Deadline 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023 Package price £770 per pilgrim. Please see poster in the narthex for further information. Contact St Peters Pilgrimages 0203 773 5115 or 0780 737 5061 email [office@stpeterspilgrimages.com](mailto:office@stpeterspilgrimages.com).

**Hillingdon Deanery Lenten Retreat** Led by Sr Gemma Simmonds CJ on **Saturday 18th March 2023**, 9am – 3.30pm. A Day with Talks, Mass, Adoration and Confession at Pield Heath House School, Pield Heath Road, UB8 3NW (parking available). Cost: Donation (to cover costs). Please bring a packed lunch. Tea & coffee provided. To book your place, please email [uxbridge@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:uxbridge@rcdow.org.uk) or call Angela: 01895 233193

#### **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.

**Lenten Repairs St Matthews Church Northwood:** A Day with St. Francis Led by Fr Maximilian Martin OFM (Conv) (Provincial Custos of Great Britain & Ireland) **Saturday 4th March** Timetable: 9.45: Morning Prayer and Rosary 10.30: Mass (Homily as first address) 11.00: Exposition and Confessions 12.00: Lunch in hall (please bring own lunch, hot drinks will be available) 13.00: Second address followed by Exposition 14.30: Final Word 14.45: Benediction Coffee and Farewells.

**Community Connex** will be holding a **St Patricks Day lunch** on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March** in the Parish Hall. A three- course lunch with soft drinks, tea/coffee, tickets £15 per head. To book please contact Jeremy or Julia 07734 955 115. Please see poster in the Narthex for further information.

**"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. Free entry. Donations to the Ukraine appeal welcome. Doors open at 7pm and singing commences at 7:30pm. Please sign your name and number of guests on the sheet in the Narthex so we know how many tables and chairs to set up. Bring your own picnic for the interval."

**SAVE THE DATE – CATENIANS QUIZ NIGHT WITH FISH N CHIP FAMILY SUPPER! On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2023**, everyone welcome. More information to follow shortly.

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**"There is always a need for us Catholics to be able to know what is going on, especially in that key relationship between our faith and our world."** Quote by Archbishop Vincent Nichols.





## Enjoy a St Patrick's Day lunch!

This delicious 3-course meal includes soft drinks, tea and coffee at just £15 a head.

There will be fun for all the family, a slide show and Father Martin on his guitar.

**Sunday 12 March**  
**from 12.45pm to 4pm**  
**St Thomas More Church**  
**Field End Rd**  
**Pinner HA5 2QT**

**Please book your place through**  
**Jeremy or Julia 07734 955 115**



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