

# St Thomas More Catholic Church

SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023, +3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

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## MASS INTENTIONS + 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

### SUNDAY 12TH MARCH

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

09:30AM INT KEVIN AND MARY FLYNN

11:30AM FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

### MONDAY 13TH MARCH

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM INT JUDY & ERIC DOKE

### TUESDAY 14TH MARCH

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM INT YVONNE BYRNE

### WEDNESDAY 15TH MARCH

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:00AM INT CHRISTINA ETUKA

### THURSDAY 16TH MARCH

10:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

### FRIDAY 17TH MARCH

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM EDDIE MOLLOY RIP A

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### SATURDAY 18TH MARCH

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM PRIVATE INTENTION

FOLLOWED BY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & CONFESSIONS AFTER  
MASS

## + 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

### SUNDAY 19TH MARCH

06:00PM (SATURDAY VIGIL) IN THANKSGIVING JOHN  
WALLACE

09:30AM FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

11:30AM INT ERYL D'SOUZA

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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 whose Anniversaries occur around this time

John Pitt & Phyllis Barnes.

**St Vincent De Paul Society** The next SVP meeting will take place on **Sunday 19<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 22nd 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 23rd 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 **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April**.



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Dear Parishioners,

'A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."'

For this Third Sunday in Lent, as we prepare for the festival of Easter we hear the account of Jesus and the woman at the well. Jesus was all alone sitting next to Jacob's Well around noon. Few women would come to the well at that time of day due to the heat, but this woman came at this time because she knew others would not be around. She was a known sinner and to avoid feeling shame she came at a time when she could the other women would not be there. As she approached the well, she was surprised to hear Jesus ask her for a drink, as she was a Samaritan and Jews officially considered Samaritans as ritually unclean. For that reason, the Jews would not drink from any vessels shared by them. However, Jesus spoke lovingly to this woman and said, "Give me a drink." Beyond the practical appearance of this request, Jesus thirsted for her soul and for her salvation. Jesus longed to give her the grace soon to be won through his Cross. Jesus could read her soul and all he wanted to do was to rummage through the sin and darkness there to restore her true dignity. If she were to allow Jesus to offer her this mercy, not only would she receive true Living Water to quench her spiritual thirst, she would also quench the spiritual thirst in the heart of our Lord that could only be satisfied by dispensing his mercy. Let us reflect this Sunday upon this woman at the well. She is a symbol of each of us, to the extent that our soul has become polluted with the corruption of sin and disorder. Like her, we do not need to let shame, fear or a sense of unworthiness deter us from engaging in this same conversation with our Lord. Let us hear Jesus say to us that he thirsts for us and longs to satisfy his thirst by bestowing his divine mercy on us, poured forth through the Living Waters of his redemption, first given to us in the Sacrament of Baptism.

God bless you  
*Fr Martin*

**Planned Giving 2023**- Finance committee members will be available after masses for the final weekend of the planned giving drive. If you have taken a leaflet for planned giving or sharing times and talent, please return this weekend to the Finance members or to the parish office next week. Thank you to everyone for your support.

**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>

**Garden of Remembrance** A gentle reminder to all those parishioners who have loved ones interred in the St Thomas More Memorial garden, that only one potted living plant or one pot of fresh flowers is permitted. We also ask if you or your family have other plaques or mementos in the area, please can you kindly remove as soon as possible as this will help with allowing space for any future interments of Ashes and maintenance of the Garden. Wall plaques for the Memorial Garden wall are available on request, please contact the Parish Office for further information on 0208 866 6581 or email [eastcote@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:eastcote@rcdow.org.uk). Thank you.

**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. Please contact parish office.

**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

**Community Connex Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March**- coffee morning after 09:30am Sunday mass in the parish hall. Everyone welcome.

After the 11:30am mass they will be holding a **St Patricks Day lunch** 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.

#### **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.

**LOST PROPERTY**- please can you check the lost property box on your way out from mass this weekend. The box is filling up and there are a number of glasses/cases/ scarfs that have been left behind. Items not retrieved will be disposed of by Easter. Thank you.

**CAFOD Family fast day**- Thank you to everyone that contributed to the Family fast day. The parish raised £69.03.

#### **Invitation for all our young adults**

Joel's Bar is a young adults ministry which runs Catholic Charismatic events serving those between ages 16 (year 12) and 28. We are passionate about seeing young people inspired and equipped to live an authentic Christian life in the power of the Holy Spirit. It's a week full of opportunities for young adults being held at Worth Abby, Crawley from 9th to 14th April. Throughout the week at Joel's Bar, we unpack the theme of the conference, with time to reflect and pray. Whether it be through daily Mass, inspiring talks or extended periods of praise and worship, through the creativity of art and dance, through a bake-a-cake workshop or a football tournament, we aim to build relationship with God and with others. Fellowship and conversation is really important at Joel's Bar so we make sure there is plenty of opportunity for socialising and discussion, especially in the JB Café which is open most of the day for coffee catch ups, whilst in the evening the Bar opens up and The Fringe social evenings begin. Further details and tickets are available now at <https://www.joelsbar.co.uk> & Flyer on Notice board in the Narthex.