

St Thomas More Catholic Church

SUNDAY 9TH APRIL 2023, +EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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A happy and blessed Easter to all our parishioners.

MASS INTENTIONS

+EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

EASTER SUNDAY 9TH APRIL

08:30PM SATURDAY (EASTER VIGIL) ANTHONY RYAN RIP A
10:30AM IN THANKSGIVING FR MARTIN PLUNKETT

MONDAY 10TH APRIL WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM EILEEN KENNEDY RIP

TUESDAY 11TH APRIL WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM JOHN HINDE RIP

WEDNESDAY 12TH APRIL WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:00AM TOMMIE LOFTUS RIP

THURSDAY 13TH APRIL WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

10:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY 14TH APRIL WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN FOR MORNING PRAYER
09:30AM INT OUR BLESSED MOTHER

SATURDAY 15TH APRIL WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN FOR MORNING PRAYER
09:30AM MARIAN, JOZEF & MARIA RIP
FOLLOWED BY
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & CONFESSIONS
AFTER MASS

+SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 16TH APRIL

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) PATRICK O'ROURKE RIP
09:30AM IN THANKSGIVING JOSIEN SARRATT
11:30AM FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
3PM DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

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MASS INTENTIONS

+SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

MONDAY 17TH APRIL

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM LARRY BOLGER RIP

TUESDAY 18TH APRIL

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INT CHANDRASENA FAMILY

WEDNESDAY 19TH APRIL

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:00AM INT CATHERINE FOGARTY RIP A & BRIAN FOGARTY RIP

THURSDAY 20TH APRIL

10:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY 21ST APRIL

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN FOR MORNING PRAYER
09:30AM GETRUD HERRIG RIP A

SATURDAY 22ND APRIL

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN FOR MORNING PRAYER
09:30AM ANTHONY KELLY RIP A

FOLLOWED BY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & CONFESSIONS AFTER
MASS

+THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 23RD APRIL

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) IN THANKSGIVING THE CHURCH
CLEANING TEAM
09:30AM IN THANKSGIVING THE SVP GROUP
11:30AM FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Hillingdon Food Bank Thank you for all your donations the past month. The next collection will be Tuesday 2nd May.

Parish Newsletter There will be no newsletter over Easter Break. The next one will be published 20th April.



SUNDAY 2ND APRIL 2023

+EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESSURECTION OF THE LORD

Dear Parishioners,

‘Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed.’

This Sunday we arrive at the greatest feast of our whole liturgical year when we celebrate that our Lord has risen from the dead. Jesus has overcome death and has opened the gates of heaven to all who believe and receive the gift of salvation. Alleluia! What a glorious day we celebrate! In Sunday's Gospel we hear that Mary first thought that someone had taken the body of Jesus and moved it from the tomb. Peter was confused and ran to see for himself. Only John went in and believed when he saw the empty tomb. Eventually, all of the Apostles would come to understand and believe. Though the Resurrection of Christ is known to us today, our knowledge of this glorious event must continually deepen throughout our lives. Initially, it was only after the Apostles were given the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost that their minds were open to this incredible mystery of faith so that they could begin to penetrate and comprehend this mystery more clearly. This must have given them cause to continue to seek to understand and respond to this life changing event through the rest of their lives. The Resurrection of Christ was a real historical event, but it is also an event that transcends time. It's an event that must permeate all time and transform every moment of our lives. The resurrected body of our Lord makes it possible for us to share in his resurrected state. We now have hope that, if we share in his suffering and death, we will also share in His Resurrection. This opens up the mystery of the kingdom of heaven to us, to be anticipated in eternity, but also participated in now. Let us reflect at this time upon the Resurrection of our Saviour and the invitation to share in this new life. Let us pray to know and understand that our sharing in the resurrected state of Jesus is glorious beyond all that we can imagine. This is what we celebrate at Easter and this celebration fills us with hopeful anticipation of our participation in this glorious new life forever.

God bless you

Fr Martin

Good Friday 7th April 2023 There will be a **Stations of the Cross Service for children at 10am**. This will involve the children as much as possible and will make the way of the Cross understandable to them. We invite families to “adopt” a Station. If you do this, your children will be enabled to take an active part in the service with your support. Please sign the paper form in the porch by 2nd April (Palm Sunday) and I will contact you during Holy week to give you more details. If you have any questions please email jinglese@btinternet.com. Thank you, Jane Inglese.

Holy Places collection 7th April 2023 During Good Friday services, the Church across the world takes up a collection for the care of the “Holy Places”, namely the sites in the Holy Land where Our Lord lived, died and rose again. The collection also supports the presence of the Christian communities of the Holy Land. Thank you for your support.

Blessing of Easter Baskets will take place at **11am on Holy Saturday 8th April**. Fr Martin will be giving the Polish blessing for the baskets prepared for Easter Sunday. All are welcome.

The Local Catenian Association On 22nd April the Catenian Association are holding a family quiz in the church hall to raise money for the parish. The cost will be £12.50 per person to include fish and chips. Suitable for adults and teenage children onwards, the quiz will start after evening mass 7pm for 7.15pm. Book at least a week in advance by contacting Richard or Tessa Maude on richard@quatrefoils.co.uk.

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 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 Patrick Dixon, Mollie Durkin, Anthony Ryan, Elsie Faille and Joseph Hopley.

St Vincent De Paul Society The next SVP meeting will take place on **Sunday 16th April** after 9.30am Mass in the Library room, at 10:45am.

The Life Ascending Group meeting next on **Wednesday 19th April**, 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 13th April at 07:00pm and Thursday 27th April at 9:15pm** Please do check narthex for dates and details of how to join team, sign up sheet in the Narthex.

100 Club Winners- 1st Prize Marian Melhuish, **2nd Prize** Paul Melhuish & **3rd Prize** Gary Smith. Congratulations to you all.

Easter Flower Donations: Thank you for your donations. The parish have raised £203.07 so far. You can still donate this weekend using the contactless or through basket collection.

Counters New Rota- Due to new banking requirements the Offertory Collection will now be counted on a fortnightly basis. It is important to note though, the weekly cash sheets must be counted separately. Rota's will be made available in the Narthex. The new rota will commence from **Sunday 16th April**. Thank you for your support. All counters have been notified by email.

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

Connex Community – next coffee morning and entertainment on Wednesday 26th April 2023. Please see poster in the narthex. For further information please contact Jeremy Child 07734 955115 or Jeremy/child@communityconnex.co.uk.

Parish Office will be closed from Monday 10th April and reopen on Monday 17th April. Please note there will be a change in the opening time. The new times will be 09:30am-2pm (Monday- Wednesday only).



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FRIENDLY COMMUNITY EVENT

St Thomas More R C
Church, Eastcote
32 Field End Rd, Pinner
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▶ **Sunday 23 April**

10.30 Tea and coffee followed
by a quiz after 9.30 morning
Mass

12.30 – 3.30 3-course meal
followed by quizzes and book
readings



▶ **Wednesday 26 April**

9.30 – 10.30 Warm welcome with tea and coffee

10.30 – 11.15 Friendly discussion with Yvonne Lee
from Royal Mencap on wellbeing and associated
areas

11.15 – 12.15 Alan the entertainer

12.15 – 1.00 Tea and coffee but bring your packed
lunches if you wish to

Price: £5

For further details contact Jeremy Child

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