

St Thomas More Catholic Church

SUNDAY 19TH MARCH 2023, +4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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*A very happy and blessed
Mothering Sunday to all mothers and their families
in our parish.*

MASS INTENTIONS + 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

MONDAY 20TH MARCH

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM INT CATHERINE GORMAN

TUESDAY 21ST MARCH

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM INT MOIRA O'ROURKE

WEDNESDAY 22ND MARCH

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:00AM JOHN ARMSTRONG RIP

THURSDAY 23RD MARCH

10:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY 24TH MARCH

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM CLIVE PERRY RIP

FOLLOWED BY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SATURDAY 25TH MARCH

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM BERNIE MINOLI RIP

FOLLOWED BY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & CONFESSIONS

AFTER MASS

+ 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY 26TH MARCH

06:00PM (SATURDAY VIGIL) KATHY O'BRIEN RIP A, TED &

PHYLLIS MCGOLDRICK RIP A

09:30AM EILEEN BRADY RIP A

11:30AM FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers:

Yvonne Grasso, Hilda Minoli, 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

Reg Davies, Grace Carey and Ann Garner.

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

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 23rd March at 7pm** and **Thursday 6th April at 9:30am**. Please do check narthex for dates and details of how to join team, sign up sheet in the Narthex.

Hillingdon Food bank: Next Collection **Tuesday 4th April**.

Connex Community- will be hosting a St Georges day Lunch to be held in the Parish Hall on **Sunday 23rd April**. More information to follow shortly.



SUNDAY 17TH MARCH 2023
+4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Dear Parishioners,

“Do you believe in the Son of Man?”

For this fourth Sunday in our Lenten preparation for the great feast of Easter we hear the Gospel account of the healing of the man who has been blind since birth. It was perhaps thought by some that this blindness might have been caused by the sins of his parents. Jesus makes it clear that this is not the case; this man's blindness was a result of the natural disorder experienced by humanity as a result of original sin. If humanity had never been cast out of the Garden of Eden, disease and natural disorders would have never existed. For this reason, we should understand that we are all 'blind' in the sense of being born into the state of original sin and are therefore in need of the grace of spiritual sight. Jesus offered this man healing because he knew the man would eventually come to faith in him, which is the deeper 'healing' that took place that day. The Pharisees hear of the healing and end by completely rejecting both this miraculous sign and Jesus himself. The man, however, is asked by Jesus: 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' and cries out "I do believe, Lord." At Easter we will commemorate how the rejection of Jesus, the blindness of those who would not recognise him, became the very means by which God now offers us the clear sight of him who said: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). Let us reflect today upon the effect this sign from Heaven had on the blessed man who received back his sight. Will we imitate the Pharisees and remain largely blind or indifferent to all that God is offering to us at this time? Or will we open ourselves to the transforming power of God's healing love? Let us say to God: "I do believe, Lord" and apply those words to all aspects and events in our lives and allow that faith to lead us into worship of him who is the Light of the World.

God bless you

Fr Martin

Lenten Penance Service- There will be an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confession in the parish on **31st March at 7pm** here in the church. There will be three priests available to hear confessions and an opportunity to reflect together on God's divine mercy and the gift of new life through repentance and forgiveness. This will be a very fitting way to prepare for the great feast of Easter by following the teaching of the Church that we should confess our sins to a priest at least once each year. There will also be a Deanery Penance Service at **Sacred Heart, Ruislip on Monday 3rd April at 07:30pm**.

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. Thank you.

ST LUKE'S CHURCH PINNER –“The Master is here and wants to see you” (John 11:28)

To prepare for Holy Week, a Lenten Morning of Recollection will be led by Fr. Gerard Sheehan, a noted spiritual director for priests and lay people, at St. Luke's Parish, Love Lane, Pinner on **Saturday, 1st April** beginning at **10:30am**. Everyone is very welcome.

Eucharistic Ministers- There will be a sign- up sheet in the Narthex for the Eucharistic Ministers to volunteer over the Easter Period. Please put your name, contact details and time of mass you can attend from Maundy Thursday through to Easter Sunday. Thank you.

"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.

Connex Community -Easter Show -Alice in Wonderland- On **Wednesday 29th March** in the Parish Hall from 10-11:30am. All welcome. Please see poster in the narthex notice board for further information.

Daylight Saving Reminder- Please remember that on **Saturday 26th March** at **1:00am** the clocks go forward 1 hour to mark the beginning of British Summer time!

SAVE THE DATE – CATENIANS QUIZ NIGHT WITH FISH N CHIP FAMILY SUPPER! On Saturday 22nd April

Animating Parish Seniors Groups – Conference-**Thursday 20th April 2023, 10:00 - 16:00**

Westminster Cathedral Hall – Lunch will be provided.

This Conference, jointly organised by Caritas Westminster and the Irish Chaplaincy, is for all parishes, agencies or groups who accompany or work with older people in the Diocese of Westminster.

Click here for more information: <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/animating-parish-seniors-groups-conference-1448.php>

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.

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 contact parish office.

Parish Office Opening times: Please note there will be a change in the opening time of the Parish office after Easter. The new times will be 09:30am-2pm (Monday- Wednesday only).

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Alice in Wonderland

A spring singalong with refreshments

Wednesday 29 March
from 10am to 11.30am

St Thomas More Church
Field End Rd
Pinner HA5 2QT

All are welcome on the day, or reserve a
place by emailing Jeremy or Julia:
jeremy.child@communityconnex.co.uk
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Suggested donation £5

