

St Thomas More Catholic Church

SUNDAY 23rd APRIL 2023, +3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Good Luck to all our members!!

MASS INTENTIONS +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

MONDAY 24TH APRIL

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM SEAMUS TEATUM RIP

TUESDAY 25TH APRIL

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM INT CHRISTINA ETUKA

WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:00AM DAN MCGILLICUDDY RIP

THURSDAY 27TH APRIL

10:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY 28TH APRIL

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN FOR MORNING PRAYER

09:30AM DAN MCGILLICUDDY RIP

SATURDAY 29TH APRIL

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN FOR MORNING PRAYER

09:30AM KEITH PATRICK JOSEPH O'BRIEN RIP

FOLLOWED BY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & CONFESSIONS AFTER
MASS

+FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 30TH APRIL

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) IN THANKSGIVING THE FLOWER
ARRANGERS

09:30AM FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

11:30AM IN THANKSGIVING THE BANKING TEAM

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OFFICE OPEN: 9:30am-1:00pm (Mon- Thurs Only)

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 Martin Moran, Lena Moore and Anthony Kelly.

St Vincent De Paul Society The next SVP meeting will take place on **Sunday 14th May** after 9.30am Mass in the Library room, at 10:45am.

The Life Ascending Group meeting next on **Wednesday 3rd May**, 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 27th April at 09:15am and Thursday 4th May at 7pm** Please do check narthex for dates and details of how to join team, sign up sheet in the Narthex.

Hillingdon Food Bank: Next collection will be **Tuesday 25th April.**

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.



SUNDAY 23RD APRIL 2023
+3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Dear Parishioners,

“But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel...”

On this 3rd Sunday of Eastertide we hear about the disciples on the road to Emmaus. As they travelled, we are told they were conversing and debating about what had happened to Jesus. They were confused and discouraged about their perception of what had occurred. They had hoped that Jesus was the Messiah, but then they saw him arrested, humiliated, beaten, crucified and killed. Even after they heard reports that he had risen from the dead, they couldn't bring themselves to believe. Thus, they travelled the road to Emmaus—discouraged, confused and doubting. As these disciples walked along, our Lord appeared to them, but in their grief, they could not recognise him. Jesus then led them to see that, according to the Scriptures, it was necessary that the Christ should suffer these things. Later, they asked him to stay with them and when Jesus broke bread with them they recognised him. Can we see ourselves reflected in these disciples? There are many things in life that can lead us to discouragement and cause us to doubt in the love and promises of God. What is the cause of this doubt? Doubts and discouragement usually come from our failure to trust the perfection of God's plan, because we cannot see the divine purpose of the Cross at work in our lives. In the Cross of Jesus, God has now given us an answer to the problem of the suffering that comes from evil, sin and death in our existence. Like these disciples we are called to refer everything we live through back to this fundamental gift from God: with Jesus the Cross can now lead us to the Resurrection. Let us reflect today upon the experience of these two disciples. Do we have perfect hope in God and His plan for our life? Do we allow the various crosses we endure to confuse us and lead us to doubt or to hope? Do we allow ourselves to recognise Jesus walking beside us and in the gift of the Eucharist, the breaking of the bread? Let us allow God to reveal to us his perfect plan. Let us be open to the gift of understanding by trusting that the wisdom of God will dispel every temptation we have toward doubt, replacing it with trust and hope.

God bless you

Fr Martin

Holy Places collection Thank you to everyone who donated during the Good Friday services. The parish raised £413.79. Thank you for your generosity and support.

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 Parish raised £156.50 Thank you for your generosity.

The Parish Pastoral Council will be meeting on **Tuesday 25th April**, if you would like to add any items to the Agenda, please contact the parish office eastcote@rcdow.org.uk or telephone 0208 866 6581.

Priest Training Fund Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 48 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 14 of whom are from our own Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also from our Diocese. Last year 8 men who studied at Allen Hall were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.